



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 62

Epi Week 50: 13th – 19th December 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 19TH DECEMBER 2021



Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 50 only)

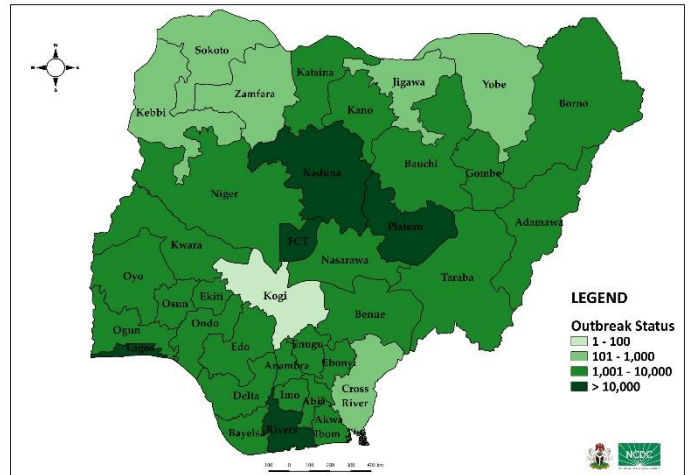


Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 50, the number of samples tested increased to **73,919** from **62,537** reported in week 49. These were reported in **36** states and FCT (Tables 1).
- In Week 50, the number of new confirmed cases increased to **6,406 (8.6%)** from **2,859 (4.6%)** reported in week 49. These were reported in **22** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2).
- In Week 50, the number of discharged cases increased to **3,791** from **296** in week 49.
- There were **4** deaths reported in the last one week (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **223,887** cases and **2,985** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.3%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 50, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was **8,306** of which **522 (6.3%)** were positive compared to **285 (3.3%)** (out of **8,597** tested) in week 49.
- In Week 50, the number of out-bound international travellers tested was **8,421** of which **1,464 (17.4%)** were positive compared to **560 (7.4%)** (out of **7,520** tested) in week 49.
- Worldwide, there has been **273,900,334** confirmed COVID-19 cases with **5,351,812** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.0%**.

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 19TH DECEMBER 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	2,044	0	2,002	0	31	0	11	40,179	1,105
Adamawa	1,157	0	1,098	0	32	0	27	30,258	187
Akwa Ibom ^a	4,428	80	4,318	242	44	0	66	46,966	320
Anambra	2,446	41	2,386	0	19	0	41	51,218	424
Bauchi	1,826	9	1,776	0	23	0	27	37,338	222
Bayelsa	1,286	30	1,216	0	28	0	42	35,788	105
Benue	1,907	0	1,512	0	25	0	370	47,679	522
Borno	1,356	0	1,317	0	38	0	1	25,533	432
Cross River	690	23	631	3	25	0	34	18,493	44
Delta ^b	4,561	382	2,556	0	110	0	1,895	76,962	2,112
Ebonyi	2,062	0	2,004	0	32	0	26	37,038	62
Edo	6,961	292	6,334	6	281	1	346	109,648	1,277
Ekiti	1,822	35	1,743	1	28	0	51	51,285	739
Enugu	2,846	31	2,797	22	29	0	20	63,718	2,558
FCT ^c	24,861	1,082	23,391	145	224	0	1,246	523,647	19,648
Gombe	2,757	0	2,669	0	60	0	28	95,042	763
Imo	2,285	20	1,999	8	41	0	245	73,546	1,043
Jigawa	619	0	600	0	17	0	2	24,032	326
Kaduna	10,283	95	10,066	19	82	0	135	173,300	3,529
Kano	4,513	65	4,307	22	121	0	85	144,341	1,273
Katsina	2,367	7	2,320	68	37	0	10	62,819	987
Kebbi	470	0	454	0	16	0	0	24,682	19
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	11,871	11
Kwara	4,035	31	3,709	0	64	0	262	45,716	427
Lagos	83,566	2,967	80,053	3,100	757	3	2,756	997,835	23,642
Nasarawa	2,517	0	2,345	0	39	0	133	36,975	339
Niger	1,077	4	998	0	20	0	59	28,547	96
Ogun	5,519	102	5,299	4	80	0	140	110,066	1,285
Ondo	4,676	85	4,508	33	98	0	70	47,971	1,099
Osun	3,046	10	2,946	9	86	0	14	35,457	449
Oyo	9,242	377	8,601	16	191	0	450	107,728	1,450

