

## **COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT**

## **WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 21**

Epi Week 09: 1st - 7th March 2021

#### DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

#### STATE OF THE NATION

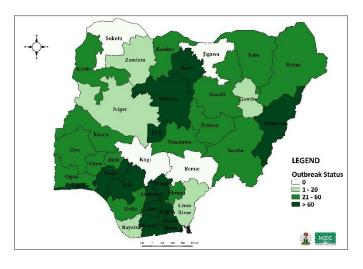




Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 9 only)

Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- In Week 09, the number of new confirmed cases decreased to **2,878** from **3,583** reported in week 08. These were reported in **32** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2).
- In Week 09, the number of discharged cases decreased to **4,314** from **5,123** in week 08. These were reported in **25** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 3).
- The number of reported deaths in the last one week in 13 states and FCT was 62 (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **1,969** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.2%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 09, the number of in-bound international travellers at Nigerian airports was **13,034** compared with **12,539** in Week 08.
- In Week 08, the number of international travellers with a positive result was **136** compared to **226** from week 08.
- Globally, the count for confirmed COVID-19 cases is **116,874,912** with **2,597,381 deaths** resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.2**%

## **GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

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

	CONFI	RMED	RECOV	ERIES	DE	ATHS	ACTIVE	TEST	ΓING
STATES -	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	CASES	Total	Last Week
Abia	1,588	68	1,503	76	21	0	64	19,209	495
Adamawa	942	180 <sup>a</sup>	270	6	31	3	641	13,332	64
Akwa Ibom	1,610	109	1,042	192	14	0	554	15,274	1,061
Anambra	1,813	87	1,599	8	19	0	195	21,371	891
Bauchi	1,274	50	1,196	0	17	0	61	18,774	1,552
Bayelsa	779	10	744	38	26	0	9	14,587	255
Benue	1,188	0	591	0	22	0	575	15,086	504
Borno	1,308	32	1,200	136	38	0	70	18,962	352
Cross River	334	10	274	20	17	4	43	5,705	72
Delta	2,582	28	1,744	0	65	0	773	32,382	415
Ebonyi	1,951	40	1,547	0	31	0	373	12,766	1,001
Edo	4,670	118	4,274	318	180	14	216	30,595	285
Ekiti	834	32	733	76	10	0	91	14,423	301
Enugu	2,156	153	1,865	0	29	0	262	18,919	721
FCT	19,350	139	11,926	83	153	8	7,271	225,305	7,774
Gombe	2,010	6	1,952	91	43	0	15	41,723	39
Imo	1,569	95	1,407	144	31	3	131	30,858	1,037
Jigawa	496	0	429	0	11	0	56	7,161	11
Kaduna	8,658	182	8,424	98	65	3	169	69,103	2,556
Kano	3,844	94	3,579	105	108	4	157	85,995	2,834
Katsina	2,060	31	2,025	55	34	7	1	35,522	41
Kebbi	412	38	323	23	14	0	75	11,422	2,327
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	3,382	3
Kwara	2,962	44	2,585	284	51	0	326	20,914	61
Lagos	56,473	745	54,922	1,402	415	5	1,136	396,042	7,568
Nasarawa	2,251	36	373	0	13	0	1,865	20,561	379
Niger	919	6	417	0	17	0	485	16,224	56
Ogun	4,437	49	3,987	383	47	1	403	62,935	278

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STATES —	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	CASES	Total	Last Week
Ondo	3,066	83	2,080	0	58	1	928	21,580	223
Osun	2,457	28	2,199	238	52	2	206	16,584	765
Oyo	6,766	41	5,784	147	114	4	868	52,974	1,220
Plateau	8,944	55	8,783	65	57	0	104	62,548	231
Rivers	6,680	202	6,294	177	97	3	289	145,627	5,062
Sokoto	769	0	741	1	28	0	0	17,727	21
Taraba	863	59	767	131	22	0	74	11,124	109
Yobe	293	25	259	17	9	0	25	8,262	59
Zamfara	222	3	214	0	8	0	0	6,118	11
Total	158,535	2,878	138,055	4,314	1,969	62	18,511	1,621,076	40,634

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>This includes cases which should have been reported in the previous week

## Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Туре	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	37,582	92.5%
RDT	3,052	7.5%
TOTAL	40,634	

