



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI
SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honorable Members,

As you are aware, on 11th March, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the **COVID -19** (corona virus) as a health pandemic. As you are further aware, on 13th March, 2020, the Ministry of Health announced that it had confirmed the first case on a similar note His Excellency the President also issued more guidelines on the matter of the corona virus in Kenya. It has therefore become necessary to issue the following guidelines in order to prevent, and where necessary, contain and mitigate against the spread of the Corona Virus. These guidelines will remain in force for a period of thirty days or until further notice.

1. **Foreign travel** all foreign travel by Members and Staff of County Assembly is suspended forthwith until the Government advises otherwise.
2. **Conferences, retreats, workshops** Conferences, retreats, workshops and other similar events of County Assembly shall, going forward, be held within the precincts of County Assembly.
3. **Visitors to the County Assembly** Visits to County Assembly Chambers by schools, colleges and other groups shall stand suspended. In addition, the entry of any other visitors into County Assembly Offices during this period and the movement of visitors within the precincts of County Assembly shall be restricted.
4. **Committee sittings and visits outside County Assembly.** All Committees are encouraged to defer the sittings and visits outside the precincts of County Assembly.

5. **Scheduled official engagements** Official engagements that had been scheduled to be held within the precincts of County Assembly in the next thirty days shall forthwith stand deferred until further notice.

Honorable Members,

Any other Member of the County Assembly or Member of Staff who may have been exposed to the Corona Virus through their contacts or who has the symptoms currently associated with infection with the virus, is encouraged to immediately seek medical advice and to minimize close interaction with other persons in the interim.

Honorable Members of County Assembly and Staff are encouraged to observe the following further preventive measures issued by the Ministry of Health as required to be undertaken by every individual in order to prevent, and where necessary, contain or mitigate the spread of the corona virus –

- a) Regularly and thoroughly wash hands with soap and running water or use an alcohol based sanitizer. For this purpose, disinfectants/sanitizers have been provided throughout the County Assembly precincts.
- b) Maintain a distance of at least one meter between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing;
- c) Maintain good respiratory hygiene by covering your mouth and nose while coughing and sneezing into a handkerchief, tissue or your flexed elbow;
- d) Avoid abuse of social media platforms or indulging in spreading misinformation that can cause fear and panic.

Honorable Members,

I have directed that, directors and heads of departments to ensure that Staff of the County Assembly under them work from home effective **Wednesday 18th March, 2020**, however officers must stay on call as and when required to perform tasks and responsibilities.

I thank you.

RT. HON. DAVID MBAYA

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

17th March, 2020