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Plateau	10,061	59	9,893	49	73	0	95	91,135	922
Rivers	13,648	579	12,838	44	154	0	656	382,518	6,215
Sokoto	810	0	782	0	28	0	0	34,522	60
Taraba	1,269	0	1,222	0	32	0	15	20,567	33
Yobe	502	0	490	0	9	0	3	31,780	23
Zamfara	367	0	354	0	9	0	4	18,500	171
Total	223,887	6,406	211,537	3,791	2,985	4	9,365	3,794,700	73,919

NB:

^a 80 cases reported from Akwa Ibom state include backlog of 41 cases reported on 21st October (32), 9th (1) and 10th (8) December 2021

^b 382 cases reported from Delta state include backlog of 115 cases reported in October (31), November (61), 7th (4), 8th (6), 9th (5), 10th (2) and 12th (6) December 2021

^c 1,082 cases and 145 recoveries reported from FCT include backlog of 17 cases and 34 recoveries reported on 12th December 2021

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	64,890	87.8%
RDT	9,029	12.2%
TOTAL	73,919	

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	3,081,404	81.2%
RDT	713,296	18.8%
TOTAL	3,794,700	

PASSENGERS TESTS

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for returning Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	INBOUND
Everight diagnostics (Imo)	1,203
54Gene Abuja	815
54Gene Lagos	633
DNA labs Abuja	622
MEDBURY	617
ARRIVE ALIVE	608
MEDBURY MEDICAL SERVICES	408
AFRIGLOBAL	367
LIFE CENTER	334
BIOSENSORS MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS	297
ZAINE LAB	290
SYNLAB	279
CLINIX HEALTHCARE	240
CLINA-LANCET LABORATORIES	236
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	180
FUNBELL	162
ACOUNS	144
SMPL	142
BIOLOGIX	130
ME CURE	123
Edo Specialist Hospital	120
Genequest	118
EVERCARE	107
CLINA-LANCET LABORATORIES ABUJA	104
LANDMARK DIAGNOSTICS	104
E-clinic & Diagnostics	101
IBOM MOLECULAR LABORATORY	98
WESTEND HOSPITAL MOLECULAR LABORATORY	93
LOVETT LAWSON MOLECULAR LAB	82
HARLEY AND RAINBOW	76
IFAIN	76
LIFEBRIDGE	69

Laboratories without reports on number of samples tested this week.

AKTH (Kano)	YDMH Genexpert (Kaduna)
UNIOSUN (Osun)	GH Takum (Taraba)
OOUTH (Ogun)	Kaduna Mobile Truck GX (Kaduna)
IFAIN (Kano)	GH Saminaka (Kaduna)
SSH (Kogi)	O2 (Lagos)
IFAIN (Kano)	FMC Bida (Niger)
PLASVREC (Plateau)	NVRI (Plateau)
BUK (Kano)	ABU, (Kaduna)
FMC Yola, (Adamawa)	JUTH (Plateau)
Everight (Imo)	MOGID, (Bauchi)
ZANKLI GX lab, (Nasarawa)	YDMSH, (Kaduna)
YSSH, (Yobe)	FMC Birnin Kebbi, (Kebbi)
UCTH (Cross River)	PHL (Ondo)
UPH (Rivers)	UNTH (Enugu)
MDL (Akwa Ibom)	FTH (Gombe)
FMC Owo (Ondo)	BML (Bayelsa)
USUMH (Borno)	GH Ikara (Kaduna)
FMCK (Katsina)	Warri Lab (Delta)
GH Kagarko (Kaduna)	Delta Mobile Lab (Delta)
FMC (Owerri)	GAGH (Kaduna)
UBTH (Edo)	AE-FETHA (Ebonyi)
DLHMH (Cross River)	FMC Makurdi (Benue)
FMCG (Zamfara)	FMCJ (Taraba)
Sobi IDH (Kwara)	BDTH (Kaduna)

