

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

Freetown 12th May, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

NaCOVERC wishes to remind the general public that COVID-19 is still in Sierra Leone. Between 1st April and 12th May, 2021, the country has recorded a total of 115 positive cases.

NaCOVERC similarly wishes to draw the attention of the public to exponential rise in COVID-19 cases in different parts of the world and emerging variants of concern. The global situation is being monitored on a 24 hour basis.

In addition to COVID-19 precautionary measures to address community transmission, NaCOVERC has intensified screening and surveillance processes for incoming passengers right from the Freetown International Airport and beyond. NaCOVERC is similarly monitoring events at the land and maritime crossing points. In monitoring the global situation, the screening and surveillance protocols are being informed by a range of indices including:-

- incidence rate (countries having 100 or more new cases per 100,000 population),
- 50% sudden increase in cases, and
- WHO/CDC classified 'variants of concern'

NaCOVERC continues to work closely with partners (local and international) and with key MDAs including the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority, Sierra Leone Airports Authority and security sector.

CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR FACE MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND CLEAN WATER, AND MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCE.

EID MUBARAK TO ALL MUSLIMS.



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