



NIGERIA CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL
Epi Week 11: 15th – 21st March 2021

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 23

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 21ST MARCH 2021

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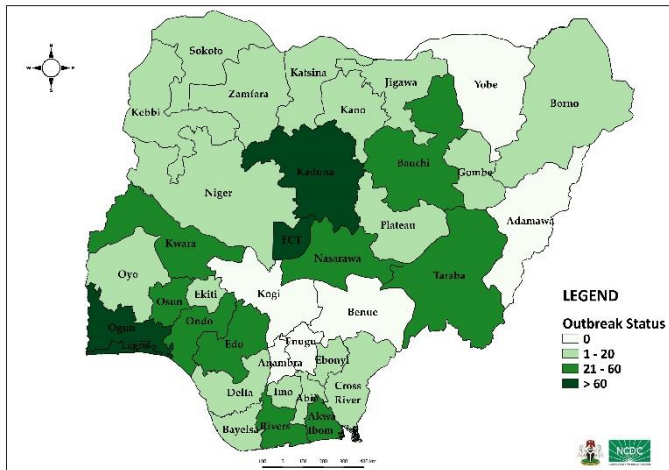


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 11 only)

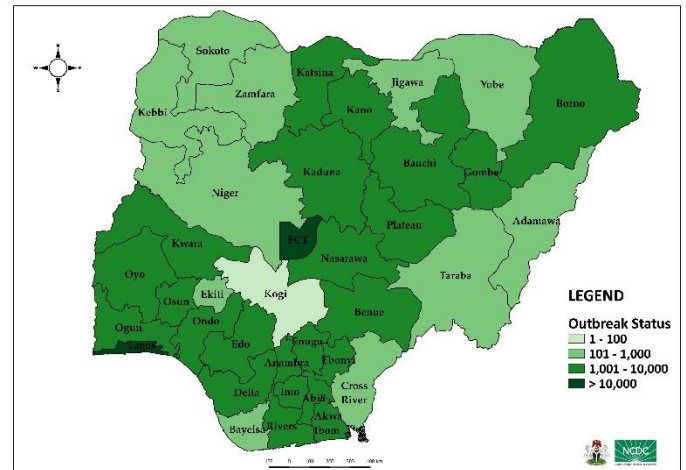


Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 11, the number of new confirmed cases decreased to **1,080** from **2,122** reported in week 10. These were reported in **30** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2).
- In Week 11, the number of discharged cases decreased to **2,500** from **7,343** in week 10. These were reported in **21** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 3).
- The number of reported deaths in the last one week in **8** states and FCT was **17** (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **2,030** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.3%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 11, the number of in-bound international travellers at Nigerian airports was **14,103** compared with **12,306** in Week 10.
- In Week 11, the number of international travellers with a positive result was **63** compared to **76** from week 10.
- Globally, the count for confirmed COVID-19 cases is **123,216,178** with **2,714,517** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.2%**

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 21ST MARCH 2021

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

STATES	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Abia	1,649	20	1,619	55	21	0	9	20,906	179
Adamawa	942	0	270	0	31	0	641	18,242	3,298
Akwa Ibom	1,736	34	1,281	93	14	0	441	16,655	118
Anambra	1,909	0	1,826	0	19	0	64	23,593	430
Bauchi	1,488	25	1,267	0	17	0	204	23,853	884
Bayelsa	832	4	779	21	26	0	27	16,383	438
Benue	1,188	0	591	0	22	0	575	16,601	268
Borno	1,325	4	1,200	0	38	0	87	19,517	265
Cross River	357	13	334	21	17	0	6	6,816	139
Delta	2,599	6	1,744	0	71	2	784	34,112	425
Ebonyi	1,985	17	1,938	164	32	0	15	14,508	198
Edo	4,868	48	4,597	150	185	0	86	33,666	1,961
Ekiti	863	15	799	26	11	1	53	15,926	204
Enugu	2,221	0	1,865	0	29	0	327	20,777	332
FCT	19,580	110	15,890	303	155	1	3,535	236,014	5,407
Gombe	2,025	7	1,978	12	44	1	3	43,275	237
Imo	1,639	20	1,535	103	36	0	68	32,989	541
Jigawa	503	2	480	0	16	0	7	8,537	241
Kaduna	8,858	73	8,709	152	65	0	84	74,646	1,535
Kano	3,889	16	3,752	37	110	1	27	91,020	1,864
Katsina	2,082	9	2,030	0	34	0	18	37,831	163
Kebbi	442	15	392	69	16	2	34	14,875	2,365
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	4,599	132
Kwara	3,067	53	2,808	140	55	0	204	23,332	616
Lagos	57,273	311	56,787	745	426	1	60	417,734	9,007
Nasarawa	2,316	24	373	0	13	0	1,930	22,393	242
Niger	930	7	417	0	17	0	496	17,480	197
Ogun	4,610	61	4,334	39	49	0	227	69,459	4,761
Ondo	3,157	41	2,080	0	61	0	1,016	23,555	244

