



SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE (NACOVERC)
FREETOWN

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Advisory for Travellers to/from Countries with High Transmission, Exponential Increase in Cases, and/or Circulation of SARS COV-2 (COVID-19) Variants of Public Health Concern

In the last few weeks, the Government of Sierra Leone has been following the COVID-19 situation globally with increasing concern. While case counts have plateaued in some countries, other countries have had high transmission and an exponential increase in cases, which has been attributed to new variants of the SARS COV-2 virus.

In order to prevent the entry into Sierra Leone of these variants, as from Wednesday May 12, 2021, NaCOVERC will institute additional protective measures on travel between Sierra Leone and countries known to have high SARS-COV-2 transmission, a sudden increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, and/or circulation of variants of Public Health concern.

NaCOVERC will take necessary action to identify countries based on operational review on a weekly basis as new evidence emerges.

Travel from Sierra Leone

NaCOVERC advises against all but essential travel **to Countries with High Transmission, Exponential Increase in Cases, and/or Circulation of SARS COV-2 (COVID-19) Variants of Public Health Concern** at this time. Anyone who cannot avoid travelling to these countries should:

- Get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before traveling
- Follow all universal prevention precautions for SARS-CoV-2, which include:
 - Wearing a mask over nose and mouth at all times when in public.
 - Avoiding crowds and stay at least 1 meter from others.
 - Washing hands frequently or using hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
 - Seeking immediate help on developing COVID-19 symptoms or getting in contact with a COVID-19 case.

Travel to Sierra Leone

Anyone traveling to Sierra Leone who has been **from any Country with High Transmission, Exponential Increase in Cases, and/or Circulation of SARS COV-2 (COVID-19) Variants of Public Health Concern** in the past 14 days (excluding airport transit) **will be required to:**

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1. Hold a valid negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) based COVID-19 test result certificate from a certified laboratory taken ***no longer than 72 hours*** before departure from the point of origin. The test certificate must be in English and must show:
 - The date and time swab was taken.
 - The name of the certified laboratory where the swab was analysed.
 - QR code linked to the original laboratory report, for verification by the airline and NaCOVERC representatives on arrival.

2. Go into quarantine in a NaCOVERC approved quarantine facility/hotel for a minimum of 8 days from arrival, **at the traveller's own expense.**
 - Be tested on day 7 after arrival (*those who test negative will be released*).
 - Comply with all quarantine regulations. (*NaCOVERC will monitor compliance*)

- Individuals that have been fully vaccinated and arrive in the country at least 14 days after the last dose of any COVID vaccine, will not be required to quarantine. However, they will be tested for SARS-COV-2 at the airport.
 - A 14-day self-quarantine is required for children accompanying fully vaccinated adults.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE REGULATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO SIERRA LEONE FROM COUNTRIES OF CONCERN WILL RESULT IN PUNITIVE ACTION.

LIST OF APPROVED HOTELS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Hotel Mariam, Radisson Blu Hotel, Bintumani Hotel, Seaside Hotel, Kings Empire Hotel and Hill Valley Hotel.

THIS SUPERSEDES THE PUBLISHED ADVISORY OF 8TH MAY 2021

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