DNA LABS KADUNA	66
CAPITOL HILL MOLECULAR LAB	66
DemyHealth	59
Arab Labs	45
NIZAMIYE	37
54Gene Ogun	35
TOTAL	34
WellMed	30
CENTOLAB	22
CoolSpring	19
GRANDVILE	19
MEDILAG	12
The Specialist Lab	5
LASUCOM	2
Grand Total	9,429

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for outbound Persons of Interest

LABORAOTRY	OUTBOUND
Life Center	1,118
Medbury	895
54gene Lagos	827
54gene Abuja	571
Medbury Medical Services	539
Arrive Alive	364
DNA Labs Abuja	351
Everight diagnostics (Imo)	311
Zaine Lab	309
E-Clinic & Diagnostics	251
Demyhealth	249
Everight Diagnostics (Abuja)	213
Clinix Healthcare	212
Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	159
Me Cure	141
Genequest	140

Evercare	129
SMPL	127
DNA Labs Kaduna	117
Biologix	116
Acouns	111
54gene Ogun	98
Biosensors Medical Diagnostics	93
Harley And Rainbow	89
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	88
Union Diagnostics Ibadan	88
Nizamiye	83
Edo Specialist Hospital	78
Funbell	60
Landmark Diagnostics	56
Ibom Molecular Laboratory	55
Lifebridge	52
Coolspring	39
Total	38
54gene Kano	33
Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab	30
Ifain	26
IML	25
Arab Labs	22
Grandvile	19
Afriglobal	18
The Specialist Lab	18
Medilag	17
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	16
Centolab	16
LASUCOM	7
Accunalysis	5
Wellmed	2
Grand Total	8,421

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 19TH DECEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 50	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
	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 ^a	80	41	25	3	11	0	0	0
Anambra	41	0	11	8	0	0	22	0
Bauchi	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Bayelsa	30	5	4	4	5	12	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta ^b	382	115	0	152	0	0	97	18
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	292	23	0	129	0	85	54	1
Ekiti	35	0	1	0	0	0	34	0
Enugu	31	0	0	9	0	0	12	10
FCT ^c	1,082	116	174	130	238	258	82	84
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	95	10	0	15	0	0	19	51
Kano	65	2	3	4	5	7	27	17
Katsina	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	31	0	0	7	4	0	4	16
Lagos	2,967	0	431	796	599	906	183	52
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	102	33	32	7	7	16	5	2
Ondo	85	0	0	39	32	14	0	0

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 50	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Oyo	377	5	0	82	51	50	67	122
Plateau	59	5	0	0	20	0	34	0
Rivers	579	7	38	39	79	217	188	11
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
Total	6,406	385	730	1,424	1,051	1,584	828	404

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DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 19TH DECEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 50	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
	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	242	241	0	1	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	3	3	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	6	0	0	1	0	5	0	0
Ekiti	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	22	0	0	11	0	0	11	0
FCT ^c	145	42	1	0	0	0	102	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	19	0	0	10	0	0	9	0
Kano	22	6	0	0	0	0	16	0
Katsina	68	0	68	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	3,100	2,000	1,100	0	0	0	0	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Ondo	33	0	0	8	25	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 50	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Oyo	16	0	0	0	5	5	1	5
Plateau	49	32	0	0	17	0	0	0
Rivers	44	5	8	7	6	8	8	2
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
Total	3,791	2,330	1,178	38	53	28	149	15

