



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

A JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON STATE OF COVID-19 IN KISUMU

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Media.

As you may be aware, the country is experiencing a new wave of Covid-19 infections in this period that is now considered the third wave and Kisumu is not spared.

Available data shows that there could be quite a number of people succumbing to the effects of the pandemic.

Here in Kisumu, the situation is of alarming proportions and we must act now to stem the escalation.

In the last week alone, our positivity rate has risen from 2.5% to 4.7% almost a 100% rise. Yesterday, out of a test number of 200, we realized 25 positive cases with a majority of this number coming from Kisumu Central.

In view of the foregoing, Kisumu County Covid-19 Multi Agency Committee convened today and cognizant of the presidential directives on Covid-19 protocols enhancement, has approved the following containment measures;



1. All morgues are hereby directed not to preserve dead bodies for a period exceeding 72 hours AND NOT to release any body after 10:00 am;
2. There shall be NO night vigil in the homes of the deceased;
3. The MAXIMUM persons allowed in any burial ceremony is 100 people;
4. There shall be NO catering services at the funeral venues
5. All places of worship SHALL only admit one third of their capacities for services;
6. All the HOME BASED CLIENTS ON ISOLATION AND CARE MUST adhere to the laid down guidelines failure to which prosecution SHALL be instituted after institutional confinement and negative testing
7. Regular hand washing/ sanitizing and proper wearing of face masks while in public places is MANDATORY
8. All PSVs MUST adhere to the laid down Covid-19 protocol and guidelines eg Capacity, hand sanitizing 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;
9. All restaurants and eateries MUST adhere to the prescribed Covid-19 regulations and they SHALL only be allowed to operate after obtaining Clearance certificate signed by the Director of Public Health and Sanitation, KISUMU;
10. All Political gatherings within the county remain banned until further notice.



Signed:

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County Commissioner, Kisumu

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