



**PRESIDENTIAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION**

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**IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**Section I. Guidance:**

The Presidential Steering Committee (PSC) on COVID-19 has reviewed the country's COVID-19 response in view of the declining number of cases, reduced risk of importation of new variants as well as the availability of vaccines and increasing number of people vaccinated in Nigeria and globally.

**Section II. Protocols for Restrictions:**

The PSC has revised the social restriction recommendations in line with the three established thematic areas:

- Movement;
- Industry and Labour; and
- Community Activities.

These safety protocols provide a baseline from which **State** Governments may further build on, to strengthen their responses based on their local circumstances. States should continue to consider them as the minimum guidelines required to ensure an acceptable level of epidemic control nationwide.

The table below expands on each of the thematic areas mentioned in this paragraph (underlines passages reflect new changes to protocol):

## GENERAL MOVEMENT

| ASPECT   | REGULATION/RECOMMENDATION   |
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| NATIONWIDE CURFEW  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The nationwide curfew imposed from 12 Midnight to 04:00 am has been lifted.</li> </ul>   |
| GENERAL MOVEMENT   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No formal restrictions on movement within the country.</li> <li>▪ Advisory limiting Nigerians to essential travels only, has been lifted. Given the risks, citizens are encouraged to refrain from non-essential movement and comply with non-pharmaceutical interventions guidelines such as the mandatory use of facemask/ facial coverings in public;</li> <li>▪ <b>Use of face mask to be mandatory for indoor activities but at individual’s discretion during outdoor activities;</b></li> <li>▪ Those aged 60 and above or with co-morbidities (e.g diabetes, cardiovascular disease) are advised to uphold the use of universal precaution, which includes the use of face mask, avoid crowd and frequent use of hand sanitizers.</li> </ul> |
| AIR TRANSPORT  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No limitation on air travels – both domestic and international flights;</li> <li>▪ Both international and domestic travelers must abide by all existing protocols including the use of face mask while on board and taking personal precaution measures; and</li> <li>▪ All arriving international passengers must register with the Nigeria International Travel Portal (<a href="https://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng">https://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng</a>) and abide by the travel guidelines.</li> </ul>  |
| LAND AND RAIL TRANSPORT (previously divided into inter-state and intra-state travel) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No limitations on inter or intra-state travel;</li> <li>▪ All vendors and service providers must abide by stated stipulations from the Federal Ministry of Transportation;</li> <li>▪ All passengers and commuters must wear face masks once on board, as well as continue to observe personal precautionary measures</li> </ul>   |

## INDUSTRY & LABOUR

| ASPECT   | REGULATION/RECOMMENDATION  |
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| <p>WORKING ARRANGEMENT<br/>(Private Sector)</p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage virtual meetings by offices. Avoid large meetings, decongest offices and ensure they are well-ventilated;</li> <li>▪ Normal work by ALL staff should resume in all offices, however it is advisable to continue measures that reduce congestion in office spaces such as virtual meetings, working from home or on-and-off days;</li> <li>▪ Mandatory use of face masks in closed offices and recommend safety protocol for all persons and discretionary use of appropriate measure; and</li> <li>▪ Encourage the use of approved Ag-Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT) as recommended in the GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF APPROVED COVID-19 Ag-RDTs IN NIGERIA (on NCDC website).</li> </ul> |
| <p>WORKING ARRANGEMENT<br/>(Public Sector)</p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limitation on number of staff reporting to work has been removed;</li> <li>▪ Normal work by ALL staff should resume in all offices, however it is advisable to continue measures that will reduce congestion in office spaces such as virtual meetings, working from home or on-and-off days; and</li> <li>▪ Permanent Secretaries and Chief Executives are to ensure that all staff are fully vaccinated and the use of face masks and safety protocols are monitored within the office premises.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>COMMUNAL COMMERCIAL SPACES<br/>(Markets/Stores)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spot checks of commercial premises to be conducted regularly;</li> <li>▪ Observe all mandatory non-pharmaceutical interventions; and</li> <li>▪ Facility owners/managers and store owners to ensure that physical distancing is observed, provision of hand sanitisers and handwashing facilities, ensure the mandatory use of face masks and maintain environmental hygiene.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES</p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limitation on the number of persons gathering in open spaces is lifted, this applies to sports (stadium and arena), open congregation and rallies;</li> <li>▪ All bars, night clubs, pubs and event centres are allowed to open at 50% capacity; and</li> <li>▪ Capacity limitation on hotels, restaurants and gyms has been lifted. All hospitality and entertainment facilities to ensure use of face masks as well as safety precautions in their premises.</li> </ul>   |

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

| ASPECT   | REGULATION/RECOMMENDATION   |
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| <p>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS<br/>(Daycare, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Observe all mandatory non-pharmaceutical interventions;</li> <li>▪ Ensure that all staff and students above the age of 18 are fully vaccinated;</li> <li>▪ Use of Face mask should be made mandatory for all adults;</li> <li>▪ School management to be responsible for enforcement and ensure compliance; and</li> <li>▪ For schools with accommodation facilities, consider the use of approved Ag-Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT) as recommended in the GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF APPROVED COVID-19 Ag- RDTs IN NIGERIA (check NCDC website).</li> </ul> |
| <p>RELIGIOUS CENTRES<br/>(Churches/Mosques, etc.)</p>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limitation on number of persons and 50% limit on persons attending religious gathering is lifted;</li> <li>▪ Face mask must continue to be used in all indoor religious gathering; and</li> <li>▪ Congregants should take personal responsibility and take appropriate personal safety protection measures.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SPORTS</p>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All recreational venues, gyms and indoor sports facilities are allowed to open at 50% capacity.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>GATHERINGS<br/>(Weddings, Parties, Meetings, etc.)</p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limitation on number of persons attending informal and formal festivity events including weddings, conferences, congresses, office parties, seminars, end of year events has been lifted;</li> <li>▪ Ban on Concerts, carnivals and street parties are hereby lifted</li> <li>▪ For all Indoor events it is Mandatory to continue wearing of facemasks; and</li> <li>▪ All attendees are advised to take appropriate personal protection include safe physical distancing and use of hand sanitizers</li> </ul>  |
| <p>POLITICAL ACTIVITIES</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All political activities involving large gatherings are to strictly adhere to COVID-19 Guidelines issued by INEC;</li> <li>▪ Organizers to ensure use of face masks (mandatory for indoor meetings, while recommended for outdoor);</li> <li>▪ Mandatory Temperature checks and use of sanitizers at events;</li> <li>▪ Political parties to be responsible for compliance to safety measures; and</li> <li>▪ Voting procedures must comply with the stipulated COVID-19 safety protocol by INEC.</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>VIOLATIONS</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Each state Government is responsible for monitoring the risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19 in their states as well as monitoring compliance to safety protocols; and</li><li>▪ The PSC in collaboration with security agencies will monitor and enforce compliance where necessary under the Health Protection Regulation 2021.</li></ul> |
| <b>VACCINATION</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Eligible citizens are encouraged to take COVID-19 vaccinations; and</li><li>▪ The vaccine mandate for only fully vaccinated persons to access Government premises or show PCR test of not more than 48hrs, is hereby recommend to States.</li></ul>  |