



# COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

## WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 27

Epi Week 15: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

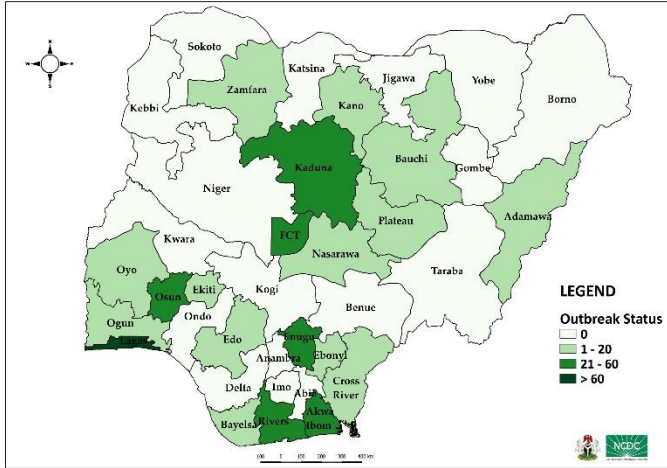


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 15 only)



Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 15, the number of new confirmed cases decreased to **440** from **598** reported in week 14. These were reported in **18** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2).
- In Week 15, the number of discharged cases decreased to **225** from **2,109** in week 14. These were reported in **11** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 3).
- The number of reported deaths in the last one week in FCT was **1** (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **2,061** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.3%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 15, the number of in-bound international travellers at Nigerian airports was **15,154** compared with **17,009** in Week 14.
- In Week 15, the number of international travellers with a positive result was **38** compared to **44** from week 14.
- Globally, the count for confirmed COVID-19 cases is **141,059,252** with **3,015,090** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.2%**.

## GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

Table 1: States with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, recoveries, deaths, samples tested and active cases.

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Abia	1,683	0	1,645	0	22	0	16	21,939	118
Adamawa	1,063	12	274	0	32	0	757	18,586	268
Akwa Ibom	1,843	33	1,739	33	14	0	90	18,612	73
Anambra	1,909	0	1,826	0	19	0	64	24,675	135
Bauchi	1,540	0	1,515	0	17	0	8	24,921	340
Bayelsa	885	7	834	11	26	0	25	17,582	119
Benue	1,188	0	591	0	22	0	575	16,733	50
Borno	1,337	0	1,200	0	38	0	99	20,403	37
Cross River	394	9	367	10	18	0	9	6,968	31
Delta	2,617	0	1,744	0	71	0	802	36,024	253
Ebonyi	2,030	13	1,965	0	32	0	33	15,471	305
Edo	4,897	4	4,707	8	185	0	5	42,897	2,040
Ekiti	869	1	847	5	11	0	11	16,539	166
Enugu	2,292	33	2,013	40	29	0	250	24,757	742
FCT	19,747	35	19,084	4	165	1	498	258,940	4,550
Gombe	2,034	0	1,986	0	44	0	4	43,480	59
Imo	1,655	0	1,592	0	37	0	26	35,664	434
Jigawa	527	0	485	0	16	0	26	9,668	166
Kaduna	9,014	25	8,915	23	65	0	34	86,535	3,680
Kano	3,944	14	3,811	16	110	0	23	95,071	692
Katsina	2,097	0	2,049	0	34	0	14	39,397	342
Kebbi	450	0	392	0	16	0	42	17,221	1
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	4,613	5
Kwara	3,120	0	2,814	0	55	0	251	24,377	168
Lagos	58,119	150	56,990	0	439	0	690	461,747	11,325
Nasarawa	2,380	2	373	0	13	0	1,994	22,951	53
Niger	930	0	913	0	17	0	0	17,740	47
Ogun	4,639	18	4,571	0	49	0	19	71,150	369
Ondo	3,226	0	2,080	0	63	0	1,083	24,527	130

