



SECOND ASSEMBLY

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
(FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No.31 of 2020

**MANAGING THE SPREAD OF COVID - 19 IN THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
PRECINCTS**

Hon. Members,

As you are aware, our beloved country is facing a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the recent Ministry of Health statistics, the second wave of the pandemic is proving to be lethal. **Hon. Members**, as an Assembly, we have also not been spared and both our staff and Members have been affected. It therefore calls for us to take measures aimed at preserving our health. Some of the measures may be inconveniencing but are quite necessary.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, the County Assembly leadership has this morning met to review measures currently in place in combating the virus. Consequently, the following guidelines shall henceforth strictly be observed:-

- i) Beginning **Friday, 20th November, 2020**, a negative Covid-19 certificate shall be a pre-requisite for accessing the Assembly precincts for both Members and Staff. In view of this, the County Assembly Service Board in collaboration with NMS has organized a free testing exercise which is ongoing at Charter Hall. Members and Staff are encouraged to seize this opportunity.
- ii) Visitors will not be allowed in the County Assembly precincts including in Committees unless when it is absolutely necessary. Committees intending to invite witnesses shall do so virtually. Members are also encouraged to stay away from the precincts.

- iii) No physical meetings shall be held in the Assembly precincts. Accordingly, all Committee and Plenary meetings shall strictly be held virtually. As earlier communicated, only the County Assembly leadership shall be allowed in the plenary. Other Members including a Member with a business on the floor shall follow proceedings virtually.
- iv) Members attending virtual sittings in Plenary and Committees shall be required to strictly adhere to the applicable provisions of the Standing Orders especially on upholding decorum and any Member who breaches the same shall immediately be disconnected. Consequently, the following shall be observed:-
- Uphold official dress code.
 - Ensure you are in a quiet environment.
 - Always mute your microphone whenever you are not speaking.
 - Press raise hand button when you want to speak.
 - Speak up when given opportunity.
 - Stay seated, present and focused.
 - Consult technical team in case of any challenges on:
0724421207, 0717427403, and 0733613915.
- v) The Clerk should scale down the number of staff in the precincts. Only essential staff should be allowed while the rest should work from home.

Hon. Members, these measures are aimed at protecting you and your loved ones from this dangerous virus. Each one of us should individually take personal protective measures as guided by the Ministry of Health. Remember, you may be negative today but tomorrow you may as well test positive. Your health should therefore be your responsibility.

It is so directed

I thank you Honorable Members.



The Hon. Benson Mutura

SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Tuesday, 17th November, 2020