NB:

^c 145 recoveries reported from FCT include backlog of 34 recoveries reported on 12th December 2021

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 19TH DECEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 50	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
	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 ^a	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ekiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	0	0	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	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
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

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 50	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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
Total	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	1

DAILY EPICURVE

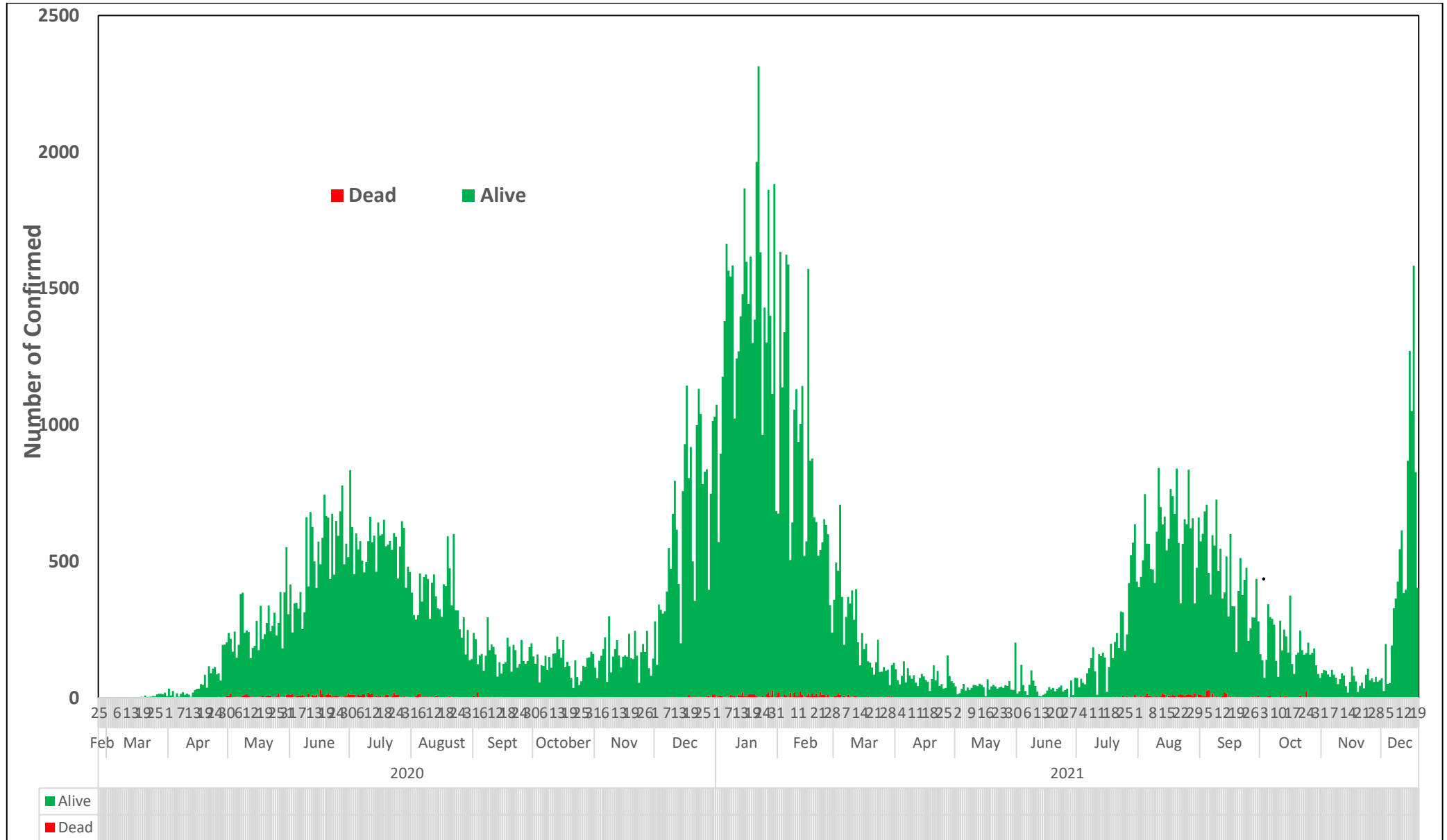


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 19th December 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

