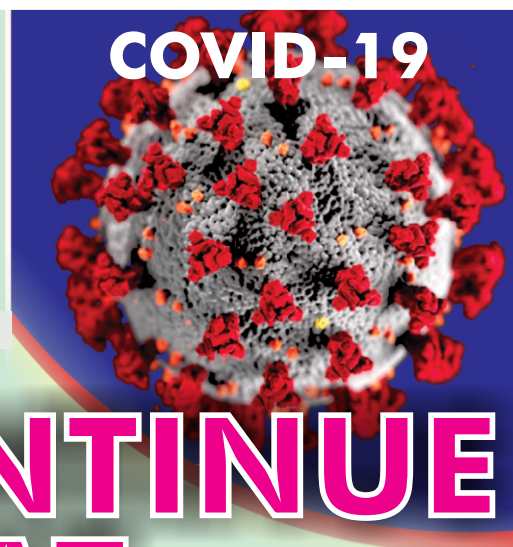




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WE SHALL CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT THE PORTS...

- NPA MD ASSURES STAKEHOLDERS

The Managing Director Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman has assured Maritime Stakeholders, Terminals Operators, Shipping Companies and the general public that the Ports across the nation would be opened for business in view of the current Federal Government directive of a lockdown in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja, Lagos and Ogun States, to check the spread of coronavirus pandemic in Nigeria, while directing that the seaports in Lagos remain open.

She made this remark during a working tour of the Ports and Terminals within the Lagos axis to have a first hand assessment of operations and challenges being faced by operators in view of the Covid-19 pandemic being faced in the country presently, with a view to assisting where necessary in furtherance of the Federal Government's policy on the Ease of Doing Business.

The NPA Chief Executive, assured Operators of the Authority's security and safety standards at all times whilst soliciting for support from all quarters towards achieving Government's objectives.

Terminal Operators while lauding the visit of the Managing Director called for her support in the area of liaising with Government Security Operatives who arrest and harass their employees coming to work.

Some of the Terminals visited by the Managing Director include ENL Consortium (ENL), AP Moller Terminal (APMT), Tin Can Island Container Terminal (TICT), and the Ports and Terminals Multiservices Limited (PTML).

The Managing Director was accompanied on the visit by the Executive Director Marine and Operations, Mr Onari Brown and other officials.

Meanwhile, recall that NPA News online, had previously reported in its last edition, the strategies put in place by the Nigerian Ports Authority in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health and all relevant Ministries and Agencies at combating the threat of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

NPA it reported, remains committed to ensuring the provision of a safe, secure, efficient and customer-friendly environment and will in no way compromise the health and safety of any Port user or stakeholder especially in this fight against the deadly coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Our 'lockdown' edition highlights the continued strategies and efforts by the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) in collaboration with the Federal Government, all relevant Bodies and Stakeholders in combating the spread and impact of COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria.

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority has assured all Stakeholders that the Ports would remain open for operations in

line with the Federal Government's directive on lockdown in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Lagos and Ogun States, to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

Reported also is the Authority's suspension of payment of storage fees on consignments (demurrage) from the initial twenty-one days, effective March 23, 2020 by Terminal Operators, as well as NPA's Corporate Social Responsibility donation of an Isolation Centre towards the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Our Health and Safety Segment gives you some medical tips during the lockdown 'stay at home' order.

Stay safe.

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prove the strength of
our anchors."**

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COVID-19: NPA SUSPENDS DEMURRAGE AT THE TERMINALS

Terminal Operators need not bother about the payment of all forms of storage fees on consignments (demurrage) from the initial twenty-one days starting March 23, 2020 the Nigerian Ports Authority Management has directed.

This directive was through a Press Statement signed by the Organisation's General Manager Corporate and Strategic Communications, Adams Jatto, on behalf of the Management.

The Statement further affirms that the Management is aware of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Port Operations and its resultant impact on the Terminals, the Customers and the general public hence it came out with this policy of suspension of demurrage as a way of cushioning the effects in line with the Federal Government's policy on the Ease of Doing Business.

Part of the statement reads, "this gesture is in recognition of the pressure that the COVID-19 pandemic imposes on businesses, the responsibility imposed on the Authority to relieve this burden on its customers as well as attaining the objective of the Federal Government's Ease of Doing Business Policy at this trying period".