STATES	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Osun	2,508	21	2,401	73	52	0	55	18,293	208
Oyo	6,823	16	6,204	17	123	7	496	55,617	397
Plateau	9,006	18	8,887	27	57	0	62	66,305	61
Rivers	6,855	52	6,644	187	99	1	112	156,743	5,253
Sokoto	773	4	741	0	28	0	4	18,736	50
Taraba	910	29	864	60	22	0	24	12,519	219
Yobe	293	0	259	0	9	0	25	9,267	53
Zamfara	231	5	221	6	8	0	2	7,332	84
Total	161,737	1,080	147,899	2,500	2,030	17	11,808	1,744,106	43,016

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	40,456	94.0%
RDT	2,560	6.0%
TOTAL	43,016	

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	1,574,842	90.3%
RDT	169,264	9.7%
TOTAL	1,744,106	

RETURNING PASSENGERS TESTS

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

LABORATORY	IN-BOUND
54Gene, Abuja	282
AML, IKEJA, Lagos	173
Arab Labs, FCT	8
Arrive Alive, Ojuelegba, Lagos	59
BIOLOGIX	78
Cedarcrest, Abuja	83
CLINA-LANCET laboratories, Lagos	545
CLINA-LANCET laboratories, Abuja	14
CLINIX Healthcare	105
DNA labs, Abuja	94
E-clinic & Diagnostics	55
EHA Clinics	268
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	22
Everight diagnostics (Imo)	321
Harley and Rainbow Specialized laboratory	40
LASUCOM Molecular Laboratory	13
MEDBURY Medical Services	58
MEDBURY PCR laboratory	595
Medicaid, Abuja	104
SYNLAB	117
The Specialist Lab	10
TOTAL	21
UNION DIAGNOSTICS	19
ZAINE LAB	67
Grand Total	3,151

BACKLOG OF REPORTED TESTS

Name of Lab	# Test
COOUTH, FCT	350

Laboratories without reports on number of samples tested this week.

AKTH (Kano)
 GH Onitsha (Anambra)
 UNIOSUN (Osun)
 SPIYMH (Kaduna)
 GH Saminaka (Kaduna)
 Kaduna Mobile Truck GX (Kaduna)
 Lawrence Henshaw (Cross River)
 SSH (Kogi)
 ATBU Bauchi (Bauchi)
 IFAIN (Kano)
 CAMRET (Sokoto)
 SHAC

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 21ST MARCH 2021

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

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 11	15 TH March	16 TH March	17 TH March	18 TH March	19 TH March	20 TH March	21 ST March
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	20	0	2	13	0	5	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	34	5	14	3	8	1	0	3
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	25	19	0	0	0	0	6	0
Bayelsa	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Cross River	13	0	9	4	0	0	0	0
Delta	6	0	4	0	0	0	2	0
Ebonyi	17	0	5	0	3	0	9	0
Edo	48	17	10	17	0	3	1	0
Ekiti	15	0	5	3	1	6	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	110	9	11	13	10	12	22	33
Gombe	7	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
Imo	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
Jigawa	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kaduna	73	19	21	10	3	10	9	1
Kano	16	1	4	0	3	0	1	7
Katsina	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	15	0	0	0	11	0	4	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	53	28	0	7	0	18	0	0
Lagos	311	72	47	42	41	46	35	28
Nasarawa	24	13	6	3	1	0	1	0
Niger	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	0
Ogun	61	15	9	4	14	19	0	0
Ondo	41	8	0	5	0	0	17	11

