

## **COVID-19 TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR NIGERIANS LIVING IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THOSE INTENDING TO VISIT**

The fourth wave of Covid-19 pandemic is in full force in Germany, with surging number of new cases and hospitalization. According to Robert Koch Institute (RKI), the country's public health body, 48, 640 new cases were reported on Friday, 12 October, 2021, just below the record of 50,000 new daily cases that was reported earlier on Thursday, 11 October, 2021.

2. The Acting Minister of Health, Mr. Jens Spahn, warned last week that the surge of Covid-19 infection in the country was serious, and reiterated that if prompt actions are not taken, the cases could keep doubling every fortnight. Also, the three political parties namely; Social Democrats Party, the Green Party and the Free Democratic Party involved in the ongoing talks to form a government have agreed on new measures, including mandatory vaccinations for certain jobs, such as caregivers at nursing homes. They are also planning to allow only fully vaccinated individuals and those who had recovered or tested negative to the virus onto trains and other closed spaces.

3. The table below shows a snapshot of the number and cumulative incidence (per 100,000 population) of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths for each federal state electronically reported to RKI, Germany as at 15/11/2021.

Federal State	Cumulative cases		Cumulative deaths	
	Total Number of cases	Number of new cases	Current number of deaths	Deaths/1000 of pop.
Baden-Wuerttemberg	707,028	3,39	11,252	101
Bavaria	941,688	8,629	16,571	126
Berlin	242,96	147	3,759	103
Brandenburg	140,905	808	3,979	157
Bremen	36,803	124	536	79
Hamburg	104,923	362	1,848	100
Hesse	377,427	722	7,977	127
Mecklenburg-Western Pomernai	58,636	262	1,277	79
Lower Soxony	340,483	476	6,171	77
North Rhine-Westphalia	1,069,076	2,179	18,487	103
Rhineland-Palatinante	206,414	573	4,17	103
Saarland	52,903	4502	1,083	110
Saxony	380,893	369	10,539	260
Saxony-Anhalt	123,929	142	3,641	167
Schleswig-Holstein	87,216		1,751	60
Thuringia	173,792	809	4,674	220

<b>Total</b>	<b>5,045,076</b>	<b>23,607</b>	<b>97,715</b>	<b>118</b>
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4. In light of the above, Nigerians living in Germany as well as those intending to visit are kindly advised to be mindful of the spike in cases, take necessary precaution whilst visiting cities where the number of infections are surging and do the essential by observing Covid-19 safety protocol as required by law.