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PRESS STATEMENT

PRESS STATEMENT ON CURRENT STATE OF COVID-19 IN BUNGOMA COUNTY


BUNGOMA, Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Over the last two weeks, Bungoma County has registered a spike in the number of Covid-19 cases.

- Last Friday, the County posted 118 Covid-19 cases all coming from the prison population. A day later on Saturday, another 6 samples turned out positive.
- As a County, we have taken deliberate steps to stop the spread of Covid-19 among our population. Working with the Prison authorities, we have improvised two wards in the Prison to help isolate sick inmates.
- We have also deployed our staff to monitor and manage the progress of the sick inmates.
- At the Webuye Covid-19 isolation facility, we have 13 patients under the care of our medical staff.
- Another 6 cases have been put under home-based care with close supervision from our healthcare staff. An ambulance has been designated to transport any patients under home-based care to hospital as and when need arises.

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- The County Surveillance and Rapid Response Team is following up with any persons who may have come in contact with confirmed cases to isolate them and take their sample.
- A fortnight ago, three County staff members who exhibited symptoms of Covid-19 proceeded to isolate themselves as a precautionary measure. They later checked into County health facilities for monitoring and observation as they await for their results. The three are in a stable condition.
- In the wake of these developments and as a matter of precaution, Governor Wangamati was advised to self-isolate at home. To date, the Governor remains well and healthy.
- Staff in the Governor's Office among them CECs and Chief Officers have moved to take a voluntary Covid-19 test and more are encouraged to do so as a precaution.
- The Deputy Governor Prof Charles Ngome is away following the passing on of his wife Mrs Hellen Ngome.  **#IKUWEiKUWE COPY**
- As a County, we remain open and shall continue providing essential services to the people.
- However, to ensure we also keep Covid-19 protocols, we request that ONLY essential staff shall report for duty as had earlier been advised.

NOTE: We must not drop our guard because Covid-19 is real. Let's remember all the health protocols of stopping the spread of Covid-19.

- Remember to wash our hands in running water with soap
- Avoid handshakes and any physical contact with anybody
- Avoid touching one's face and nose and
- If possible, stay home.

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