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 11	15 TH March	16 TH March	17 TH March	18 TH March	19 TH March	20 TH March	21 ST March
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	21	5	4	4	3	3	2	0
Oyo	16	3	0	9	2	2	0	0
Plateau	18	4	3	7	4	0	0	0
Rivers	52	10	18	11	10	0	0	3
Sokoto	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Taraba	29	0	0	29	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,080	238	179	200	135	130	112	86

DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 21ST MARCH 2021

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

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 11	15 TH March	16 TH March	17 TH March	18 TH March	19 TH March	20 TH March	21 ST March
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	55	0	24	4	0	27	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	93	22	19	10	8	12	0	22
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	21	7	0	0	0	14	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	21	0	14	0	0	0	0	7
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	164	0	0	0	162	0	2	0
Edo	150	26	20	25	0	20	38	21
Ekiti	26	0	0	1	7	1	0	17
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	303	34	0	69	1	193	4	2
Gombe	12	5	0	0	5	0	2	0
Imo	103	0	0	0	103	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	152	48	25	13	12	8	31	15
Kano	37	16	0	0	16	0	5	0
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	69	0	0	0	69	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	140	37	0	0	0	103	0	0
Lagos	745	120	153	131	0	242	70	29
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	39	8	4	14	8	3	2	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 11	15 TH March	16 TH March	17 TH March	18 TH March	19 TH March	20 TH March	21 ST March
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	73	10	3	6	8	39	4	3
Oyo	17	0	0	2	4	2	7	2
Plateau	27	0	0	14	0	13	0	0
Rivers	187	20	52	43	23	14	29	6
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	60	0	0	60	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,500	353	320	392	426	691	194	124

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 21ST MARCH 2021

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

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 11	15 TH March	16 TH March	17 TH March	18 TH March	19 TH March	20 TH March	21 ST March
	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	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gombe	1	1	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	1	0	0	1	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 11	15 TH March	16 TH March	17 TH March	18 TH March	19 TH March	20 TH March	21 ST March
	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	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	1	1	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	17	3	2	9	0	0	3	0