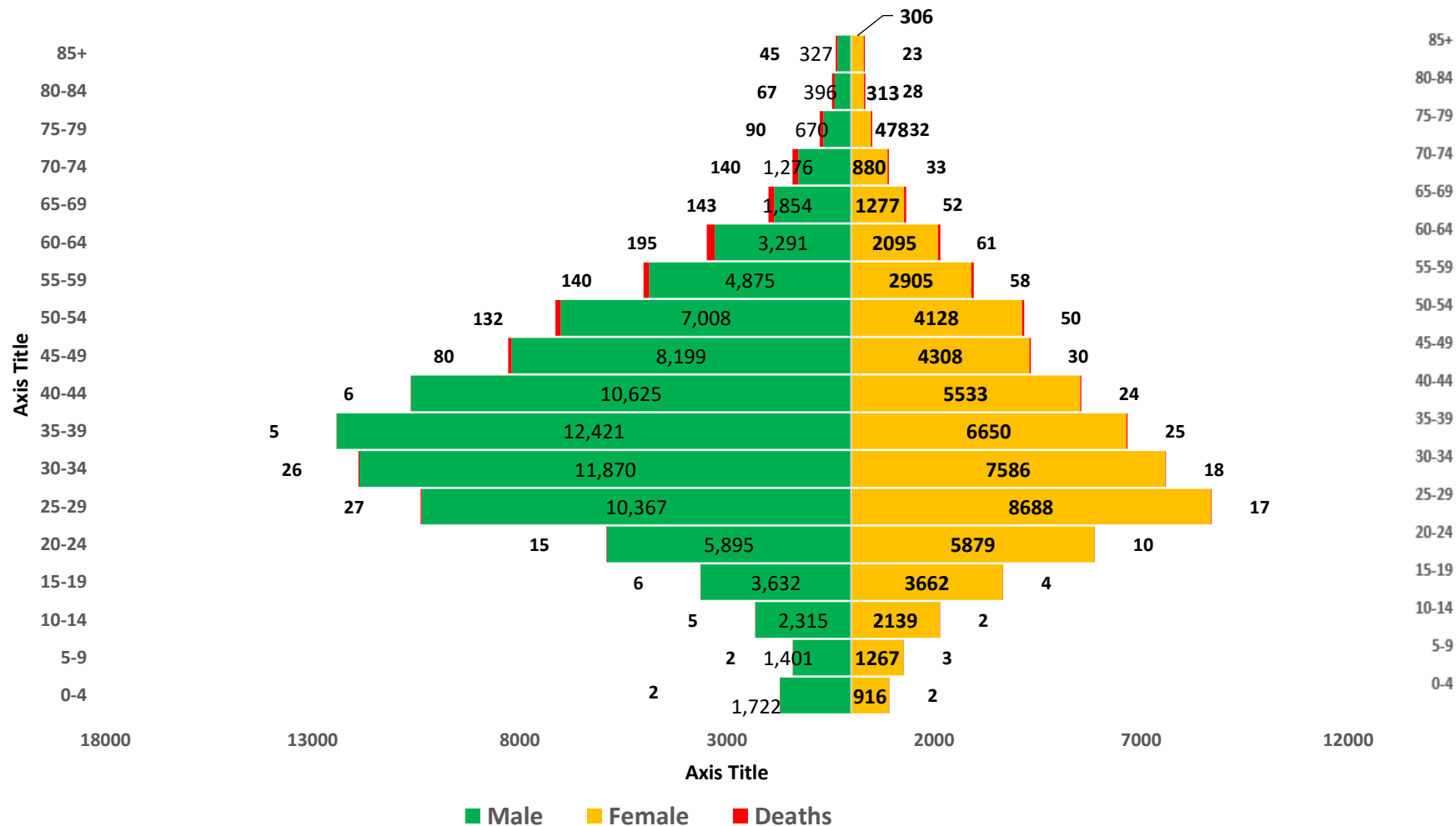


Figure 4: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK50, 2021)

