



GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REOPENING THE

NIGERIAN ECONOMY



PROPOSED PHASE APPROACH

- It is proposed that the Nigerian economy is gradually reopened in phases to give room for improvement in economic activities.
- The phase wise approach to reopening provides the advantage of flexibility and allows a rapid and efficient response to any change in the situation.
- Governors are charged with monitoring the implementation of the reopening at the state level.
- Implementable on an LGA by LGA basis within the state at Governor's discretion.
- Relevant Ministers will be charged with the responsibility of tracking and monitoring the progress in the selected sectors, while the NCDC will monitor health related issues.
- Each phase is proposed for an initial 2 week period with progression on to the next phase subject to review of progress.
- The NCDC guidelines for interaction must be followed through all the phases to ensure continued safety and mitigate the risk of a resurgence.

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND GATING CRITERIA

The decision on progression to a subsequent phase would be subject to evaluation by the State and Federal government along with guidance from the NCDC. Decisions would be made by evaluating data on active cases and the progress in the key sectors within the state. Following the 2 week period, a decision would be made whether to tighten the lockdown protocol, remain at the current phase or move on to the next phase.

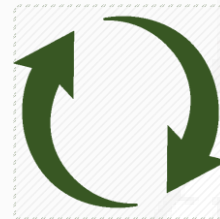


2 week evaluation period between phases



Tighten the lockdown protocol

OR



Remain at the current phase

OR



Progress on to next phase

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CORE STATE PREPAREDNESS RESPONSIBILITIES

TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING

- Improve testing capabilities and avenues to allow time efficient testing of symptomatic individuals.
- Put in place responsive systems for tracing and informing contacts of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases. Avenue should be made for immediate testing and implementation of isolation and/or quarantine procedure for these primary contacts.

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CAPACITY

- Ensure relevant healthcare facilities within the state have the requisite facilities and guidance needed to tackle the pandemic.
- Ensure case loads are adequately distributed across the healthcare facilities in the state to mitigate incidence of over-burden of any individual facility.

PLANS

- Provide protection for healthcare workers and workers in other critical sectors such as agriculture and construction.
- Ensure that palliatives are efficiently distributed across the state, catering to the most vulnerable individuals first.
- Ensure citizenry in the state remain informed on and adhere to NCDC guidelines.
- Ensure the required additional attention is provided to the most vulnerable individuals. These are individuals with above the age of 50 as well as individuals with underlying health conditions.
- Ensure that all individuals within the state adhere to the curfew and other lockdown parameters.

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GUIDELINES ACROSS ALL PHASES

General NCDC Guidelines

- ✓ Regularly and thoroughly wash hands with soap under running water or use alcohol-based sanitisers if water is not available.
- ✓ Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose properly into a dustbin.
- ✓ Maintain at least 2 metres distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- ✓ Do not spread fake news. Rely on the NCDC official channels for information on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other General Guidelines

- ✓ The following timelines have been specified: Curfew 8.00pm – 6.00am and opening times for selected office opening times 9.00am – 2.00pm.
- ✓ People who are 50 years and above and/or have a history of underlying health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, cancer and tuberculosis should stay at home.
- ✓ Non-essential interstate movement is prohibited.
- ✓ All social, religious or public gatherings are prohibited.

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PHASE ONE

Sector-Specific Guidelines

Commencement date: Monday, 4th May, 2020



AGRICULTURE



General curfew -
8.00pm to 6.00am
Selected offices –
9.00am to 2.00pm



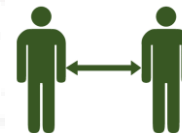
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Social distance guidelines
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RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTIONS DESCRIPTION

1. Preventive guidelines	All agricultural activity is to proceed but still subject to NCDC social distancing guidelines and wearing of appropriate facemasks.
2. Free movement of agricultural produce	In order to relieve farmers of farm product losses, states must allow trucks bearing agricultural goods easy passage through their borders. The states should also allow processing of agricultural products to mitigate loss of perishable items.
3. Physical security	The physical security of farmers and farms should be ensured by the State and Local Governments.



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PUBLIC WORKS



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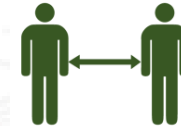
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RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTIONS

1. Construction activity commencing
2. Construction materials supply chain
3. Support staff at federal and state level
4. Medical personnel
5. Subsequent phases

DESCRIPTION

11 contractors executing 53 projects across 26 states would be allowed to restart construction in the first phase. This will keep work ongoing on critical roads and bridges required in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as aid to mitigate the employment loss caused by the economic slowdown.

