

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

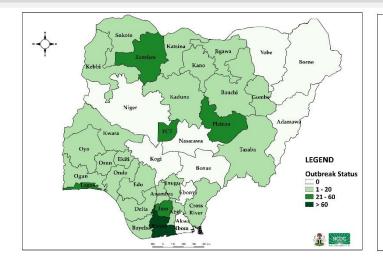




Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 46 only)

Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- In Week 46, the number of samples tested decreased to **38,724** from **42,885** reported in week 45. These were reported in **36** states and FCT (Tables 1).
- In Week 46, the number of new confirmed cases increased to 442 (1.1%) from 434 (1.0%) reported in week 45. These were reported in 27 states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2). This includes backlogs reported from Anambra (11) and Taraba (18) and FCT (15)
- In Week 46, the number of discharged cases decreased to **786** from **1,557** in week 45.
- There were 6 deaths reported in the last one week (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **213,589** cases and **2,974** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.4%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 46, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was **5,394** of which **17** (0.3%) were positive compared to **18** (0.4%) (out of **4,600** tested) in week 45.
- In Week 46, the number of out-bound international travellers tested was 6,159 of which 30 (0.5%) were positive compared to 33 (0.6%) (out of 5,091 tested) in week 45.
- Worldwide, there has been **257,469,528** confirmed COVID-19 cases with **5,158,211 deaths** resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.0%**.

# **GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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

07175	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE	TES	TESTING	
STATE	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	CASES	Total	Last Week	
Abia	2,030	10	1,990	1	31	1	9	35,683	307	
Adamawa	1,157	0	1,098	0	32	0	27	28,117	30	
Akwa Ibom	4,348	0	4,076	0	44	0	228	43,909	230	
Anambra <sup>a</sup>	2,405	18	2,386	53	19	0	0	47,241	175	
Bauchi	1,783	16	1,701	0	23	0	59	35,738	242	
Bayelsa	1,248	1	1,208	4	28	0	12	32,562	319	
Benue	1,863	0	1,455	0	25	0	383	43,529	20	
Borno	1,356	0	1,317	0	38	0	1	24,182	446	
Cross River	662	2	622	22	25	0	15	16,019	16	
Delta	4,145	1	2,556	0	110	0	1,479	69,449	1,138	
Ebonyi	2,062	0	2,004	0	32	0	26	35,105	26	
Edo	6,599	1	6,318	2	280	0	1	103,866	1,193	
Ekiti	1,778	1	1,739	13	28	0	11	46,613	417	
Enugu	2,788	12	2,747	0	29	0	12	58,217	79	
<b>FCT</b> <sup>b</sup>	23,459	44	22,749	396	224	1	486	473,742	7,568	
Gombe	2,722	16	2,640	39	58	0	24	90,974	700	
Imo	2,174	38	1,956	5	41	0	177	68,747	713	
Jigawa	611	1	590	0	17	0	4	21,098	277	
Kaduna	10,152	13	10,010	13	81	0	61	161,982	839	
Kano	4,411	18	4,233	18	120	1	58	134,859	357	
Katsina	2,318	1	2,210	0	37	0	71	58,560	1,072	
Kebbi	470	6	454	21	16	0	0	23,269	22	
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	10,157	3	
Kwara	3,999	15	3,700	50	64	1	235	42,629	92	
Lagos	78,008	59	76,919	0	753	0	336	918,719	14,276	
Nasarawa	2,517	0	2,345	0	39	0	133	34,231	65	
Niger	1,057	0	998	0	20	0	39	26,310	220	
Ogun	5,375	1	5,294	1	80	0	1	103,619	923	
Ondo	4,580	7	4,475	42	98	0	7	43,153	160	
Osun	3,027	3	2,906	8	86	0	35	31,482	667	
Оуо	8,767	3	8,560	0	191	0	16	101,823	434	

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	CASES	Total	Last Week
Plateau	9,916	35	9,804	0	71	0	41	83,300	561
Rivers	12,854	69	12,640	38	154	0	60	354,289	4,771
Sokoto	810	3	779	0	28	0	3	32,645	223
Taraba <sup>c</sup>	1,269	19	1,222	6	32	2	15	18,900	4
Yobe	502	0	490	0	9	0	3	30,937	5
Zamfara	362	29	324	54	9	0	29	17,651	134
Total	213,589	442	206,518	786	2,974	6	4,097	3,503,306	38,724

