**COVID-19 AFRICA HEADLINES**

**South Africa:** President Ramaphosa and party leaders unite to issue joint statement on the coronavirus outbreak.

**South Africa:** Govt. instructs experts not to speak to the media and to direct all communication to the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD.)

**Botswana:** Government insists on keeping schools open.

**Burkina Faso:** Reports its first COVID-19 death.

**Ethiopia:** Announces 15-day closure of federal courts.

**Nigeria:** Senate urges President Buhari to address the nation on the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Nigeria:** Central Bank announces a N1.1tn intervention fund to support critical sectors of the economy.

**Uganda:** President Museveni orders school closures and suspension of religious gatherings.

**Gambia, Zambia and Djibouti** report index cases.

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**MEDIA TRENDS**

#LockDownKenya; #FightCOVID19; #COVID19Lagos; #COVID19SouthAfrica; #CoronaVirusUpdate

**Kenya:** 2K on “favipiravir,” Japanese-made flu drug

**South Africa:** 50K on “ZCC,” Zion Christian Church cancels major annual pilgrimage.

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**FIGURE(S) OF THE DAY: 63%**

Percentage of Nigerians concerned about contracting COVID-19.

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*Data compiled from WHO Regional Office for Africa and online media sources.*