DAILY EPICURVE

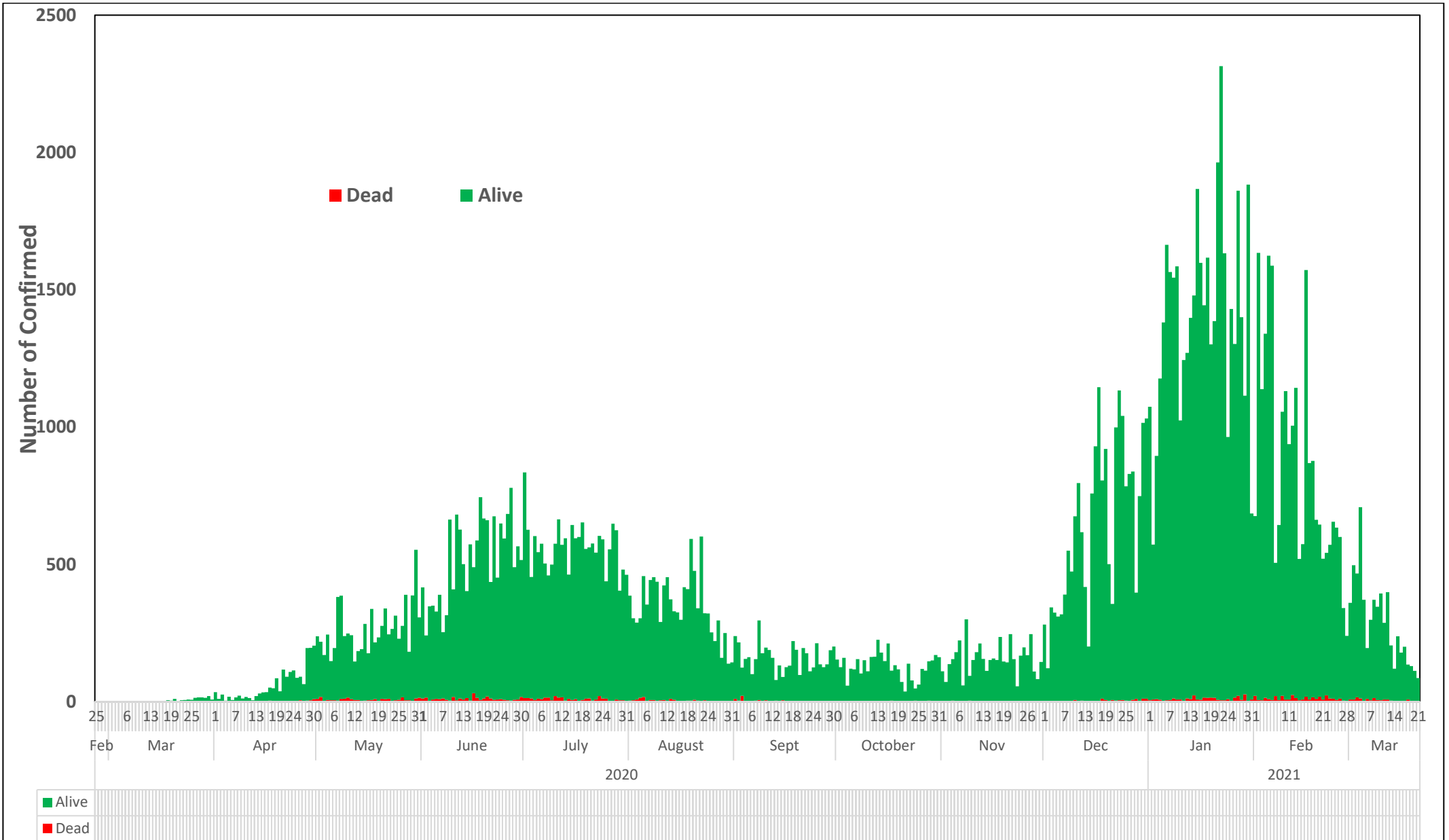


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 21st March 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

