



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

**NACOVERC PRESS RELEASE ON**  
**NEW COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES**  
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Due to the current increase in COVID-19 positive cases in the country, the following measures to contain the spread of the disease have been approved by the Presidential Task Force and will take effect from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 for a period of two weeks subject to review:

1. Restricted movement in and out of Western Area. During this period community testing will be conducted.
2. Night time curfew will be reintroduced nationwide from 10pm to 5am.
3. An electronic pass system(E-pass) will be used to regulate all essential movements.
4. All essential movement of persons from the Western Area will require proof of a negative COVID-19 test valid for 72 hours.
5. Restaurants and bars shall not operate during weekends; and clubs remain banned.
6. Places of worship shall hold services for not more than one and half hours (90 minutes). Where more than one service may be conducted, there shall be thorough IPC cleaning at intervals.
7. All sporting activities can only be conducted without spectators.
8. Mandatory wearing of face masks in public premises and public transportation will be fully enforced and defaulters will be penalized.
9. All public meetings including activities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies, shall be prefaced with COVID-19 prevention messages and compliance. All non-state actors are required to do likewise.

The public is advised to strictly comply with these measures to help curtail the second wave of COVID-19 the country is currently experiencing.

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