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KMA COVID-19 RESPONSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KMA-CRAC) MEETING RESOLUTIONS

At its Nineteenth meeting on Wednesday 4th November, 2020, the Kenya Medical Association's COVID-19 Response Advisory Committee reviewed the current state of the response and issued the following recommendations:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING

ON COVID-19 TESTING

Kenya Medical Association notes the increased COVID-19 infections in the country and that the testing capacity in the country is still below expected capacity to inform a strong COVID-19 response. Kenya Medical Association continues to call for increased testing capacity in the country to accommodate opening of economy and schools.

We recommend that counties adopt COVID-19 antigen screening test to identify members of public who may not fit the case definition of COVID-19 or have no reported history of contact but may have been exposed to COVID-19. Antigen tests will greatly increase detection rates and allow identification of cases which may otherwise have gone undetected.

ON HEALTH WORKERS TRAINING AND PROTECTION

Kenya Medical Association has been on the forefront training health workers on COVID-19 case management in the county isolation facilities across the country.

There is however a need to ensure private sector health workers are well trained to deal with COVID-19 cases and protect themselves from infections in the workplace.

We thus recommend the Ministry of Health and County Health Teams to extend training to private sector to ensure standardization of quality of care for all Kenyans.

Health workers are at risk of COVID-19 infection at the workplace and so far over 1500 Health workers have been infected. However, many of them are unable to afford care due to lack of a comprehensive medical cover.

Kenya Medical Association recommends that all County Governments should ensure that health workers have access to a comprehensive medical insurance that caters for their treatment.

Additionally, a compensation package should be implemented to cater for those who get infected with COVID-19.

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ON SCHOOLS RE-OPENING COVID-19 MEASURES

As the Country prepares for complete school opening as per the World Health organization guidelines, there are still gaps on how to ensure protection of students and the teachers from COVID-19 as there has been several reports of COVID-19 infection in schools.

KMA recommends urgent dissemination of the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidelines on school reopening to all Education Institutions. Further to this, training of school management, teachers and students on COVID-19 measure should be undertaken as a continuous activity with updates based on experience. The Counties and Ministry of Education must put in place measures to enforce adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures including regular screening tests to ensure all stakeholders are safe.

Signed:



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