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PRESENCE OF DELTA VARIANT OF COVID-19 IN NIGERIA: NEED TO RAISE LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT

Recall that since the emergence of the index case of COVID-19 in Nigeria in Feb, 2020, the Corps has been among the agencies in the frontline battling its spread. Such efforts by the Corps has manifested in various ways including the enforcement of extant COVID-19 non-pharmaceutical protocols especially Physical Distancing in Vehicles, Use of Face Mask, Washing of Hands in motor parks among others.

2. It is also on record that in all FRSC formations, both staff and visitors are not allowed entry into the premises without washing of hands and use of face mask. These efforts have been going on with good results to show for them.

3. However, a very deadly variant of the virus, Delta Variant, has emerged, ravaging nations and killing at will. This variant aptly described by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the 'variant of concern' is truly of concern to the world as it is touted to give no known signals to the carrier. It is currently in over 98 countries as at today, Nigeria inclusive and spreading very fast especially in countries with low vaccination coverage.

4. It is on the strength of the above that we direct:

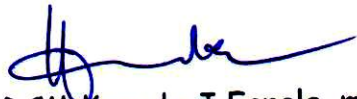
- a. Heads of all FRSC Formations to reinvigorate the directives that nobody including staff should be allowed into FRSC premises without washing of hands and wearing of face mask.
- b. Corps Intelligence Officer and Corps Provost must enforce the directive on 4(a) at the National Headquarters.
- c. Commanding Officers to also tailor their Public Enlightenment efforts towards use of face mask, physical distancing and other non-pharmaceutical protocols of COVID-19.

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- d. Commanding Officers should carry out enlightenment among the few staff who have refused to take the vaccines due to confusion caused by anti-vaccine campaigners who made negative claims against vaccination. The vaccine remains the best form of protection against all variants of COVID-19 virus.

5. Treat as very important.



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