NB –

<sup>a</sup> 18 Confirmed cases reported for Anambra include 11 backlogs from week 45

<sup>b</sup> 44 Confirmed cases reported for FCT include 15 backlogs from week 45

<sup>b</sup> 396 recoveries reported for FCT include community discharge

<sup>c</sup> 19 cases reported from Taraba State include 18 backlogs from weeks 44 and 45

### Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Туре	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	31,728	81.9%
RDT	6,996	18.1%
TOTAL	38,724	

### Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Туре	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	2,891,703	82.5%
RDT	611,603	17.5%
TOTAL	3,503,306	

## **PASSENGERS TESTS**

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for returning Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	INBOUND
54Gene Abuja	617
Medbury Medical Services	421
Medbury	403
54Gene Lagos	356
DNA labs Abuja	296
Clina-Lancet Laboratories	284
Cedarcrest Abuja	249
AFRIGLOBAL	228
Life Center	208
SYNLAB	198
Genequest	162
Zaine Lab	160
Arrive Alive	143
Clinix Healthcare	120
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	107
Vcare	103
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	101
ACOUNS	96
Lily Lab	94
E-clinic & Diagnostics	92
BIOLOGIX	88
Edo Specialist Hospital	88
Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	85
Ibom Molecular Laboratory	73
Me Cure	69
DemyHealth	67
IFAIN	65
Arab Labs	54
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	50
Harley And Rainbow	43
Funbell	35
Biosensors Medical Diagnostics	30

### 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)	UMTH (Borno)
PLASVIREC (Plateau)	Warri Lab (Delta)
GH Kagarko (Kaduna)	Delta Mobile Lab (Delta)
FMC (Owerri)	FMC (Katsina)
UBTH (Edo)	AE-FETHA (Ebonyi)
DLHMH (Cross River)	FMC Makurdi (Benue)
FMCG (Zamfara)	FMCJ (Taraba)
Sobi IDH (Kwara)	USUMH (Borno)

Lifebridge	29
Zankli Medical Centre (The Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab)	29
Total	27
NIZAMIYE	26
TOBIS MDL	24
WellMed	21
CoolSpring	15
54Gene Ogun	11
Grandville	7
Evercare	6
LASUCOM	5
The Specialist Lab	4
Union Diagnostics	3
MEDILAG	2
Grand Total	5,394

### Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for outbound Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	OUTBOUND
54Gene Lagos	693
DNA labs Abuja	530
Medbury	509
Life Center	504
Cedarcrest Abuja	437
E-clinic & Diagnostics	423
Zaine Lab	378
Medbury Medical Services	309
DemyHealth	276
54Gene Abuja	259
ACOUNS	149
Clinix Healthcare	146
Everight Diagnostics (Abuja)	146
Edo Specialist Hospital	140
Arrive Alive	136

Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	107
54Gene Ogun	104
Lily Lab	99
Lifebridge	74
lbom Molecular Laboratory	72
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	72
Harley And Rainbow	65
Me Cure	65
Arab Labs	60
Evercare	49
Iml	39
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	31
Funbell	31
CoolSpring	30
Genequest	30
54Gene Kano	28
Ifain	27
Biosensors Medical Diagnostics	20
TOBIS MDL	20
AFRIGLOBAL	16
Zankli Medical Centre (The Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab)	14
Accunalysis	14
The Specialist Lab	13
Grandville	11
NIZAMIYE	11
MEDILAG	10
LASUCOM	9
WellMed	2
Total	1
Grand Total	6,159

# DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

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

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CONFIRMED	WEEK 46	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
CASES		November	November	November	November	November	November	November
CASES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anambra <sup>a</sup>	18	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
Bauchi	16	7	2	1	1	3	1	1
Bayelsa	1	1	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	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	12	0	0	3	0	0	0	9
FCT <sup>b</sup>	44	0	16	0	7	6	15	0
Gombe	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Imo	38	0	38	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	13	4	0	5	0	1	0	3
Kano	18	4	0	9	2	1	1	1
Katsina	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kebbi	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	59	0	17	1	2	0	9	30
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ondo	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED	WEEK 46	15 <sup>th</sup> November	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	18 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November	20 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> November
CASES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Оуо	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	35	0	20	5	0	9	0	1
Rivers	69	2	5	52	2	0	1	7
Sokoto	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Taraba	19	0	4	0	15	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	29	0	15	0	14	0	0	0
Total	442	30	144	82	61	23	45	57