## **Test type disaggregation (cumulative)**

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	1,495,849	92.3%
RDT	125,227	7.7%
TOTAL	1,621,076	

#### **RETURNING PASSENGERS TESTS**

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

LABORATORY	IN-BOUND
54Gene Abuja	219
ACOUNS laboratory Diagnostic Center	93
AML, Ikeja	260
Arab Labs	10
ARRIVE Alive, Ojuelegba	78
BIOLOGIX	87
Cedarcrest, Abuja	38
CLINA-LANCET Laboratories, Lagos	797
CLINA-LANCET Laboratories, Abuja	24
CLINIX HEALTHCARE	172
DNA labs, Abuja	94
E-clinic & Diagnostics	38
EHA Clinics	247
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	43
Everight diagnostics (Imo)	394
Harley and Rainbow Specialized	63
Laboratory	03
LASUCOM Molecular Laboratory	7
Medbury Medical Services	30
Medbury PCR Laboratory	595
Medicaid, Abuja	59
SYNLAB	219
TOTAL	24
UNION DIAGNOSTICS	24
VCARE	101
WellMed	9
ZAINE LAB	60
Grand Total	3,785

#### **BACKLOG OF REPORTED TESTS**

Name of Lab	# Test
COOUTH, Awka	450

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

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

## DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

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

Table 2. States with reported laboratory-committed COVID-19 cases daily over the last week										
	WEEK 09	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>		
CONFIRMED	WLLK 09	March								
CASES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
Abia	68	0	10	3	22	13	20	0		
Adamawa	180	0	0	0	180	0	0	0		
Akwa Ibom	109	17	1	33	20	16	9	13		
Anambra	87	0	0	0	54	31	0	2		
Bauchi	50	4	4	0	0	0	5	37		
Bayelsa	10	0	3	0	7	0	0	0		
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Borno	32	0	16	5	0	0	6	5		
Cross River	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0		
Delta	28	19	3	3	3	0	0	0		
Ebonyi	40	0	17	0	0	23	0	0		
Edo	118	38	17	4	30	4	18	7		
Ekiti	32	0	2	9	10	2	3	6		
Enugu	153	0	75	0	0	0	0	78		
FCT	139	23	40	18	21	15	7	15		
Gombe	6	0	0	5	1	0	0	0		
lmo	95	23	0	31	0	23	0	18		
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kaduna	182	25	18	69	22	13	22	13		
Kano	94	3	11	26	20	20	10	4		
Katsina	31	1	0	30	0	0	0	0		
Kebbi	38	3	0	11	10	3	0	11		
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kwara	44	13	0	0	0	22	0	9		
Lagos	745	120	153	131	141	101	70	29		
Nasarawa	36	15	7	0	10	1	0	3		
Niger	6	2	2	0	0	0	2	0		
Ogun	49	8	2	13	5	3	2	16		
Ondo	83	0	0	23	60	0	0	0		

CONFIRMED	WEEK 09	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>ND</sup> March	3 <sup>RD</sup> March	4 <sup>TH</sup> March	5 <sup>TH</sup> March	6 <sup>тн</sup> March	7 <sup>тн</sup> March
CASES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	28	4	0	6	5	5	5	3
Oyo	41	9	12	6	5	4	5	0
Plateau	55	17	17	5	11	0	3	2
Rivers	202	16	50	12	41	54	7	22
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	59	0	9	0	33	17	0	0
Yobe	25	0	0	20	0	0	0	5
Zamfara	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Total	2,878	360	479	464	711	371	195	298

## DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

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

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CONFIRMED	WEEKOS	March						
RECOVERIES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	76	0	61	0	0	15	0	0
Adamawa	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	192	35	25	45	31	18	15	23
Anambra	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	38	19	0	15	0	4	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	136	0	0	0	0	0	136	0
Cross River	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	318	109	35	51	0	88	20	15
Ekiti	76	50	2	1	1	1	19	2
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	83	70	1	5	0	0	4	3
Gombe	91	49	42	0	0	0	0	0
lmo	144	0	0	144	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	98	23	25	0	0	0	34	16
Kano	105	15	22	5	0	24	13	26
Katsina	55	13	0	42	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	23	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	284	0	0	0	0	204	0	80
Lagos	1402	81	204	229	273	167	282	166
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	383	64	60	35	54	45	73	52
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 09	1 <sup>ST</sup> March Monday	2 <sup>ND</sup> March Tuesday	3 <sup>RD</sup> March Wednesday	4 <sup>TH</sup> March Thursday	5 <sup>TH</sup> March Friday	6 <sup>TH</sup> March Saturday	7 <sup>TH</sup> March Sunday
	238		15		22	60	15	16
Osun		106		4		60		10
Oyo	147	10	37	80	17	0	3	0
Plateau	65	35	0	0	30	0	0	0
Rivers	177	36	37	44	19	31	6	4
Sokoto	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Taraba	131	0	61	0	45	25	0	0
Yobe	17	0	0	9	0	0	0	8
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,314	715	647	732	499	690	620	411

## DAILY FATALITIES - DATA AS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

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

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CONFIRMED	WEEK 05	March						
FATALITIES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	3	0	0	0	3	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	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	14	4	0	5	0	1	4	0
Ekiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	8	1	3	0	1	0	3	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
lmo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Kano	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Katsina	7	2	0	5	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	5	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED	WEEK 09	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>ND</sup> March	3 <sup>RD</sup> March	4 <sup>TH</sup> March	5 <sup>TH</sup> March	6 <sup>TH</sup> March	7 <sup>TH</sup> March
FATALITIES	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ogun	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Osun	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Oyo	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	3	1	0	0	2	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	62	8	8	16	12	3	10	5

## **RESPONSE COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION**

Table 5: Response commodities distributed in week 9

S/N	Personal Protective Equipment	u.o.m	Gombe State Ministry of Health	Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe	Bauchi State Ministry of Health	Abubakar Tafewa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi State
1	Gown	Piece	1,600	1,000	1,600	1,000
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
3	Face Mask	Piece	6,000	2,500	6,000	2,500
4	N95/KN95 Face Masks	Piece	2,800	1,500	2,800	1,500
5	Face Shield	Piece	1,300	1,000	1,300	1,000
6	Examination Gloves	Pack	300	150	300	150
7	Goggles	Piece	120	200	120	200
8	Bio-Hazard Bag	Piece	100	100	100	100
9	Sharps Container (Plastic)	Piece	50	50	50	50
10	Hand Sanitizer 100ml	Piece	20	24	20	24
11	Rubber Boots	Piece	12	10	12	10
12	Sharps Container (Paper)	Piece	0	10	0	10
13	Shoe Cover	Pair	700	500	700	500
14	Hypochlorite 400ml-1.5l	Piece	0	14	0	14
15	Back pack Sprayer	Piece	1	0	1	0
16	Surgical Gloves	Pair	0	50	0	50
17	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Pair	500	300	500	300
18	Bucket	Piece	0	1	0	1
19	Washing Liquid	Piece	18	12	18	12