While thanking all stakeholders for their cooperation, the Authority's Spokesman said the Organisation recognises the financial implications of these policies on the terminals and will consider a shift in its operational charges to ameliorate the situation of stakeholders.

...NPA DONATES 130-BED SPACES AT AGURA HOTEL AS ISOLATION CENTRE

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority as majority shareholders in collaboration with its shareholders has joined other reputable Corporate bodies in assisting the Federal Government and sister Health Agencies in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus in the country.

It recently made this known through a press statement released by its General Manager Corporate and Strategic Communications, Adams Jatto.

It stated that the Agura Hotels Abuja, with fully furnished 130-bed spaces, was being dedicated as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility to be used as an Isolation Centre for cases of Covid-19. It also called on all and sundry to join hands and support the Government in the fight to contain the spread of the virus in the country.





TOWARDS A HEALTHY WORKFORCE...

NPA SPORTS GROUND WEARS A NEW LOOK

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) led by Hadiza Bala Usman, recently achieved another feat towards enhancing a healthy workforce that can meet the challenges associated with the global maritime business world when, it recently completed the construction of the over seven hundred (700) Spectators Arena at the Authority's Sports Ground, at Bode Thomas Street, Surulere, Lagos.

It would be recalled that the Managing Director had at different fora, expressed Management's desire of attaining and promoting habits that would boost operational efficiency and best practices at all times through a healthy workforce that would always effectively and efficiently implement its policies.

Investigations conducted by our online news crew reveal that the Sports facility boasts of seating capacity of three hundred and twenty (320) for the Soccer Arena, one hundred and ninety-two (192) each, for the Lawn Tennis Court and the Basketball Court respectively.

Sports enthusiasts see this move by the Management as a welcome development where spectators can relax in a conducive environment irrespective of unplanned natural occurrences to watch and enjoy sporting events without hindrance.

They call on other Corporate Bodies to emulate the NPA's move at promoting healthy living for the benefit of all across board.

FRENCH CORNER

Salutations (Greetings)

Comment Ça va?	How are you	Bonsoir, Mademoiselle!	Good evening, Ma! (For Miss)
Comment tu vas?	"	Bonjour, Madame!	Good morning/day, Madam!
Comment vas-tu?	"	Comment allez-vous?	How are you?
Comment tu te portes?	"	Comment vous vous portez?	How are you?
Comment te portes-tu?	"	(Je vais) Bien, merci Madame.	(I'm) Fine, thank you Ma'am.
(Ça va) Bien, merci!	Fine, thank you!	Je te présente Tina, mon amie.	Meet Tina, my friend
Ça va bien.	I am fine	Je vous présente	
Je vais bien.	"	Mademoiselle Yawo.	I'd like you to meet Miss Yawo
Je me porte bien.	"		
Bonjour, Monsieur!	Good morning/day, Sir!		

Health and Safety

Dr. Nwokolo Chinwe

(MBBS, D.OPH, MPH)

Assistant General Manager Medical Services

MEDICAL TIPS DURING THE LOCKDOWN STAY AT HOME ORDER

Below are some important health tips during this period of lockdown 'stay at home' order.

1. Engage in a form of daily physical activity during this time. We have all been active over the months and suddenly being inactive can bring along with it some health issues. You have the time now-30 minutes of non-strenuous exercise will keep you in shape. Walk around your compound, skip, dance, thread mill if you have, etc.
2. Please watch your eating habits. Watch the carbs. Increase your vegetables and if not diabetic, increase your fruits intake too.
3. Watch your mental health. A lot of bad news in the media can predispose to anxiety, depression and sometimes outright psychosis. Get news updates but don't stick on the media. Have bonding times with family, catch up with friends on phone, read books to keep mentally alert, attend to your hobby, pray and meditate.
4. Avoid self-medication please. Don't start chloroquine and antibiotics as preventives. You will end up building resistance and everyone will be worse off when the need arises. Please ask for prescriptions, even if on the phone from your doctors.
5. If you are a known hypertensive or diabetic, continue your medications. If you have self-monitoring devices, use them at home. Avoid clinics/ hospitals as much as possible in the next two weeks except in emergencies. You can call numbers below for further directives.
6. If you develop any of the symptoms identified with COVID-19 like fever, headache, dry cough, catarrh, diarrhea, difficulty in breathing, please do not panic. Remember, that you have those symptoms does not necessarily mean you have COVID-19. It still could be other health issues like malaria, respiratory tract infection or asthma attack in known asthmatics. Don't visit any clinic. Call any of the numbers below for further directions.
7. If however have travelled to any of the countries with COVID-19 in the past two weeks and you are in self isolation as advised, and you develop above symptoms, Call NCDC on 0800970000 or COVID-Lagos 08000CORONA or call the NPA medical personnel listed below for directions.
8. For more information, reach out to the numbers of medical personnel below:

