



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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Freetown, Saturday 31st July, 2021

NaCOVERC wishes to commend citizens of our beloved nation for continued patience and understanding as we head into the seventeenth month of the outbreak in Sierra Leone.

Upon thorough review of the situation a month after the announcement of additional restrictions by His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio, the nation is reminded that although the epidemiological data shows a decline in cases, lower positivity rates, lower incidence rates, decline in hospitalization in the past four (4) weeks, we remain confronted with a propagated outbreak with variants of concern that are highly transmissible.

Therefore, NaCOVERC is hereby directed by the Presidential Task Force as follows:

1. The nationwide curfew shall remain in force for an additional period of one (1) month from 11pm to 5am daily.
2. Suspension of congregational worship will continue beyond 2nd August 2021, and will be reviewed within two weeks.
3. In the meantime, NaCOVERC and the Inter-Religious Council will continue to engage and collaborate around vaccination of our congregations, enforcement of public health measures for places of worship, Infection Prevention and Control support and nationwide COVID-19 outreach.
4. Restaurants and bars should only provide take-away services and shall close at 9pm. Bars and Restaurants are warned not to operate as clubs.
5. Weddings and funerals are limited to not more than fifty (50) persons, and shall not be conducted without the express written approval of NaCOVERC.



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6. Drivers and passengers are encouraged to get vaccinated and ensure passengers wear face masks properly and are socially distanced in vehicles and public transports.
7. Any person accessing a public building (including all public-sector workers) is required to provide evidence of COVID-19 vaccination, put on face masks, wash hands and ensure social distance. Heads of institutions will take responsibility for breach of the guideline.
8. All other previously announced measures by NaCOVERC continue to apply.

ALL persons who have attained **18 years** will now be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine. These vaccines are safe and effective. Take your vaccine NOW, and continue observing public health measures on face mask, hand hygiene and physical distancing.



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