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Good afternoon, and welcome to our COVID-19 media briefing.

Fellow Kenyans,

Let us begin by taking a moment to reflect on where we are today, in relation to COVID-19 pandemic. You will recall that this disease was initially an epidemic localized in China, but in a very short time, moved to the status of a Public Health Emergency of International concern, and was declared a pandemic by WHO.

In Kenya, we recorded our first case of the virus on 13th March 2020, and we were one of the first countries in Sub Saharan Africa, to take early measures to contain the spread of the virus. We are all familiar with the measures.

In his last address on COVID 19 on 6th June 2020, His Excellency the President on advice of the National Emergency Response Committee on Coronavirus disease (NERC), lifted some of the containment measures imposed on Kilifi County, Old Town Mombasa and Eastleigh in Nairobi, but largely retained most of them.

Those retained with adjustments, include, dusk to dawn curfew, which was initially observed from 7p.m. to a.m., but relaxed to start from 9p.m. to 5a.m. Additional interventions targeting hotspot areas of virus spread have been put in place.

Over the past several weeks, as we test more samples, the numbers of positive cases have been on the rise. At the moment, almost all counties have now recorded a

case of Corona virus. As of now, 41 out of the 47 counties, (91%), have recorded a case of the disease, with Nairobi and Mombasa being the most affected. At this rate it is just a matter of time before the virus spreads to the remaining six counties. Clearly, laxity by a majority of our people in adherence to the containment measures, is aiding the spread of the virus.

Even with the prevailing situation of COVID-19 infection in the country, majority of Kenyans have been discussing the possibility of Government opening the economy.

This discussion is unavoidable. The containment measures have resulted in discomfort and pain to our people. The economy has been hit hard with many Kenyans losing their means of livelihoods. The circumstances we find ourselves in as a country are certainly unusual, but this is because we are not dealing with a normal enemy. Individual responsibility and ramping up of preparedness are key interventions that must be at the top most of our response list. You will recall that Counties have been given a target of 300 bed

isolation capacity by His Excellency the President. As all the counties work towards achieving this requirement, we must also raise our level of individual compliance with the containment measures.

These are weighty matters that must dominate our discussions, to aid the government in coming up with balanced measures on the way forward. In the past one week, we have seen several developed countries namely USA, Australia, South Korea and Germany, experiencing major spikes in COVID-19 infections, after opening up their economies and hurriedly closing down again. We must strike a balance in terms of how we would like to see our country move forward, and avoid running the risk of experiencing an upsurge of cases. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today we have recorded the highest number of positive cases since the pandemic struck in our country. Out of a sample size of **3,519** we have recorded **307** people who have tested positive for the virus. This number now

pushes our case load of those confirmed positive to **6,673** out of the **173,355** samples so far tested. Out of this number **289** are Kenyans while **18** are foreigners, with **215** males, and **92** females. The youngest is a one year old while the oldest is **81**.

The cases are distributed in the counties as follows; Nairobi **154**, Mombasa **38**, Machakos, **33**, Kiambu **20**, Narok **20**, Kajiado **14**, Busia **10**, Kericho **4**, Makueni and Nakuru **5** cases each, Kilifi, Kisumu, Kitui and Uasin Gishu one (**1**) case each.

The distribution of the cases by sub counties; in Nairobi, the **154** cases are in; Dagoretti North (**34**), Kibra (**22**), Embakasi Central and Langata (**18**) cases each, Starehe (**17**), Westlands (**14**), Embakasi South (**10**), Embakasi West (**7**), Kamukunji (**5**), Dagoretti South, Makadara and Mathare (**2**) cases each, Embakasi Central, Roysambu and Ruaraka, one (**1**) case each.

In Mombasa, the cases are in; Mvita (**22**), Likoni (**10**), Changamwe (**5**), and Nyali, (**1**). In Machakos, the cases

are in Athi River **(32)**, and Yatta one **(1)**. In Kiambu, the cases are in, Ruiru **(4)**, Kiambu Town **(6)**, Kabete and Thika, **3** cases each, Kiambaa **(2)**, Juja and Lari one **(1)** case. All the **20** cases in Narok are from Narok North.

In Kajiado, the cases are in Kajiado Central **(7)**, Kajiado North **(5)**, and Kajiado East **(2)**. In Busia, the cases are in Teso North **(6)** and Matayos **(4)**. In Kericho the **(4)** cases are in Ainamoi. In Makueni, the **(5)** cases are in Kibwezi East, and in Nakuru the **(5)** cases are from Naivasha **(3)**, Nakuru East and Nakuru West one **(1)** case each. In Kilifi the one **(1)** case is in Kilifi North while in Kisumu the one **(1)** case is in Kisumu Central, in Kitui the case is in Kitui Central and in Uasin Gishu the case is in Turbo.

Not to dampen your spirits, today, we are also delighted to inform you that **50** patients have been discharged from various hospitals, bringing to **2,089** the total number of recoveries. We thank our healthcare workers for their continued dedication to duty.

Sadly we have lost one **(1)** more patient to the disease bringing to **149** our fatality in the country. Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the departed.

Finally as I conclude, I want to make a special appeal to each one of us to take personal responsibility in this fight against Coronavirus disease. The huge numbers we are continuing to record, can only be halted if we co-operate with the government, by strictly adhering to the containment measures we have advised. Maintaining social and physical distancing, washing our hands with soap and running water, wearing face masks at all times in public places and avoiding all social and political gatherings.

I thank you.



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