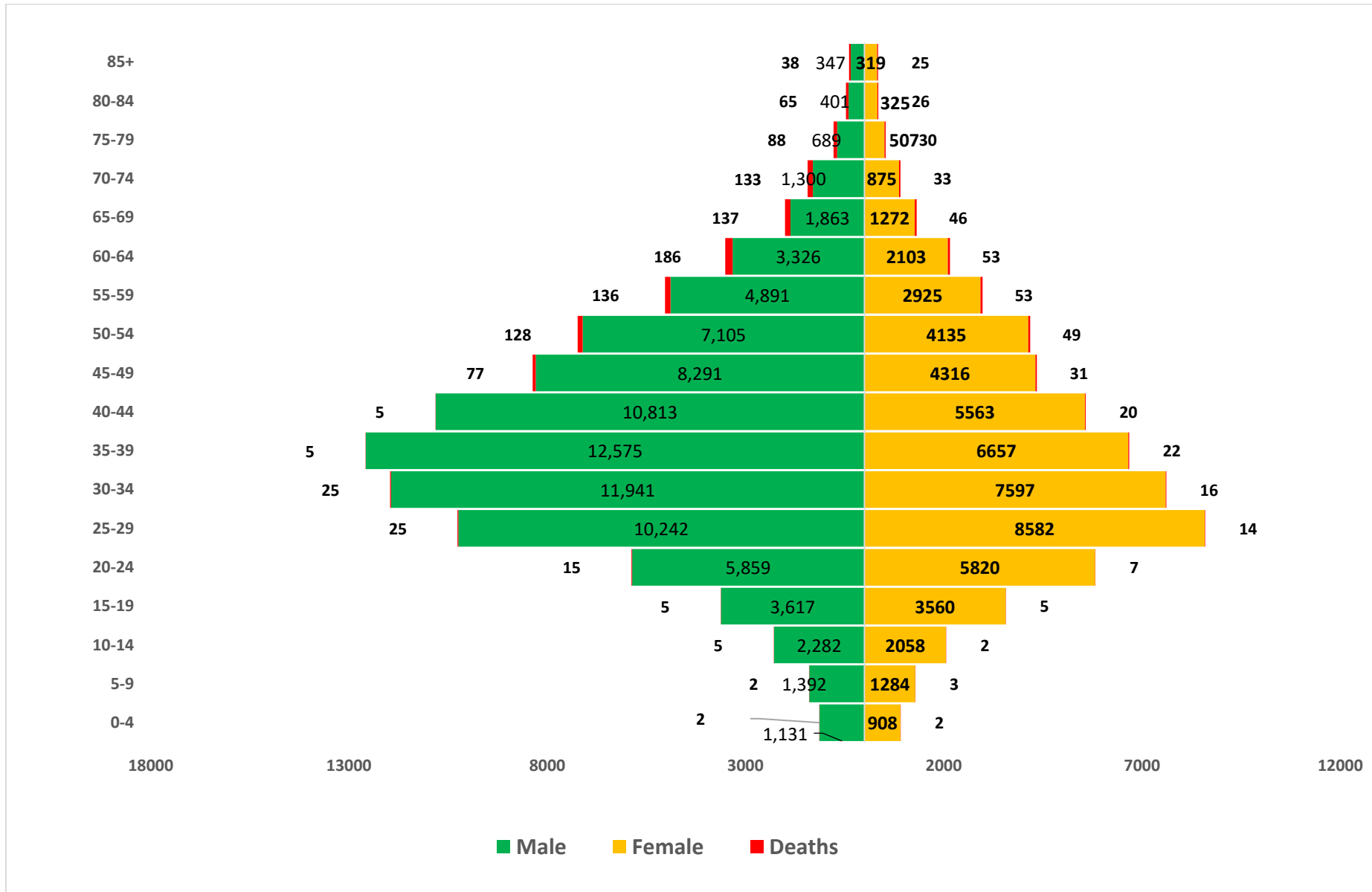


Figure 4: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK11, 2021)

RESPONSE COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Table 5: Response commodities distributed in week 11

S/N	ITEM	U.O.M	Ondo State Ministry of Health	Ogun State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Abeokuta Ogun State	Ekiti State Ministry of Health	FTH IDO-EKITI,	Osun State Ministry of Health	Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Osun State	Nasarawa State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Keffi, Nasarawa State	Benue State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Makurdi, Benue State	Niger State Ministry of Health
1	Gown	Piece	1,600	1,600	1,000	2,100	1,000	2,100	1,000	2,100	1,000	1,600	1,000	2,100
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	1,500	1,500	1,000	650	1,000	650	1,000	650	500	1,500	1,000	650
3	Face mask	Piece	6,000	6,000	2,500	4,000	2,500	4,000	2,500	4,000	2,000	6,000	2,500	4,000
4	N95/KN95 Face masks	Piece	2,800	2,800	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,500	2,800	1,500	1,800
5	Face shield	Piece	1,300	1,300	1,000	600	1,000	600	1,000	600	600	1,300	1,000	600
6	Examination gloves	Pack	0	300	150	0	0	0	0	270	200	0	0	0
7	Goggles	Piece	120	120	200	120	200	120	200	120	200	120	200	120
8	Bio-Hazard bag	Piece	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9	Sharps container (Plastic)	Piece	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
10	Hand sanitizer 100ml	Piece	20	20	24	20	24	20	24	20	24	20	24	20
11	Rubber boots	Piece	12	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12
12	Sharps container (Paper)	Piece	0	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10		10	0
13	Shoe cover	Pair	700	700	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	700	500	500
14	Hypochlorite 400ml- 1.5l	Piece	0	0	14	0	14	12	14	0	14	0	14	0
15	Back Pack Sprayer	Piece	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
16	Infrared thermometer	Piece	0	0	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	0