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Osun	2,574	21	2,485	19	52	0	37	18,676	175
Oyo	6,840	2	6,506	0	123	0	211	58,709	891
Plateau	9,046	5	8,982	15	57	0	7	67,712	98
Rivers	7,049	50	6,896	41	101	0	52	175,002	5,659
Sokoto	775	0	746	0	28	0	1	18,801	2
Taraba	910	0	864	0	22	0	24	12,637	58
Yobe	365	0	307	0	9	0	49	12,765	656
Zamfara	240	6	221	0	8	0	11	7,848	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,233</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>154,332</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,840</b>	<b>1,891,338</b>	<b>34,281</b>

### Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	33,838	98.7%
RDT	443	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,281</b>	

### Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	1,712,852	91.0%
RDT	178,486	9.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,891,338</b>	

## RETURNING PASSENGERS TESTS

Over the last week, the following laboratories carried out COVID-19 tests for returning passengers:

LABORATORY	IN-BOUND
54Gene Abuja	403
ACOUNS LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC CENTER	103
AML/IKEJA	188
Arab Labs	4
ARRIVE ALIVE, Ojuelegba	28
BIOLOGIX	107
Cedarcrest Abuja	81
CLINA-LANCET LABORATORIES	571
CLINA-LANCET LABORATORIES ABUJA	18
CLINIX HEALTHCARE	78
DNA labs Abuja	97
E-clinic & Diagnostics	9
EHA Clinics	298
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	46
Everight diagnostics (Imo)	220
HARLEY AND RAINBOW SPECIALIZED LABORATORY	50
LASUCOM Molecular Laboratory	5
MEDBURY MEDICAL SERVICES	13
Medicaid Abuja	154
The Specialist Lab	7
TOTAL	31
UNION DIAGNOSTICS	4
WellMed	18
ZAINE LAB	126
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2659</b>

## Laboratories without reports on number of samples tested this week.

AKTH (Kano)	JUTH GX (Plateau)
GH Onitsha (Anambra)	O2 (Lagos)
UNIOSUN (Osun)	GH Takum (Taraba)
OOOUTH (Ogun)	Lily Hosp (Edo)
IFAIN (Kano)	RMLM MKD (Benue)
Kaduna Mobile Truck GX (Kaduna)	SMPL (Enugu)
Lawrence Henshaw (Cross River)	
SSH (Kogi)	
IFAIN (Kano)	
CAMRET (Sokoto)	
NVRI (Plateau)	
DNA labs (Abuja)	
BUK (Kano)	
FMC Birnin Kebbi (Kebbi)	
GH TAKUM (TARABA)	
Accunalysis (Anambra)	
SAHEL (Katsina)	

## DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

Table 2: States with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases daily over the last week

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 15	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	33	0	8	10	4	8	3	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	13	0	2	0	0	0	1	10
Edo	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Ekiti	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	33	22	11	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	35	4	11	15	1	2	0	2
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	25	1	4	4	0	11	5	0
Kano	14	0	0	5	3	3	1	2
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	150	15	30	19	29	26	22	9
Nasarawa	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	18	0	0	6	3	5	4	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Osun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Oyo</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Plateau</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rivers</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sokoto</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Taraba</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Yobe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Zamfara</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>26</b>

## DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

Table 3: States with reported case management confirmed COVID-19 recoveries daily over the last week.

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 15	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	33	0	21	6	1	1	4	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Enugu	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	23	7	4	2	0	3	4	3
Kano	16	0	0	10	0	3	0	3
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	19	5	0	10	0	0	4	0
Oyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	15	0	0	0	10	5	0	0
Rivers	41	9	9	2	4	7	9	1
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>



## DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

Table 4: States with reported COVID-19 fatalities daily over the last week

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 15	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 15	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April	16 <sup>th</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ogun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# DAILY EPICURVE

