



THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF COVID-19 IN KISUMU

Kisumu, just like other counties has been experiencing a spike in Covid- 19

As at June 5, 2021, Kisumu has recorded 5739 confirmed cases cumulatively. Our current weekly positivity rate for this week stands at 28.4%. This is presented in the rising infections as recorded in the last four weeks.

The caseload for the past four weeks is as follows;

The week of 3rd May to 9th May, 168 cases were recorded. In that week Kisumu Central recorded 139, Nyando, 19, Kisumu East 5, Kisumu West 3, and Seme 2.

The week of 10th May to 16th May, 181 cases were recorded as follows; Kisumu Central 111, Kisumu East 26, Nyando 17, Kisumu West 14, Nyakach 6, Seme 4 and Muhoroni 3.

The week of 17th to 23rd May, 373 cases were reported; Kisumu Central 208, Kisumu East 56, Kisumu West 33, Nyando 20, Nyakach 17, Seme 13 and Muhoroni 4.

The week of 24th to 30th May, 805 cases were reported; Kisumu Central 262, Kisumu East 164, Kisumu West 54, Nyando 40, Nyakach 17, Seme 13, and Muhoroni 4.

The week of 31st May to 5th June, 780 cases were reported; Kisumu Central 317, Kisumu East 195, Kisumu West 70, Nyando 52, Nyakach 11, Seme 5 and Muhoroni 14.

The residences with the highest confirmed cases are distributed as follows over the last three weeks;

Mayatta 38, Nyalenda 33, Milimani 27, Kadiju 26, Migosi 25, Nyamasaria 21, Konya 20, Mamboleo 18, Riat 13 and Kibos 11. This represents about 50% of all the cases recorded in the county over that period.

It has also been noted that the current infections rate are presenting very high severity symptoms.

In 2020, 44% of the infections were severe while in 2021, 78% have presented severe symptoms.

The mortality within the county has increased from an average of 12 at the peak last year to a new peak of 18 per week.

The age bracket above 60 years has proven to be the highest predictor of mortality.

In this regard, Kisumu County Covid-19 Multi-Agency Committee held its meeting today under the Co-chairmanship of the Governor, Prof Peter Anyang Nyong'o and the County Commissioner, represented by the DCC Kisumu Central, Mr John Cheruiyot and made the following resolutions to help contain the spread of the virus:

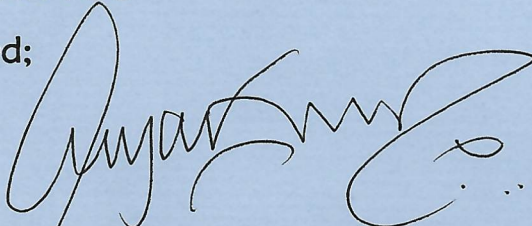
1. There will be a fresh crack down on Public Service Vehicles and Boda bodas not complying with the Covid-19 protocols.
All PSVs MUST adhere to the laid down guidelines; maximum allowable passenger capacity, hand sanitizing and proper wearing of masks; and MUST be cleared by the County Director of Public Health. Boda Bodas SHALL strictly carry only one passenger with Tuk Tuks carrying a maximum of two passengers;
2. All deaths MUST be interred within 72 hours of occurrence;
3. All Mortuaries in the county MUST not keep bodies for more than 48 Hours. Funerals, Cremation and other ceremonies must be conducted on the same day the bodies are removed from the morgues before 2pm with ONLY 100 persons allowed to attend. Graveside activities and cremations SHALL be performed by not more than 50 persons.

4. Bodies still in the morgues after the lapse of this timeline will be disposed of in public cemeteries without any further reference to the families.
5. All Public and Private mortuaries must not receive bodies from outside the facilities, except police cases.
6. The mortuaries are hereby directed as from today to present their daily logs to the County Directorate of Public Health. They must further record the time each body is released to relatives and the destination.
7. There will be multi-Agency surveillance teams in markets to enforce Covid-19 protocols. County Security and Enforcement teams are under firm instructions to ensure compliance.
8. The Multi-Agency team, through the Public Health department will mount public awareness campaigns on the Covid-19 protocols targeting markets and schools across the County.
9. All BARS and EATERIES are hereby directed to obey all public health laws or face permanent closure. Bar owners found keeping customers behind closed doors after the 7 PM directive, will not only be arrested but will lose their licenses forthwith.
10. Members of the Public have been advised NOT to physically attend churches, mosques, temples and other worship places for their own safety. Religious organizations flouting the MOH guidelines of a third of the total capacity will face strong disciplinary action.

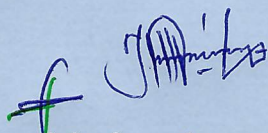
11. All the HOME-BASED CLIENTS ON ISOLATION AND CARE MUST adhere to all Covid-19 protocols failure to which prosecution SHALL be instituted after institutional confinement and negative testing.
12. The Multi-Agency Committee will review the level of compliance with the above mentioned guidelines within the next TWO weeks and may take further containment actions as may be advised.
13. County Offices shall remain closed save for essential services until further notice beginning today 7th June, 2021.

THANK YOU

Signed;



H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o
Governor, Kisumu County



Madam Josephine Ouko
County Commissioner, Kisumu

Dated: 7th June, 2021