IN FOCUS: COVID-19 Awareness Ahead of the Yuletide Season

Over weeks leading to the Yuletide season, Nigeria has recorded an exponential surge in COVID-19 cases. The response to COVID-19 requires a whole-of-society approach, therefore, individuals, families and institutions have a critical part to play in ensuring adherence to public health and social measures during the festive period.

The Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19, the Federal Ministry of Health, as well as Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and its partners, have therefore intensified efforts to remind Nigerians of the risk we face and need to take collective responsibility to reduce transmission of the virus. The NCDC has launched its Yuletide season communication campaign themed #CelebrateResponsibly. #CelebrateResponsibly focuses specifically on measures Nigerians need to take to protect themselves and loved ones from COVID-19 during this holiday period.

COVID-19 continues to threaten the lives and the livelihoods of Nigerians therefore we must not let our guards down. We urge Nigerians to take all precautions necessary to ensure we and our loved ones live to celebrate many more events and festivities including the following:

1. Please avoid all non-essential travel within and outside Nigeria to reduce the risk of transmission.
2. The virus that causes COVID-19 is more likely to spread in mass gatherings especially when held indoors with full capacity and poor ventilation. We strongly recommend outdoor events with physical distancing, compulsory use of facemasks, and provision of handwashing facilities or hand sanitisers.
3. Please make use of every opportunity provided to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The government has made these vaccines available for all eligible citizens and booster doses available for those previously vaccinated.

The Celebrate Responsibly campaign which spans from the Christmas holiday through the start of the new year, emphasises the responsibility of the government, private sector, institutions, associations, communities, families and individuals in enforcing public compliance to COVID-19 preventive measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. NCDC urges religious and traditional leaders and heads of organisations and businesses to join the campaign by adopting the key messages and sharing within their institutions and communities.

Please visit the NCDC COVID-19 [microsite](#) to download materials for the campaign or contact comms@ncdc.gov.ng We wish you safe Christmas and New Year celebrations!

RESPONSE

On 28th 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 **61** Rapid Response Teams (RRT) to states. Currently, response activities include:

- **Developed plans for the fourth wave**
- **Ongoing engagement with high burden states on response to the fourth wave**
- **Ongoing supportive supervision for trained contact tracers in Akwa Ibom, Kaduna, Kano, and Oyo states**
- **Ongoing case finding and contact tracing in 15 states**