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# DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED	WEEK 46	15 <sup>th</sup> November	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	18 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November	20 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> November
RECOVERIES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	0	3	0	6	0	1	0	3
Anambra	53	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	4	0	0	21	0	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	22	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	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	13	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
FCT <sup>a</sup>	396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gombe	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	5	12	1	12	2	6	3	2
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	13	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Kano	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katsina	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	21	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	50	3	0	6	0	1	0	3
Lagos	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0
Ogun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	42	0	50	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 46	15 <sup>th</sup> November	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	18 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November	20 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> November
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Оуо	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sokoto	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	786	18	269	66	8	8	3	42

## NB

<sup>a</sup> 396 recoveries reported for FCT include community discharge

# DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 46	15 <sup>th</sup> November	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	18 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November	20 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> November
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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 <sup>a</sup>	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	0	1	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	1	0	1	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	1	0	1	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Оуо	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	2	0	2	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	0	5	0	0	0	0	1

NB - <sup>a</sup> Deaths reported from Edo State are backlog of deaths from September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

## DAILY EPICURVE

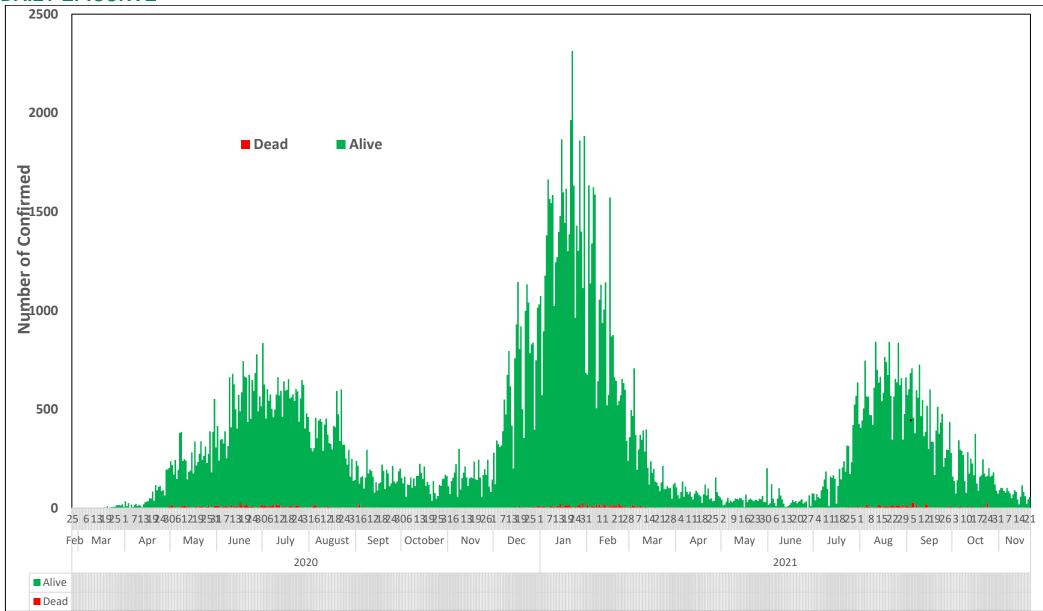


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 21st November 2021

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## AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