The State governments to grant approval for movement of materials, for example, from quarry sites.

Limited and necessary support staff from **Grade level 9-17** at the Federal and State levels to be allowed to resume work for proper monitoring of the projects.

Medical personnel to be deployed to the construction sites in case of emergency.

Next set of construction companies will be considered subject to evaluation of the health impact of putting into effect the various measures in the State.

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MARKETS



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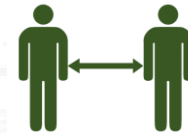
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RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTIONS

1. Opening times

2. Warehouses

3. Access control

4. Daily pre-entry sanitation

DESCRIPTION

Markets are categorized as either modern, traditional or periodic. Allocated days and time that shops would be permitted to open.

- Local markets are to operate for 2 days a week between **10.00a.m. and 4.00p.m.** and periodic markets should be synchronized
- Neighbourhood markets should be open for 3 days and for longer hours but should adhere to the general curfew time
- Abattoirs should only be opened on market days

Warehouses and neighbourhood markets to open on market days to serve shops.

The market association should control the number of people in the market at any particular time to avoid overcrowding.

Strict sanitation protocols are to be observed before entering the market.



ROAD TRANSPORT

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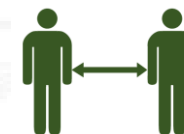
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RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTIONS

1. Regulation of the transport system
2. Restriction of inter-state travel
3. Passenger limits
4. Compulsory travel precautions
5. NCDC guidelines

DESCRIPTION

- Each State Ministry of transportation to engage with road transport union to enforce regulation on the transport system and also discuss modality for enabling transportation work in rotation .i.e. one day off and one day on.
- Movement of vehicles must be restricted to intra-state travel for now and the commencement of inter-state travel will be at subsequent phases on the advice of the NCDC. The exception relates to the movement of food, building materials and other critical resources.
- Trucks used in the transport of resources would be limited to **3 individuals** inclusive of the driver. The occupancy rate of **buses should be a maximum of 50%**.
- Face masks and the use of sanitizers before embarkment by drivers and passengers should be compulsory. Vehicles must also have sanitizers onboard during travel.
- All road travellers must still adhere to the safety guidelines and protocols outlined by the NCDC



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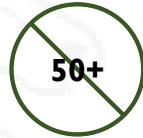
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SECTORS TO BE PARTIALLY OPENED



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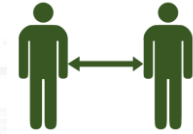
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1. Air transport

- The current regime of Air transport as being implemented by the Ministry of Aviation should be continued in phase one due to the spike in COVID-19 cases.
- However, allowance is made for the reopening of transportation of air cargo (courier services) to ease the movement of goods and services across the nation.



2. Food sector including restaurants, eateries and road side food vendors

- Eateries and restaurants should only operate takeaway services.
- Road side vendors are allowed within their local neighbourhoods. They are important to support the staff in the sectors to be reopened in this phase.
- Vendors should adhere strictly to the curfew hours.

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SECTORS TO REMAIN CLOSED

Schools



All schools are to remain closed in phase one until further evaluation.

Sport gatherings



Sport gatherings remain prohibited in phase one until further evaluation.

Religious gatherings



Religious gatherings remain prohibited in phase one until further evaluation.

Hospitality services*



Hospitality service ventures are to remain closed in phase one until further evaluation.

Concerts and Social parties



Concerts and other social parties/gathering remain banned in phase one until further notice.

**Hospitality services includes Hotels, Wellness centres and bars*

** All other sectors not specified will remain closed*

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PHASE TWO

Sector-Specific Guidelines

Commencement date: To Be Decided 2
Weeks from the 4th of May, 2020

PHASE TWO



- Phase two will see a further loosening of restriction on the sectors that were reopened in phase one.
- It will also see the reopening of additional sectors that remained closed in phase one. The specific sectors to be opened will be subject to decision by the state and federal governments in conjunction with the NCDC.
- Phase two will see a reduction of the travel restrictions active in phase one subject to NCDC guidelines and advice.
- Implementation of the second phase is still under the state government to allow tailored implementation at a state by state level.
- A more detailed guidelines for phase two would be produced after the evaluation of the impact of the first phase.