COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa

Why has the trajectory been different and what lessons can we learn from this?
Global COVID-19 Situation
as of 3:05pm CEST 20 October 2020

*Global numbers are taken from the latest WHO sitrep and dashboard:

Confirmed cases >39M
Deaths >1M
CFR: 2.6%

Africa accounts for:
4% of all cases
4% of all deaths

AFRICA CDC
COVID-19 cases*: Days since 100th case for WHO global regions

Comparison of the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases reported since the first 100 cases in each region

*Africa numbers are taken from official RCC and Member State reports.
COVID-19 Situation in Africa
as of 21 October 2020, 9am EAT

New COVID-19 cases* reported in Africa daily by AU Region from 15 February – 21 October 2020

>1.6M cases
>40K deaths
>1.3M recoveries (82%)

*Safeguarding Africa’s Health | www.africacdc.org

*Africa numbers are taken from official RCC and Member State reports.
As of 21 October 2020, 6pm EAT

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*New numbers as of 20 October 2020. Data taken from official RCC and Member State reports.
Cumulative COVID-19 incidence* by AU Member State as of 21 October 2020 9am EAT

1 country
No data/report

5 countries < 100 case /1m pop

29 countries 100 - 1000 cases /1m pop

16 countries 1001 - 5000 cases /1m pop

4 country >5000 cases /1m pop

*cases/1,000,000 population as reported from official RCC and Member State reports.
Cumulative COVID-19 deaths* by AU Member State
as of 21 October 2020 9am EAT

1 country
No data/report

3 countries
< 1 death /1m pop

23 countries
1 - 10 deaths /1m pop

25 countries
10.1 - 100 deaths /1m pop

3 countries
>100 deaths /1m pop

*deaths/1,000,000 population as reported from official RCC and Member State reports.
Percentage* of the population with an age under 15 for the countries of the world

*https://www.citypopulation.de/en/world/bymap/YoungPopulation.html
Map of Member States imposing travel restrictions

- **32** Full border closures
- **9** International air traffic closures
- **5** Travel restrictions to and from specific countries
- **3** Entry restrictions for travelers from specific countries

Most Member States have imposed mandatory quarantine for all travelers or travelers arriving from high-risk areas.

1. Some countries still allow cargo, freight and emergency transport into and out of the country; some states will still allow citizens and residents to enter but all borders are essentially closed.
2. Banning entry or suspending visa issuance.

**30 March 2020 23:00 EAT**

- **9** Full border closures
- **1** International air traffic closures

**11** Travel restrictions to and from specific countries

- **34** Entry/Exit restrictions

**07 June 2020 20:00 EAT**

- **43** Full border closures
- **7** International air traffic closures

**2** Travel restrictions to and from specific countries

- **2** Entry/Exit restrictions

**17 October 2020 23:00 EAT**

- **30 March**
- **7 June**
- **17 October**
Adaptive Strategies

TEST, TRACE AND TREAT
Partnership to accelerate COVID-19 testing (PACT) in Africa

PACT targets in Africa by October 2020

- 10 million COVID-19 tests conducted
- 1 million Community health workers deployed
- 100,000 Healthcare workers trained to support COVID-19 response
- 1 Procurement platform established, continent-wide for laboratory and medical supplies

AFRICA AGAINST COVID-19
Saving Lives, Economies and Livelihoods in Africa

Promoting harmonized, standardized and coordinated entry and exit for travellers in African Union Member States through digital solutions
COVID-19 Situation in Africa
as of 21 October 2020, 9am EAT

New COVID-19 cases* reported in Africa daily by AU Region from 15 February – 21 October 2020

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Trend of COVID-19 cases*, Northern Africa Region
Kenya reopens bars, eases virus measures as cases fall

"We are the most vulnerable and fragile at the moment where we think we have won," Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta said.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta on Monday allowed bars to reopen and restaurants to sell alcohol again as the rate of new coronavirus infections slowly declines in the East African nation.

Correction: After an editing error, this story was updated. The previous version did not reflect the president's announcement correctly.
Lessons Learnt

Much remains unknown
- more information is needed; data sharing mechanisms

Threat hasn’t been abated
- joint strategies, strengthen regional and continental collaborations
Thank you!