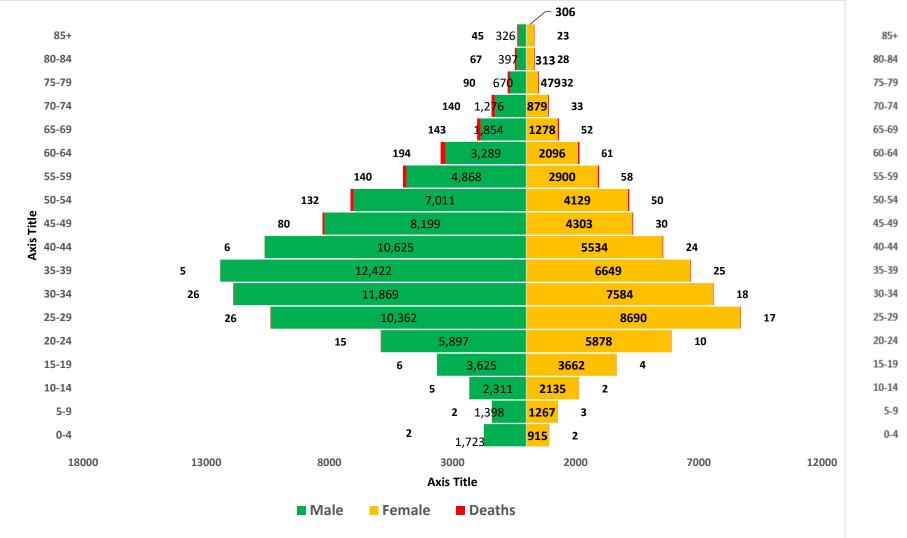


Figure 7: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK46, 2021)

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# IN FOCUS: Improving Nationwide Testing with Antigen-based Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits

In Nigeria, improving national testing capacity for SARS-CoV-2 is a critical aspect of our response to COVID-19. With the recent news and confirmation of the B.1.1.529 variant as a Variant of Concern (VOC), the importance of timely detection of this virus cannot be over emphasised. In addition to the rapid expansion and accreditation of molecular laboratories nationwide for COVID-19 testing since the pandemic began, we have adopted the World Health Organization (WHO) approved antigen-based rapid diagnostic tests (Ag-RDTs) as part of the national testing strategy.

While Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests remain the gold standard for testing, Ag-RDTs are costeffective and have a shorter turn-around time. This is very important to ensuring accessibility to COVID-19 testing and reducing the risk of further COVID-19 transmission.

Based on Nigeria's strategy on the use of Ag-RDTs, the tests are currently recommended for use in the following contexts:

- 1. Screening for COVID-19 in health care personnel and patients with symptoms of COVID-19 presenting in hospital triage areas.
- 2. Screening for COVID-19 in non-symptomatic patients before elective surgery and/or emergencies.
- 3. Screening for COVID-19 among contacts of a PCR confirmed case
- 4. Screening for COVID-19 in closed settings such as for students in boarding houses, prison inmates, National Youth Service Corps camps, and other similar closed settings.

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) continues to deploy Ag-RDTs across the country for use in health facilities and treatment centres as well as events held by ministries, departments, and agencies. The agency has conducted zonal training of trainers on the appropriate and safe use of Ag-RDTs for COVID-19 testing. In addition, as part of efforts to support the safe reopening of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) orientation camps, NCDC has supported the testing of each batch of corps members using Ag-RDTs in 37 camps.

Testing with Ag-RDTs must be undertaken by trained personnel and must not replace the use of PCR. In some instances, they should be used in combination, depending on the epidemiological situation and clinical history of the individual. For more information on the use of Ag-RDTs read: <u>Guidance on the Use of Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Kits for Diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Nigeria</u>

The NCDC continues to work collaboratively with State Ministries of Health and partners to facilitate the continued roll-out of Ag-RDT kits and step-down trainings on the use of Ag-RDTs nationwide.

Regarding the newly announced VOC, B.1.1.529, we are strengthening our genomic surveillance including ensuring the completeness of sequencing of the virus in positive samples of all travelers and especially those from all countries with confirmed cases. The NCDC is also working with the testing laboratories to ensure the provisions of the current travel guidelines are strictly adhered to. We encourage Nigerians to take advantage of the increased availability and accessibility to COVID-19 testing nationwide to lower the risk of potential transmission of coronavirus. Given the higher risk of emergence of new and possibly dangerous variants from unvaccinated or under vaccinated populations, it is essential that Nigerians make use of all existing opportunities to get their COVID-19 vaccines. We may be the next country enduring a travel ban if any new variant is identified from Nigeria in the near future.