S/N	ITEM	U.O.M	Ondo State Ministry of Health	Ogun State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Abeokuta Ogun State	Ekiti State Ministry of Health	FTH IDO-EKITI,	Osun State Ministry of Health	Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Osun State	Nasarawa State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Keffi, Nasarawa State	Benue State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Makurdi, Benue State	Niger State Ministry of Health
17	Surgical gloves	Piece	0	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
18	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	500	500	300	500	300	500	300	200	500	500	300	200
19	Bucket	Piece	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
20	Washing liquid	Piece	18	18	12	18	12	18	12	18	12	18	12	18
21	Chlorine granules	45KG	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

Table 5: Response commodities distributed in week 11 (cont'd)

S/N	ITEM	U.O.M	Federal Medical Centre Bida, Niger State	Adamawa State Ministry of Health	Yobe State Ministry of Health	Borno State Ministry of Health	Katsina State Ministry of Health	Kano State Ministry of Health	Zamfara State Ministry of Health	Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano State	Federal Medical Centre Gusau, Zamfara State	Bayelsa Ministry of Health
1	Gown	Piece	1,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,000	1,000	2,100
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	1,000	650	650	650	650	650	650	500	500	650
3	Face mask	Piece	2,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
4	N95/KN95 Face mask	Piece	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,800
5	Face shield	Piece	1,000	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
6	Examination gloves	Pack	0	0	0	0	270	270	270	200	200	270
7	Goggles	Piece	200	120	120	120	120	120	120	200	200	120
8	Bio-Hazard bag	Piece	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9	Sharps container (Plastic)	Piece	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
10	Hand sanitizer 100ml	Piece	24	20	20	20	20	20	20	24	24	20
11	Rubber boots	Piece	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	10	10	12

S/N	ITEM	U.O.M	Federal Medical Centre Bida, Niger State	Adamawa State Ministry of Health	Yobe State Ministry of Health	Borno State Ministry of Health	Katsina State Ministry of Health	Kano State Ministry of Health	Zamfara State Ministry of Health	Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano State	Federal Medical Centre Gusau, Zamfara State	Bayelsa Ministry of Health
12	Sharps container (Paper)	Piece	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0
13	Shoe cover	Pair	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
14	Hypochlorite 400ml -1.5l	Piece	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	0
15	Back-pack sprayer	Piece	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
16	Infrared thermometer	Piece	0	0	12	12	12	12	12	0	0	12
17	Surgical gloves	Piece	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	0
18	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	300	200	200	200	200	200	200	500	500	500
19	Bucket	Piece	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
20	Washing liquid	Piece	12	18	18	18	18	18	18	12	12	18
21	Chlorine granules	45KG	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Table 5: Response commodities distributed in week 11 (cont'd)

S/N	ITEM	U.O.M	Federal Medical Centre Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	Cross River State Ministry of Health	University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Cross River State	Enugu State Ministry of Health	University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu State	Abia State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Umuahia, Abia State	Ebonyi State Ministry of Health	Alex-Ekwueme Federal University Teaching Hospital, Abia State
1	Gown	Piece	1,000	2,100	1,000	1,600	1,000	2,100	1,000	2,100	1,000
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	1,000	650	1,000	1,500	1,000	650	1,000	650	1,000
3	Face mask	Piece	2,500	4,000	2,500	6,000	2,500	4,000	2,500	4,000	2,500
4	N95/KN95 Face mask	Piece	1,500	1,800	1,500	2,800	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,500
5	Face shield	Piece	1,000	600	1,000	1,300	1,000	600	1,000	600	1,000
6	Goggles	Piece	200	120	200	120	200	120	200	120	200
7	Bio-Hazard bag	Piece	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
8	Sharps container (Plastic)	Piece	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
9	Hand sanitizer 100ml	Piece	24	20	24	20	24	20	24	20	24
10	Rubber boots	Piece	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10