- **Continue follow up with University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan and FCT on infection rise in respective health facilities**
- **Ongoing dissemination of key messaging to focal persons across all States on 4th wave presence and issues regarding intervention prioritization**
- **On-going distribution of RDT kits to Lagos State Biobank Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL), Yaba and Centre for Disease Control (CDC)**
- **Distributed Laboratory consumables, PPE and IPC commodities to all 36 States Ministries of Health and Tertiary Health Care Facilities including the FCT in the month of December**
- **Ongoing media monitoring and social listening for COVID-19 updates and misinformation**
- **Developed and published a press release on the Celebrate responsibly campaign**
- **Developed and disseminated FAQs on the Omicron variant**
- **Held SBC material review workshop in collaboration with our partners and MDAs supported by BA-N**
- **Trained media and spokespersons in Bauchi and Oyo state by BA-N**
- **Trained Oyo, Sokoto and Bauchi state team on using social media for public health response**
- **Stakeholders' engagement meeting with persons with disabilities**
- **Launch celebrate responsibly campaign for the yuletide season**
- **Ongoing meeting with relevant stakeholders in preparations for the festive period**
- **Deployed National Rapid Response Team to support the Shiloh and Holy Ghost congress events held in Ogun State**
- **Concluded RDT step-down training in Abia, Nasarawa and Enugu States for increased testing**
- **Continued engagement with states to ensure regular reporting and response continuity**
- **Continued roll out of antigen based rapid diagnostic test (Ag-RDT) kits in collaboration with partners**
- **Continued tracking and collation of data from states for strategic coordination**
- **Ongoing study on the relevance and correlates of positive COVID-19 status among passengers of interest in the International Airports in Nigeria**
- **Ongoing COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness study in collaboration with National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and the World Health Organisation (WHO)**
- **Ongoing data collection on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy study**
- **Continued collation of reports on COVID-19 clinical management study**
- **Ongoing training of Biomedical Engineers on repair and maintenance of Oxygen equipment in collaboration with Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)**
- **Conducted case management training on Home Base Isolation Care in South-South and South-East Zones**
- **Ongoing training of Port Health Services (PHS) staff on handling of VIPs, diplomats, cranks etc with support from WHO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and ProHealth International (PHI) in all international airports.**
- **Continued follow up with states for daily reporting, contact tracing and key challenges**
- **Ongoing enhanced surveillance at points of entry**
- **Conducted IPC training for Health workers of Secondary Health facilities in Adamawa, Bauchi, Cross River and Plateau states**
- **Supported the monitoring of compliance to protocols and NPI during the Shiloh and Holy Ghost Congress events in Ogun State**
- **Concluded support to the Home-based isolation care training for the South-West and North-West Zones**
- **Conducted refresher trainings and compliance monitoring across NYSC camps in the country**

- Ongoing support for the implementation of Hand Hygiene practices and mentoring in Edo, Ebonyi, Ondo states and the FCT Secondary Health facilities
- Conducted SARS CoV-2 Reference Standard Review in collaboration with WHO & African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM).
- Concluded the online orientation of Enugu State frontline laboratory personnel on supervision and monitoring of Ag RDTs for COVID-19 diagnosis
- Ongoing sequencing of positive samples among travellers to Nigeria and positive cases detected in-country, at the National Reference Laboratory (NRL), Gaduwa
- Ongoing quarterly commodity monitoring and stock verification exercise to reconcile data across states, check available stock balance and utilisation records
- Ongoing repositioning of PPE and commodities at the sub-national level for labs, treatment centres, sample collection centres and other relevant facilities as preparedness for surge in cases
- Concluded leaderships and strategic communication workshop for pillar members
- Continued support to National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in COVID-19 vaccination campaign
- Ongoing media appearances on radio and television

PREPAREDNESS

Since the confirmation of the first case on 27th February 2020, the NCDC has released advisories and statements to help Nigerians and affected groups to respond to the pandemic:

- Celebrate Responsibly Campaign: [NCDC Intensifies COVID-19 Awareness ahead of the Yuletide](#)
- NCDC issued a press release on the [detection of the first confirmed cases of omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC revised and updated the [Nigeria International Travel Portal \(NITP\)](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 released a press statement on [Revised International Travel Protocol into Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published [COVID-19 safety guidelines for Conferences and Events in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC issued a press release on the [detection of the first confirmed case of delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 reviewed and published [Travel advisory for passengers arriving Nigeria from Brazil, India and Turkey to include South Africa](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 published [Travel advisory for passengers arriving Nigeria from Brazil, India and Turkey](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 published [Implementation guidelines for phased restriction of movement](#)
- 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 26th January 2021](#)
- COVID-19 Health Protection Regulation signed by President Muhammadu Buhari on 26th 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 | www.ncdc.gov.ng
- Nigerian Presidency Website on COVID-19: www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19
- WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard (**source for global updates**)
<https://covid19.who.int/>