For more information please contact: AfricaCDCEBS@africa-union.org

or visit our website at:
https://africacdc.org/covid-19/
Cumulative COVID-19 cases* by AU Member State
as of 20 October 2020 9am EAT

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Map of Member States that are imposing travel restrictions
(as of 07 June 2020 20:00 EAT)

43
Full border closures

7
International air traffic closures

2
Travel restrictions to and from specific countries

2
Entry/Exit restrictions

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1 Some countries still allow cargo, freight and emergency transport into and out of the country; Some MSs will still allow citizens and residents to enter but all borders are essentially closed

2 Banning entry or exit of citizens or suspending visa issuance to specific countries
Summary of mitigation measures taken by Member States (as of 07 June 2020 20:00 EAT)*

- **38** Closure of country-wide educational institutions
  - Lesotho, Botswana, Burundi, Niger, South Africa and Tanzania open
- **54** Limit public gatherings
- **20** Limit on prison and hospital visits
- **18** Mass screening & Testing
- **41** Public use of face masks/cloths

### Movement restriction

- **35** Night-time Curfews
  - Restrictions during a period of time in affected area or nationally
  - 10 countries imposed curfews only.
  - 21 countries included lockdowns.
- **21** Partial lockdown
  - Restriction of non-essential movement within an area in the country
  - Ghana lifted
  - Benin lifted
- **16** National lockdown
  - Restriction of non-essential movement across the whole country
  - Seychelles lifted
  - Mauritius lifted

### Easing the Mitigation Measures

- **28**
  - Allowing more movement outside the home
  - More businesses allowed to open
  - Religious institutions allowed limited gatherings

# of Member States that [ ] Have implemented [ ] Have not implemented

*Source of information based on official reports, embassy alerts and press scanning*
Map of Member States that are imposing travel restrictions (as of 05 April 2020 20:00 EAT)

**43**
Full border closures

**7**
International air traffic closures

**2**
Travel restrictions to and from specific countries

**3**
Entry/Exit restrictions

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Summary of social distancing measures implemented by Member States (as of 05 April 2020 20:00 EAT)

- **53** Member States that have implemented specific social distancing measures
- **53** Closure of educational institutions
- **53** Banning of mass gatherings, closure of public spaces
- **11** Limitations on prison and hospital visits
- **23** Nigh-time Curfews
  - Restrictions during a period of time in affected area or nationally
  - 12 countries imposed curfews only
  - 11 countries included lockdowns
- **14** Partial lockdown
  - Restriction of non-essential movement within an area in the country
- **18** National lockdown
  - Restriction of non-essential movement across the whole country

*Source of information based on official reports, embassy alerts and press scanning*
Summary of social distancing measures implemented by Member States (as of 31 March 2020 19:00 EAT)*

- **44** Member States that have implemented specific social distancing measures
- **44** Closure of educational institutions
- **5** Limitations on prison and hospital visits
- **9** Member States with missing information/not implementing the mentioned measures

### Movement restriction

- **16** Nigh-time Curfews
  - 7 countries imposed curfews only.
  - 9 countries included lockdowns.
- **11** Partial lockdown
  - Restriction of non-essential movement within an area in the country
- **11** National lockdown
  - Restriction of non-essential movement across the whole country

*Source of information based on official reports and press scanning*
Map of Member States that are imposing travel restrictions
(as of 17 October 2020 20:00 EAT)

9
Full border closures\(^1\)

1
International air traffic closures

11
Travel restrictions to and from specific countries

34
Entry/ Exit restrictions\(^2\)

Most Member States have imposed mandatory quarantine for all travelers or travelers arriving from high risk areas

\(^1\) Some countries still allow cargo, freight and emergency transport into and out of the country; Some MSs will still allow citizens and residents to enter but all borders are essentially closed

\(^2\) Entry or exit of passengers through COVID-19 screening
Saving Lives, Economies and Livelihoods campaign (as of 17 October 2020 20:00 EAT)*

Borders

- 44 Commercial passenger flights
- 11 Open land and sea boarders

Screening measures**

- 14 Mandatory 14-day quarantine
- 9 Mandatory testing at border
- 36 Prior negative test

School Reopening

- 10 Closure of country-wide educational institutions

# of Member States that

- ■ Have implemented
- □ Have not implemented

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**Only countries with open commercial flights included