## **DAILY EPICURVE**

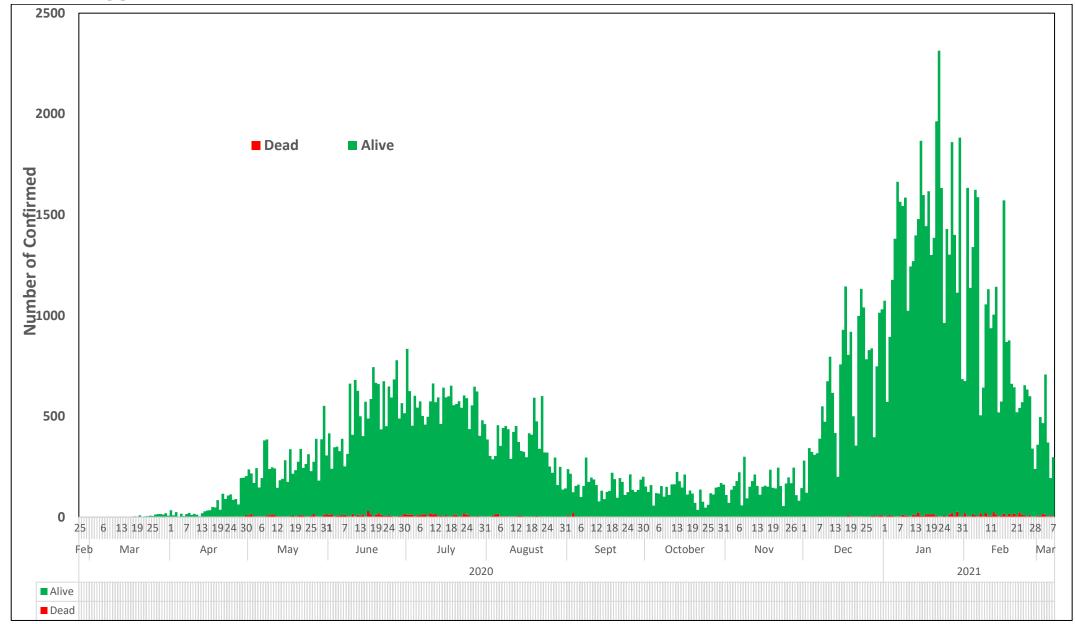


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 7th March 2021

#### AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

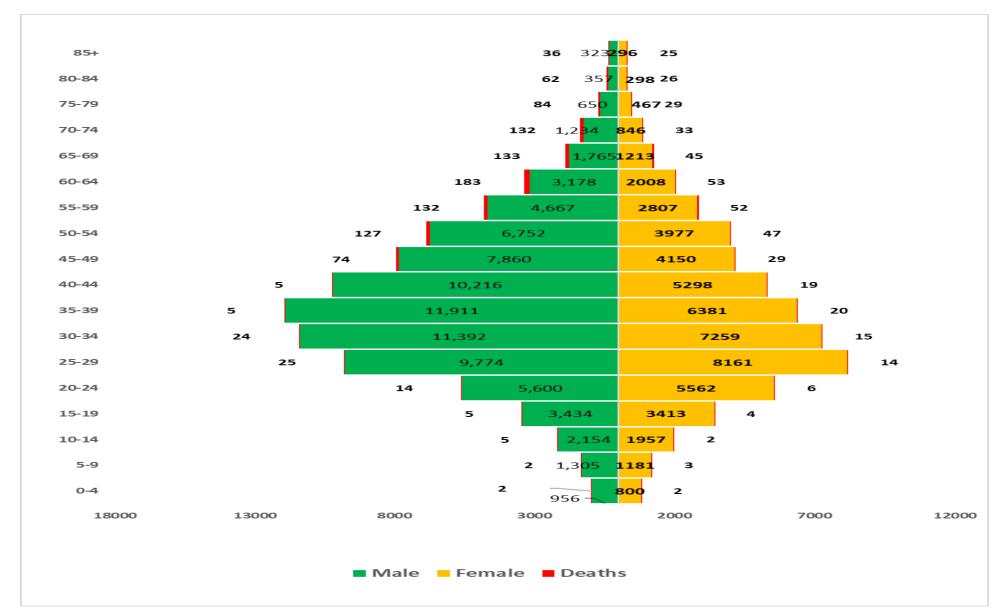


Figure 4: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK09, 2021)

#### IN FOCUS: Nigeria's One Year COVID-19 Response Journey

International Women's Day was on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. This year's theme is #ChooseToChallenge. For centuries, women have chosen to challenge the status quo, contributing strongly to scientific research and development, public health and related activities.

This year's theme amplifies the innovative and resourceful achievement of Nigerian women in science and public health. In 2012, when the H1N1 Swine Flu spread to Nigeria, Dr Ameyo Adadevoh was the first to alert the Federal Ministry of Health, and in 2014 she curbed a wider spread of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Nigeria by placing the patient zero, in quarantine. On 27 February 2020, Dr. Amarachukwu Allison detected Nigeria's first COVID-19 confirmed case.

Globally, 70 per cent of health workers and first responders are women. In NCDC, more than 80% of departments, units & projects are led by women. This is a testimony to NCDC's culture of supporting gender equality in health security.

According to a recent policy brief by the United Nations, while everyone is facing unprecedented challenges, women are bearing the brunt of the economic and social fallout of COVID-19. As the country continues to proactively contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, we take time to thank the women who have been tireless in our nation's response to the pandemic.