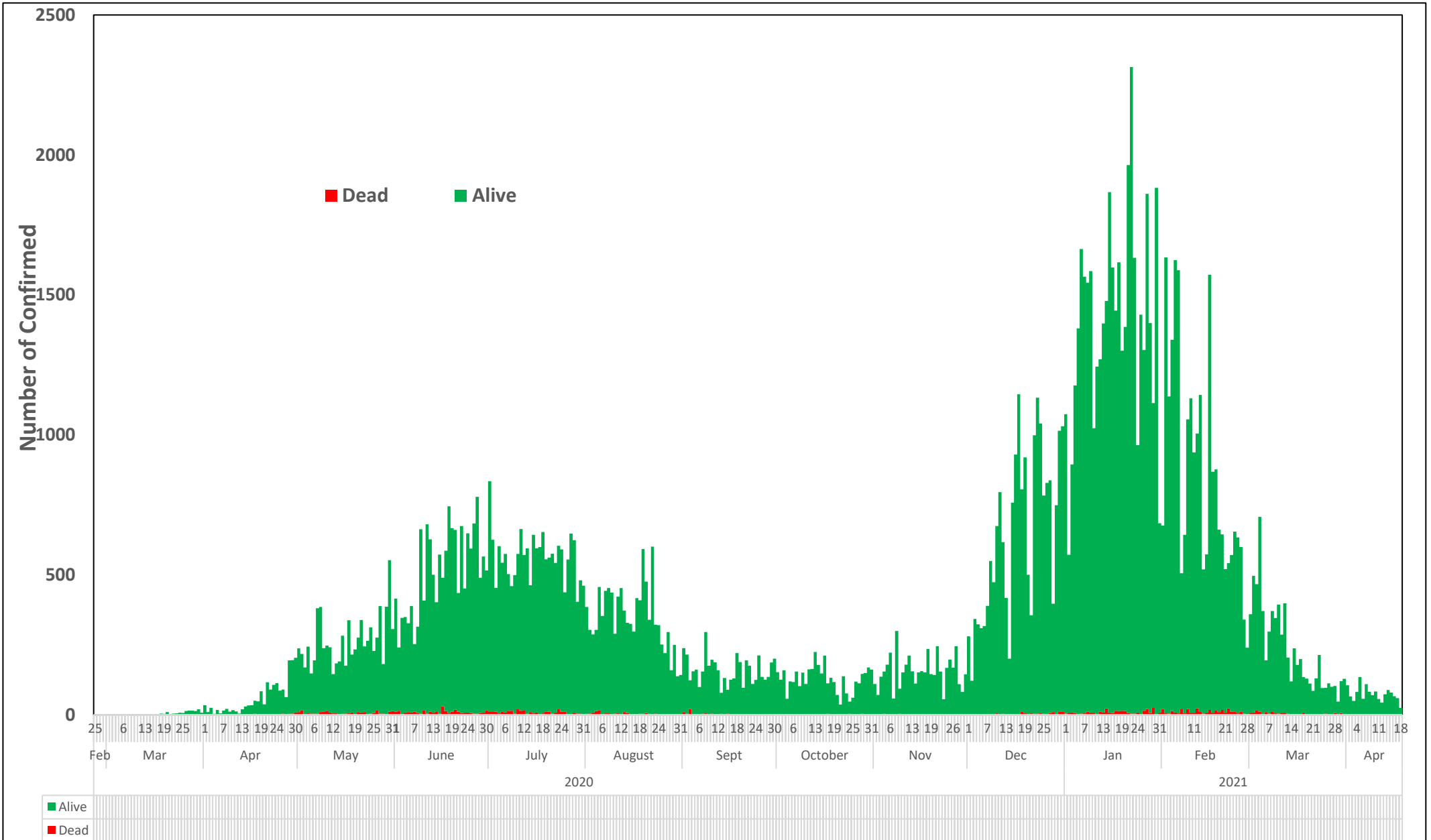
