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**UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN  
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE**

**RELAXING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

The UI COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee has observed that people in the University community are becoming more uncaring towards observing COVID-19 Prevention protocols. The Committee hereby advises as follows:

- There is a need to be very careful in dealing with this global pandemic- COVID-19.
- Going by the year 2021 experience (shown in figure 1) when between 10 and 25 weeks (sometimes in June, 2021), the detection was almost Zero, but from week 26 the State began to have another surge. The current reduction rate on campus (as a sub-set of the state) may not be reliable yet and may need to be put under a critical watch for some time.

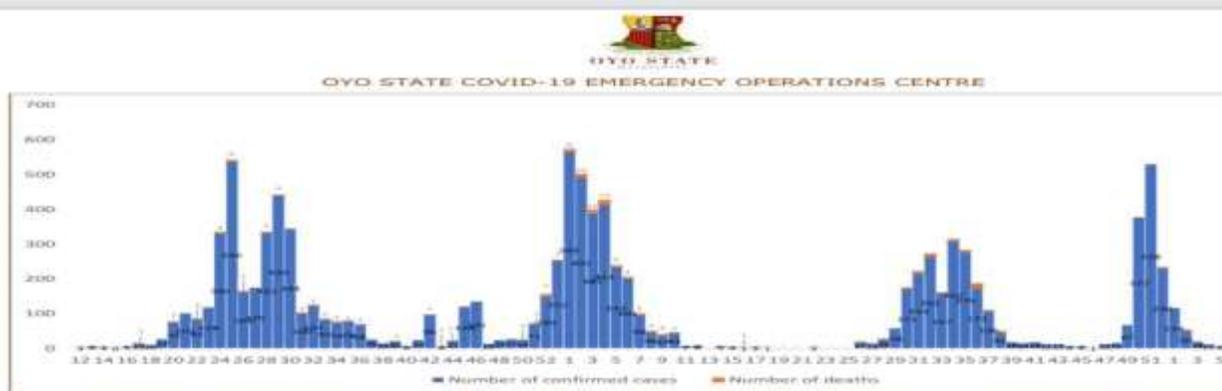


Figure 1: Weekly epidemiology-curve of Oyo State by date of sample collection as at 04/03/2022. Activity report:

- In this light, relaxing social distancing and other COVID-19 protocols on campus has to be gradual.

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee, on behalf of the University Management is hereby pleading with the University community, especially the mosques and the churches on campus to take responsibility by sensitizing and educating their worshippers about the risk on ground ahead of gradually relaxing the social distancing and other COVID-19 protocols.

The Committee is using this medium to appreciate the cooperation of all religious groups since the inception of the global pandemic in the year 2020.

Thank you.

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