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**KIRYANDONGO SUGAR URGED TO SETUP A HEALTH FACILITY**

Kiryandongo district COVID-19 taskforce has urged the management of Kiryandongo sugar limited to employ health workers and set up a facility to manage cases with in the factory. This followed the outbreak of COVID-19 among the workers of Kiryandongo sugar limited with two confirmed cases which prompted the taskforce to visit the factory to assess the level of infection prevention and control measures.

While addressing the management of Kiryandongo sugar on Friday August 6,2021, Peter Debele the RDC asked them to coordinate with the district COVID-19 taskforce so as to ensure proper management of future outbreaks. Debele also asked Kiryandongo sugar to ensure occupational health and safety measures are put in place alongside COVID-19 standard operating procedures. Debele further warned the management against sending off suspected and confirmed cases but rather set up an isolation centre at the factory to reduce the risks of infection in the process of cases moving from the factory to their homes.

According to Kennedy Atuhwere the human resource officer-Kiryandongo sugar, the labourforce at the factory has been reduced to 313 workers in two shifts to avoid crowding which exposes them to COVID-19.

Edith Aliguma Adyeri the district chairperson-Kiryandongo called upon Kiryandongo sugar to make use of the available health services such as COVID-19 screening, testing and psycho socio support offered by the district. Aliguma also asked the management to ensure the victims of COVID-19 are not stigmatized upon being discharged.



*RDC Peter Debele (R) addresses managers of Kiryandongo sugar limited (C) as LCV Edith Aliguma 2nd left looks on*