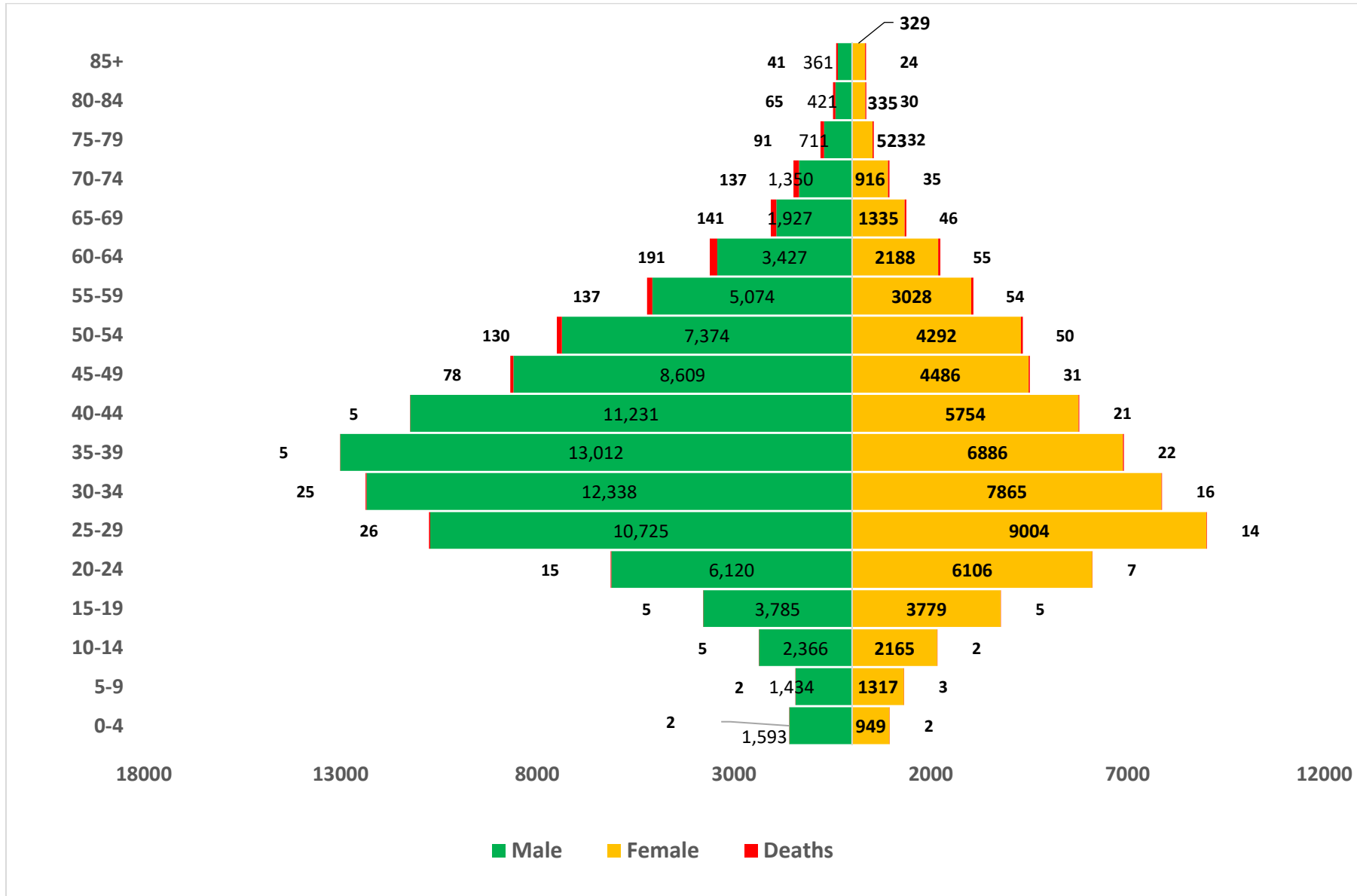