S/N	ITEM	U.O.M	Federal Medical Centre Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	Cross River State Ministry of Health	University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Cross River State	Enugu State Ministry of Health	University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu State	Abia State Ministry of Health	Federal Medical Centre Umuahia, Abia State	Ebonyi State Ministry of Health	Alex-Ekwueme Federal University Teaching Hospital, Abia State
11	Sharps container (Paper)	Piece	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10
12	Shoe cover	Pair	500	500	500	700	500	500	500	500	500
13	Hypochlorite 400ml-1.5l	Piece	14	0	14	0	14	0	14	0	14
14	Back Pack sprayer	Piece	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
15	Infrared thermometer	Piece	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0
16	Surgical gloves	Piece	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50
17	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	300	500	300	500	300	500	300	500	300
18	Bucket	Piece	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
19	Washing liquid	Piece	12	18	12	18	12	18	12	18	12
20	Chlorine granules	45KG	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

IN FOCUS: Safe celebrations during the COVID-19 pandemic

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has affected how we live, work, how we worship and, significantly, how we mark key religious festivals. As Nigerians plan to celebrate Easter and begin Ramadan, it is very important to remember the public health and social measures required to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.

The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads between people, mainly when an infected person is in close contact with another person. The virus can spread from an infected person's mouth or nose when they cough, sneeze, speak, sing or breathe heavily. Some people who are infected may not have symptoms. This is why it is very important that safety measures are practiced at all times.

It is important to note that in observing holidays, it is safer to gather virtually. If you are meeting with other people, this should be done outdoors and at least two metres apart from others.

Other important public health and safety measures include:

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

The National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) continues to lead the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in Nigeria. The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine which is being distributed has two doses. It may take a week or two for your body to build up some protection from the first dose of vaccine. However, the best protection is provided after the second dose of the vaccine. It is very important that everyone, including those who are vaccinated, continue to take recommended precautions to avoid infection.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, sneezing, loss of smell and taste among many others (see [case definitions for health workers](#) and [the community](#)). It is important to get tested when you have any of the symptoms in the case definition or if you are a close contact to any confirmed case. If in doubt on how to get a test, call your state emergency line or call 6232, the NCDC Connect Centre toll free number.

The NCDC re-emphasises to all Nigerians on the need to avoid non-essential travel during the Easter celebration.

Although the number of new COVID-19 cases in Nigeria is declining, there is still a high risk of transmission. It is very important that Nigerians continue to take responsibility at all times, including during Easter and Ramadan.

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 **52** Rapid Response Teams (RRT) to states. Currently, response activities include:

- **Ongoing assessment of infection prevention and control (IPC) capacity in the FCT**
- **Trained Local Government Area (LGA) staff on IPC protocols during vaccination activities in Niger State**
- **Assessed and supported the implementation of triage stations in health facilities in Niger State**
- **Trained Mission hospitals on IPC measures in Anambra State**
- **Activated Osun State Molecular Laboratory for SARS-CoV-2 testing**
- **Ongoing preventive maintenance of COVID-19 network of laboratories in Lagos**
- **Supported safe opening of NYSC orientation camps in 36 States and FCT**
- **Ongoing monthly deployment of COVID-19 commodities across the States and Teaching Hospitals in the South-West, South-East, North-Central, North-West and North-East zones**
- **Deployed personal protective equipment (PPE) and consumables to the laboratory network**
- **Held virtual strategic coordination meeting with State Incident Managers, State Epidemiologists and Case Management focal persons on reducing the rising number of deaths in the states**
- **Provided supportive monitoring and supervision of IPC activities with camps officials in preparation for NYSC camp activities**
- **Trained health workers on IPC basics with emphasis on screening, identification and notification of suspected cases of diseases in Edo State**
- **Conducted onsite training and supportive supervision in Ekiti State treatment centre**
- **Deployed IPC commodities and laboratory testing materials to NYSC camps across the country**
- **Continued 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 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 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/>