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

### COORDINATION

- Ongoing COVID-19 workshop for Inter-Action Review (IAR) Improvement Plan Matrix, Incident Action Plan (IAP) Review and Sustainability Plan Development
- 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

### RESEARCH

- Approval granted by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) to conduct Understanding COVID-19 in Nigeria: a qualitative exploration of community members' and health professionals' perspectives
- 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 study on knowledge and compliance of health care workers to infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in the control of COVID-19 infection

## CASE MANAGEMENT – Led by Department of Hospital Services, Federal Ministry of Health

- Conducted case management training on Home Base Isolation Care in South-South and South-Easter Zones
- Ongoing research on drivers of mortality prognostic factors and other health sector challenges associated with COVID-19 deaths in treatment centres in Abia, Delta, Edo, Kaduna, Kano, Lagos, Niger, Ogun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, and Yobe States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT)

### EPIDEMIOLOGY/SURVEILLANCE AND POINT OF ENTRY

- 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 Public Health Institute (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

## **INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)**

- Ongoing support for the implementation of Hand Hygiene practices through the PALs approach in pilot health facilities
- Ongoing support to the Home-based isolation care training for the South-South and South-Eastern Zones

- Conducted review of hospital acquired infection (HAI) investigation form with a view to target healthcare workers directly and to apply HAI tool for feedback and further information
- Ongoing COVID-19 training of health care workers under the Nigeria Armed Forces medical wing
- Ongoing investigation of cases of healthcare worker infection in collaboration with Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) COVID-19 response team
- Ongoing assessment of 30 health facilities in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Nasarawa State for IPC implementation in collaboration with Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN)

## LABORATORY

- Completed the production and distribution of NCDC SARS-CoV-2 External Quality Assessment panels to 35 laboratories across Nigeria
- 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

## LOGISTICS

- Concluded Medical Counter Measure (MCM) forecasting and quantification workshop for all outbreaks including COVID-19 in collaboration with WHO to identify and estimate the health products and consumables needed for investigation, prevention and response to public health emergencies and events for the year 2022
- Ongoing quarterly commodity monitoring and stock verification exercise to reconcile data across states, check available stock balance and utilisation records
- Ongoing prepositioning 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

### **RISK COMMUNICATION**

- Participated in the 2-day orientation and planning meeting with state health educators on covid-19 mass vaccination campaign
- Held Covid-19 Risk Communication & Community Engagement (RCCE) pillar meeting to discuss approaches on scaling risk communication activities
- Held meeting with Breakthrough Action Nigeria (BAN) to discuss plans and campaign for the yuletide season
- Integrated COVID-19 messages by leveraging on the cholera RRT sent to Oyo, Kebbi, Adamawa, Sokoto, Gombe and Yobe States
- Continued support to National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in COVID-19 vaccination campaign
- Ongoing media appearances on radio and television

## NEXT STEPS

- Conduct mortality review for November 2021 mortalities and backlog from Edo State
- Apply for NHREC clearance for Post-Acute Sequalae of SARS-CoV-2; Knowledge & compliance of HCWs to IPC measures
- Support Covid-19 social and behavioral change (SBC) review workshop supported by BAN
- Intensify risk communication at all levels in preparation for the festive season

- Conduct prospective IPC training of healthcare workers under the Nigeria Armed Forces (Southeast)
- Conduct meeting with relevant stakeholders in preparations for the festive period
- Conduct refresher trainings/ webinars on healthcare worker safety and standard/transmissionbased precautions
- Link state networks to support healthcare worker (HCW) infection investigations and monitoring activities
- Support Jigawa and Bayelsa States on infodemic management to improve compliance to Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions and address rumors, myths, and misconceptions
- Commence review of the IPC Assessment Tool (IPCAT) and IPC Assessment Framework (IPCAF)
- Conduct IPC facility assessment in Edo and Ondo States
- Conduct media engagement meeting/training of journalist and media professionals
- Commence training of frontline health care workers on Home Based Isolation & Care (HBIC)
- Intensify genomic surveillance activities across the country