GM Medical Services - 0803 306 3001

Lagos area:

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Dr. Ezeudo C.	08022238783
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Delta Port area

Dr. Ali N.	07033817419
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Rivers Port/Onne

Dr. Agbo.	08033318037
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NCDC toll free 0800970000

COVID Lagos 08000CORONA.



Thank you and keep safe for your family and for the Organization. Remember, a healthy workforce is key to increased productivity.

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

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COVID-19: LOCKDOWN/WORK FROM HOME ORDER: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE?



As a frontliner in this fight against the spread of COVID-19, I went all out educating the Delta Ports workforce and the Port community on the practices of hand washing, social distancing, and good respiratory and personal hygiene. I also taught our pilots on the use of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by NPA Management, correct donning and doffing. Went also distributing fliers on how to protect oneself from COVID-19 amidst attending to all emergencies that call/attend the clinic.

Dr. Ali, Euphemia Ngozi
Medical Dept.
Delta Ports Complex



It was a difficult adjustment at first as I am used to being up and about in the office with limited distractions at work. However, I slowly eased into the process and I must say it has been quite effective and productive regardless of the little challenges faced, like slow internet and distractions.

Sakina Sani
Employee and Labour Rels. Dept
Abuja Liaison Office



As for me, the experience has been daunting, going to work as an essential services Officer of the Fire Service Department, through the deserted roads gives me goose bumps.

A warlike scenario and people have all ran away from the city. The Port's environment has become a shadow of itself. Most of the food vendors' stores

are under lock and key.

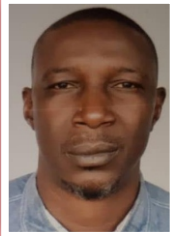
One cannot but pray for a quick and fast solution to this plague, then we will be fine again by God's grace.

Ukor Friday Chidubem
Fire Service Dept. Delta Ports Complex



Working from home during the lockdown faces many challenges like family distractions, non-availability of constant electricity supply and lack of adequate synergy with co-workers.

Engr. Dafe Timothy S.
Safety Dept. HQ



It has not been easy working from home due to epileptic power supply, internet down time and family distractions. Family ties are at the peak now as children and parents have ample time to bond now. However, families who strive to earn daily income for their upkeep are not finding it easy at all.

Tongman Kwarbak Emmanuel
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Coping with the lockdown experience is not easy because it has crippled all social and economic activities. No matter who you are, it sure affects you in one way or another. But it is still the best for now. For me it has been, going out there to work to make a living for my family. This period is to maintain extreme personal hand washing, general hygiene and distancing as directed by the Health officials. It's a time to show love to ourselves and pray to God to have mercy on us and our land.

Innocent Ogbuehi
HR Dept. Onne Port Complex



I pray that this COVID-19 plague be eradicated and all restrictions and lockdown be lifted. It has disrupted all previously arranged activities, ceremonies, travels and so on. Prices of all items, drugs and especially foodstuffs have outrageously skyrocketed. There is heightened desperation, anxiety and fear of the unknown amongst everyone.

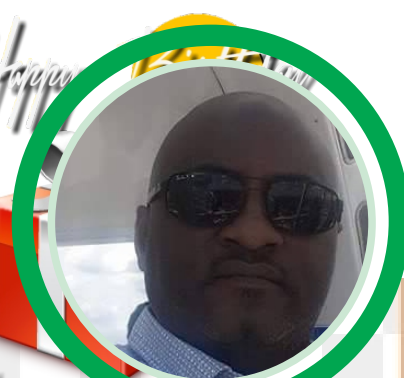
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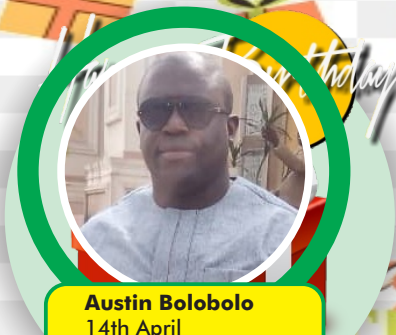
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