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN



**Figure 7:** Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK15, 2021)

## IN FOCUS: Scaling up use of Rapid Diagnostic Tests for COVID-19

Across the world, several countries are recording an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases after previous periods of decline. This is an important reminder of the high risk of spread of the virus, especially where public health and social measures (PHSM) are not adhered to.

In Nigeria, the number of new confirmed cases has declined in the last 12 weeks. This does not mean that the pandemic is over. There is a decline in the number of people presenting for testing. Testing is a crucial tool in the pandemic response to identify and confirm COVID-19 cases so they can receive appropriate care and follow public health measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

Delays in getting tested and receiving results can increase the risk of virus transmission. In January 2021, NCDC published the [Guidance for the use of approved COVID-19 Antigen-based Rapid Diagnostic Tests](#) (Ag-RDTs).

Antigen-based Rapid Diagnostic Tests are easy-to-use, rapid tests that can be used at or near the point of care, without the need for laboratory infrastructure or expensive equipment. The NCDC recommends the use of Ag-RDTs in schools with accommodation facilities, workplaces, hospitals to triage patients and test health workers, large public settings such as NYSC camps among others.

The use of Ag-RDTs and the rapid result time are important in efficiently testing a large number of people in community settings to ensure safe environments for resumption of activities. This is important for social, educational and economic reasons.

We urge educational institutions, workplaces, hospitals and other institutions to adopt the regular use of Ag-RDTs for testing their population. This is important to detect cases that may not show symptoms (asymptomatic) but can spread the virus to others. The approved Ag-RDTs in Nigeria are available commercially but must be used based on the guidance provided by NCDC.

It is important to note that these Ag-RDTs are not as sensitive as molecular tests but can serve as a rapid means of identifying cases. The molecular-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test remains the goal standard for SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics. Therefore, Ag-RDTs should not be used outside of the recommended contexts.

As schools reopen for a new term, it is important that children, teachers and other school staff and parents can safely engage in school activities. We recommend the following important PHSMs for the school community:

1. Wear a mask properly to cover your nose and mouth when outdoors or in public settings such as classroom.
2. Wash your hands regularly with soap and running water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser especially after you have been in a public place, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing and before eating
3. Stay at least two metres away from each other, even if they do not appear to be sick. Avoid physical contact such as hugs, handshakes etc.
4. Avoid sharing items such as pencil, biro, eraser, sharpener, ruler, snacks etc.
5. As much as possible, avoid crowded classroom and indoor spaces with poor ventilation
6. If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19 (within 14 days), please self-isolate, and avoid gatherings

School owners should ensure and abide by all safety measures as contained in the [guidelines for school reopening](#), and should note the guidance on Ag-RDT use.

## RESPONSE

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a multi-sectoral Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated at Level 3 which is the highest emergency level in Nigeria. This is led by NCDC in close coordination with the State Public Health EOCs (PHEOC) and through the deployment of **53** Rapid Response Teams (RRT) to states. Currently, response activities include:

- **Finalised the reviewed National Incident Action Plan**
- **Currently finalising modalities for engagement with state teams on strategic review of response activities**
- **Continued follow up with states for daily reporting, contact tracing and resolution of key challenges.**
- **Supported the development and printing of IPC guidelines in Borno State**
- **Provided support to the National Sport Festival activities**
- **Disseminated the WHO Global Webinar series for IPC across States**
- **Finalised activities on the USAID Medicines Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MtaPS) workplan supporting IPC across health facilities**
- **Supported the activation of Umaru Shehu Ultramodern Hospital PCR Laboratory in Borno state**
- **Ongoing genomic surveillance of all positive samples from travellers arriving in Nigeria**
- **Ongoing deployment of commodities, reagents and supplies to the SMOH and Laboratory Networks**
- **Identified relevant stakeholders involved in organizing sporting events in Nigeria**
- **Working with WHO to strengthen infodemic management in Nigeria**
- **Developed and shared Ramadan messages to the public**
- **Supported the safe school declaration critique workshop in Plateau State**
- **Supported Federal Ministry of Education in conducting State Training of Trainers on safe school reopening in three clusters.**
- **Held a virtual strategic coordination meeting with State Incident Managers and State Epidemiologists on increasing sample collection and testing in the states**
- **Provided support to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) camp assessment**
- **Developed and shared cleaning standard operating procedure**
- **Supported the virtual training of health care workers in Edo State on the use of SARS-CoV-2 antigen rapid diagnostic test (Ag-RDT)**
- **Supported testing of Nigerian athletes at the National Sports Festival in Edo state**
- **Conducted bi-monthly meeting with State Health Educators (SHEs)**
- **Supported risk communication at the National Sports Festival in Edo State**
- **Conducted webinar on Ag-RDT policy and use.**

## PREPAREDNESS

Since the confirmation of the first case on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the NCDC has released advisories and statements to help Nigerians and affected groups in particular to respond to the pandemic