## 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 to respond to the pandemic:

- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 released a press statement on <u>Revised</u> <u>International Travel Protocol into Nigeria</u>
- NCDC published <u>COVID-19 safety guidelines for Conferences and Events in Nigeria</u>
- NCDC issued a press release on the detection of the <u>first confirmed case of delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria</u>
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 reviewed and published <u>Travel advisory for</u> passengers arriving Nigeria from Brazil, India and Turkey to include South Africa
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- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 published <u>Implementation guidelines for phased</u> <u>restriction of movement</u>
- NCDC published One year of COVID-19 response in Nigeria
- NCDC and NIMR publish <u>findings of COVID-19 household seroprevalence surveys in four states</u>
   <u>of Nigeria</u>
- NCDC published a <u>Statement on variants of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria</u>
- The Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and partners, PTF and NCDC have developed: <u>Guidance</u> <u>for integrated safe school re-opening 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</u>
- COVID-19 Health Protection Regulation signed by President Muhammadu Buhari on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021: <u>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Health Protection Regulations 2021</u>
- NCDC published an updated *community case definitions for coronavirus disease 2019*
- The Federal Ministry of Health and NCDC published <u>COVID-19 Patient's handbook for home-based care in Nigeria</u>
- NCDC published an updated <u>case definitions for coronavirus disease</u>
- NCDC published <u>Guidance for the use of approved COVID-19 antigen-based rapid diagnostic</u> <u>tests in Nigeria</u>
- Update of *travel protocols* for all travellers into Nigeria from <u>UK and South Africa</u>
- NCDC recently launched the <u>Celebrate Responsibly</u> 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: <u>Celebrate Responsibly and Save Lives New Awareness</u> <u>Campaign for the Yuletide Season</u>

- Ahead of the Christmas and end of year festivity, NCDC published the <u>End-of-Year Travel Advisory</u> on COVID-19
- NCDC recently launched the <u>COVID-19 blog</u> 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: <u>Guidelines on 2020 National Youth Service Corps</u> (NYSC) Orientation Camp activities
- NCDC published guidance on the use of antigen RDTS: <u>Guidance on the use of Antigen Rapid</u> <u>Diagnostic Kits for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Nigeria</u>
- NCDC published guidance on safe school re-opening: <u>Public Health guidance for Safe School re-opening in Nigeria</u>
- NCDC published second interim guidance Infection Prevention and Control: <u>Recommendations</u> <u>during health care provision for suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19</u>
- NCDC recently published the first edition of a quick reference guide on setting up sample collection centre - <u>A step by step guide on setting up a sample collection centre</u>
- NCDC has launched an online course on <u>Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) for COVID-19</u> NCDC eLearning platform
- Ahead of forthcoming elections in the country, NCDC has issued <u>Guidelines for Conducting</u> <u>Elections During the COVID-19 Outbreak in Nigeria</u>.
- To protect our elders, and those with pre-existing medical conditions, NCDC has issued an <u>Advisory for Vulnerable Groups</u>.
- NCDC has released guidelines on the re-opening of places for worship.
- NCDC has released <u>Strategies to Improve Surveillance for COVID-19 Guidance for States</u>
- The Nigeria Police Force has released COVID-19 operational guidelines for the <u>Police and other</u> <u>Law Enforcement Agencies</u> in Nigeria
- Guidelines have been issued for the <u>safe transportation of remains of persons suspected or</u> <u>confirmed to have died of COVID-19</u>
- Information on diagnostics of the COVID-19 virus can be found in our <u>detailed FAQ document</u>.
- 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 <u>case definition</u>, <u>community case definition</u> and <u>case management guide</u>.
- NCDC releases periodic *public health advisories* to Nigerians on the COVID-19 disease.
- To adhere to post-lockdown measures, NCDC has released an <u>advisory on the use of face masks</u>, as well as information on the <u>Use of Cloth face masks</u> and <u>how to make your cloth face masks</u>.
- NCDC has released guidelines for the <u>management of pregnant women and nursing mothers</u> during the pandemic.
- To address burials of loved ones who die from COVID-19, guidelines have been issued to advise on the <u>management of dead bodies</u>.
- 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 <u>National</u> <u>Strategy to Scale Up Access to Coronavirus Disease Testing in Nigeria</u> document.
- The Presidential Task Force has published policies and announcements on COVID-19 <u>available</u> 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: <u>www.covid19.ncdc.gov.ng</u> | <u>www.ncdc.gov.ng</u>
- Nigerian Presidency Website on COVID-19: <u>www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19</u>
- WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard (source for global updates) <u>https://covid19.who.int/</u>