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COVID-19 REPORT

St. Camillus Mission Hospital through its vision which is to always make an effort to provide access to quality health care services to the marginalized is currently in the fore front and is committed to the fight and taking preventive measures against Covid-19 pandemic.

After the first Covid-19 was confirmed in Kenya the Hospital has put various preventive and preparedness measures in place.

DALA KIYE

- 12th March 2020, the first case of corona virus infection was diagnosed in Kenya.
- 15th March Schools in Kenya were closed and the children were released to go home, both B.L.Tezza primary and secondary schools were closed too.
- 16th March, the official inauguration of B.L.Tezza special school for the deaf took place with a small ceremony and after that the school was closed and the children were sent home without enjoying their new school dormitory. On the same day, Dala Kiye was officially closed to the public and visitors, We World Project and Mercy Orphans Group staff were released to go and work from home. Only essential staff were retained.

HOSPITAL

- 16th March, We organized to provide sanitation including soap, water and sanitizers for our staff, patients and visitors coming into the Hospital compound.
- 17th March, We printed out notices with instructions about the preventive measures to be taken by everyone to avoid contracting the disease including, wash your hands regularly, do not greet by hands, adhere to social distancing which is 1 meter apart, wear face masks at all times. The notices were put out in all Hospital departments including at the gate for the public. On the same day, we made it mandatory for everyone coming in or going out of the Hospital wash their hands with soap and water at the gate. In the afternoon, a Medical team from the County inspected our hospital for Covid-19 preparedness.
- 18th March, 1 Medical doctor and a nurse were trained on Corona virus by the Ministry of Health in Nyatike Sub County.
- 19th March, we gave masks to all our staff and it is mandatory to wear one in the appropriate way by covering both the nose and mouth while on duty. In addition, the first screening room for suspected Covid-19 cases was prepared. At the same time, our former children's ward was equipped with beds and other necessary medical items to act as a holding room for any suspected Covid-19 cases before being transferred to Nyatike.

- 20th March, we suspended the Way of the Cross procession which we attend every Friday evening during Lent period in the hospital compound.
- 21st March, we officially closed our Mortuary after a directive was issued by the Ministry of Health. Any deaths occurring within the hospital will be collected immediately by the relatives and the corpse buried within 48 hours.
- 22nd March, we stopped all liturgical and religious functions, Dala Kiye and Novitiate to organize to do by themselves.
- 23rd March, a tent was erected at the gate for infrared temperature check for everyone entering the hospital.
- 26th March, visiting the sick was suspended and no visitors or relatives are allowed. Each patient is to have only one caretaker. On the same day, We World Onlus and KCCB and CEI have expressed their willingness to support our Hospital with medical items in the preparation for Covid-19.
- 10th April, the government of Kenya has made it compulsory for everyone in public to wear face masks as a preventive measure.
- 14th April, one Nurse attended training organized by Ministry of Health in Migori.

I would like to encourage all of us during this dark and distressing moment, let us be instruments of hope and love to those who are suffering as we have been called by our Lord and I believe that we will survive while united in prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Emilio Balliana
Director
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