- NCDC published [One year of COVID-19 response in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC and NIMR publish [findings of COVID-19 household seroprevalence surveys in four states of Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published a [Statement on variants of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria](#)
- The Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and partners, PTF and NCDC have developed: [Guidance for integrated safe school re-opening 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021](#)
- COVID-19 Health Protection Regulation signed by President Muhammadu Buhari on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021: [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Health Protection Regulations 2021](#)
- NCDC published an updated [community case definitions for coronavirus disease 2019](#)
- The Federal Ministry of Health and NCDC published [COVID-19 Patient's handbook for home-based care in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published an updated [case definitions for coronavirus disease](#)
- NCDC published [Guidance for the use of approved COVID-19 antigen-based rapid diagnostic tests in Nigeria](#)
- Update of [travel protocols](#) for all travellers into Nigeria from [UK and South Africa](#)
- NCDC recently launched the [Celebrate Responsibly](#) campaign in response to the increase in cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and poor adherence to public health and social measures across the country: [Celebrate Responsibly and Save Lives – New Awareness Campaign for the Yuletide Season](#)
- Ahead of the Christmas and end of year festivity, NCDC published the [End-of-Year Travel Advisory on COVID-19](#)
- NCDC recently launched the [COVID-19 blog](#) for telling the stories of Nigeria's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- NCDC published guidelines on 2020 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Orientation Camp activities in conjunction with PTF and NYSC: [Guidelines on 2020 National Youth Service Corps \(NYSC\) Orientation Camp activities](#)
- NCDC published guidance on the use of antigen RDTs: [Guidance on the use of Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Kits for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published guidance on safe school re-opening: [Public Health guidance for Safe School re-opening in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published second interim guidance – Infection Prevention and Control: [Recommendations during health care provision for suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19](#)
- NCDC recently published the first edition of a quick reference guide on setting up sample collection centre - [A step by step guide on setting up a sample collection centre](#)
- NCDC has launched an online course on [Infection, Prevention and Control \(IPC\) for COVID-19](#) NCDC eLearning platform
- Ahead of forthcoming elections in the country, NCDC has issued [Guidelines for Conducting Elections During the COVID-19 Outbreak in Nigeria](#).
- To protect our elders, and those with pre-existing medical conditions, NCDC has issued an [Advisory for Vulnerable Groups](#).
- NCDC has released [guidelines on the re-opening of places for worship](#).
- NCDC has released [Strategies to Improve Surveillance for COVID-19 Guidance for States](#)
- The Nigeria Police Force has released COVID-19 operational guidelines for the [Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies](#) in Nigeria

- Guidelines have been issued for the [safe transportation of remains of persons suspected or confirmed to have died of COVID-19](#)
- Information on diagnostics of the COVID-19 virus can be found in our [detailed FAQ document](#).
- To increase our testing capacity, NCDC has issued guidelines for the [integration of private labs](#).
- Guidelines for [businesses and employers](#) have been updated.
- NCDC has updated its [case definition](#) , [community case definition](#) and [case management guide](#).
- NCDC releases periodic [public health advisories](#) to Nigerians on the COVID-19 disease.
- To adhere to post-lockdown measures, NCDC has released an [advisory on the use of face masks](#), as well as information on the [Use of Cloth face masks](#) and [how to make your cloth face masks](#).
- NCDC has released guidelines for the [management of pregnant women and nursing mothers](#) during the pandemic.
- To address burials of loved ones who die from COVID-19, guidelines have been issued to advise on the [management of dead bodies](#).
- For health centres managing cases, the following documents have been released- a guideline for the [Rational Use of Personal Protective Equipment in the care of COVID-19 cases](#).
- As part of plans to increase the testing capacity of the country, the NCDC published a [National Strategy to Scale Up Access to Coronavirus Disease Testing in Nigeria](#) document.
- The Presidential Task Force has published policies and announcements on COVID-19 [available on the website of the Presidency](#) – including presidential addresses, task force updates and information on livelihood and economic support.

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Nigeria Centre for Disease Control: [www.covid19.ncdc.gov.ng](http://www.covid19.ncdc.gov.ng) | [www.ncdc.gov.ng](http://www.ncdc.gov.ng)
- Nigerian Presidency Website on COVID-19: [www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19](http://www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19)
- WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard (**source for global updates**) <https://covid19.who.int/>