

## County Plans to cushion the Business Community



Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok has told off some of the credit institutions in the county over undue pressure on small business operators following reports that some merchants had started repossessing motorbikes from boda boda operators owing to late or nonpayment of loans.

Dr Barchok said that the Boda boda business has over time, been a great source of employment to many young people but with the Covid-19 situation, the industry was facing a turmoil.

"At the moment the country is facing a crisis and our youth are experiencing tough economic times; unable to fend for their families. Businesses in all sectors have gone down and so for some individuals to chase defaulters around is totally insensitive and unacceptable at all," Dr. Barchok said.

He, however, stated that the situation should not be a conduit for defaulters to avoid repaying the money and encouraged those with other sources of income to continue repaying their loans. Dr. Barchok also said that the county government has put measures in place to cushion SMEs from the current dire situation. For instance, the setting aside of the county enterprise revolving fund at no interest in return. The Governor also hinted that his government will consider introducing some waivers to cushion the business community.

# Countywide disinfection exercise against Covid-19 launched



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, on April 5th, 2020, launched a countywide disinfection and fumigation exercises of public spaces in a bid to curb the spread of Covid-19 pandemic. The exercise targets public spaces which include markets, public service vehicles stages, bodaboda sheds among other utilities. It also targets major trading centres which include Bomet, Kaplong, Sotik, Mogogosiek, Silibwet among

other trading centres. "My administration is ready to invest its resources to ensure the lives of Bomet residents are safe in the wake of the deadly coronavirus disease raging across the globe." Dr Barchok said. The exercise will be conducted mainly during the curfew hours between 7PM to 5AM across the county in a bid to reduce disruption of businesses during the day.

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Our medical officers are on high alert and closely monitoring the situation as well as those persons placed under quarantine. They will be released only after the medical personnel ascertain their health statuses as safe and healthy". Dr. Barchok.



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## Quote of the Week

"After all it really is all of humanity that is under threat during a pandemic."  
- Margaret Chan

# Bomet steps up Covid-19 Preparedness



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok has said his administration is prepared to handle novel Covid-19 cases should a positive case be reported in the county.

Governor Barchok said, more than 50 health workers have been trained at Longisa County Referral Hospital and Koiwa Sub-county hospital on infection, prevention and control in readiness for the Covid-19 emergencies

Among the health workers who have been trained include clinicians, nurses, nutritionists, public health officers, counsellors and lab technicians on Covid-19 pandemic.

More health workers will be trained on response to the pandemic in the coming weeks. Governor Barchok said this when he inspected quarantine and Isolation centres in Longisa County Referral Hospital, Koiwa Sub-County Hospital, Sigor

Subcounty Hospital to ascertain the prepared in the facilities to handle Covid-19 cases.

In addition to the 112 isolation beds provided by the County government, the Tea multi nationals have also identified 58 isolation beds in tea estates.

Other isolation centres include Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kaplong Mission Hospital and Ndanai Sub-county Hospital.

## Bomet receives 816 litres of sanitizers from the National Government



Bomet County, Thursday received 816 litres of hand sanitizers from the National Government at Bomet

Health Centre. Speaking while receiving the consignment, Dr. Barchok said that

the county government was doing everything possible to stop the spread of the covid19 pandemic. He at the same time urged the residents to strictly adhere to the Ministry of Health guidelines such as Washing of hands, sanitizing, keeping social distance and wearing masks in public places.

He also thanked the health workers for their bravery in the fight against the covid19 pandemic.

"We'll do all that which is in our capacity to support our frontline soldiers and I call upon wananchi to support them by staying safe"

The sanitizers will be distributed free of charge for use across the county. Additionally, face masks will also be availed in critical areas especially to frontline workers.