We thank female state epidemiologists, laboratory scientists, contact tracers, community health workers, Disease Surveillance and Notifications Officers, nurses, caterers, cleaners and cooks who have been contributing to the public health response; Port Health workers, Chief Medical Directors; and all the other roles that have women in the forefront of the response.

In the last six weeks, the number of new confirmed cases has declined. However, the weekly case fatality ratio has increased in the last five weeks. The NCDC and partners are working hard to increase testing and reduce deaths in confirmed cases.

We strongly urge the public to continue to adhere to public health safety measures at all times. This includes regular handwashing, physical distancing, proper use of face masks and avoiding large gatherings.

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

- Continued coordination of Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) deployed to states
- Provided supportive supervision and re-training of health workers on infection prevention control (IPC) measures across General Hospitals in Borno State
- Concluded training on the use of LUMIRA DX POC testing equipment in Kaduna and Nasarawa States
- Completed deployment of response materials and commodities to State Ministries of Health (SMOH) and Tertiary Health Facilities in Rivers, Edo, Bauchi, Gombe, Lagos, Kaduna, Plateau, Oyo, Anambra, Kwara, Sokoto, Jigawa, Kebbi, Imo, Taraba States
- Organised meetings with stakeholders of higher institutions to ensure delivery of roles for synergy
- Supported the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) at the commencement of phase 2 COVID-19 vaccination campaign
- Provided technical support at the message adaptation workshop by religious leaders in collaboration with US-CDC
- Provided strategic and technical support for antigen-based rapid diagnostic test (Ag-RDT) roll out in tertiary health facilities
- Held virtual strategic coordination meeting with State Incident Managers, State Epidemiologists on improving coordination in the states
- Provided support for refresher training on IPC measures and supervision to Edo State treatment centre
- Sensitised schools and provided supportive monitoring on compliance with safety protocols in Rivers State
- Engaged contact tracers, community informants, Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs), health educators on safety protocols during case identification in Edo State
- Commenced COVID-19 proficiency test panel production at the National Reference Laboratory (NRL), FCT
- Deployed commodities to Rivers and Edo State Ministries of Health as well as the Teaching Hospitals
- Held engagement meeting with Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development (FMYSD) and Edo Local Organising Committee (LOC) in preparation for the National Sports Festival
- Developed jingles for the announcement and awareness of 6232 to the public

#### **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 <u>One year of COVID-19 response in Nigeria</u>
- NCDC and NIMR publish <u>findings of COVID-19 household seroprevalence surveys in</u> 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: <u>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Health Protection Regulations</u> 2021
- NCDC published an updated <u>community case definitions for coronavirus disease 2019</u>
- 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</u> diagnostic tests in Nigeria
- Update of travel protocols for all travellers into Nigeria from UK and South Africa
- 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</u> <u>New Awareness Campaign for the Yuletide Season</u>
- Ahead of the Christmas and end of year festivity, NCDC published the <u>End-of-Year</u> <u>Travel Advisory on COVID-19</u>
- 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</u> Service Corps (NYSC) Orientation Camp activities
- NCDC published guidance on the use of antigen RDTS: <u>Guidance on the use of Antigen</u> <u>Rapid 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 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 Elections During the COVID-19 Outbreak in Nigeria</u>.
- To protect our elders, and those with pre-existing medical conditions, NCDC has issued an *Advisory for Vulnerable Groups*.
- NCDC has released *quidelines 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</u> and other Law Enforcement Agencies in Nigeria
- Guidelines have been issued for the <u>safe transportation of remains of persons</u> suspected or confirmed to have died of COVID-19
- Information on diagnostics of the COVID-19 virus can be found in our <u>detailed FAQ</u> <u>document</u>.
- To increase our testing capacity, NCDC has issued guidelines for the <u>integration of private labs</u>.
- Guidelines for <u>businesses and employers</u> have been updated.
- NCDC has updated its <u>case definition</u>, <u>community case definition</u> and <u>case</u> management guide.
- NCDC releases periodic <u>public health advisories</u> 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</u> <u>mothers</u> 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 <u>Rational Use of Personal Protective Equipment in the care of COVID-</u>
  19 cases.
- As part of plans to increase the testing capacity of the country, the NCDC published a
   <u>National 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 on the website of the Presidency</u> 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: <a href="https://www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19">www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19</a>
- WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard (source for global updates) https://covid19.who.int/