



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

PUBLIC NOTICE

13 August, 2021

REVISED MEASURES TO FURTHER COMBAT COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Upon assessment of the current COVID-19 epidemiological data which depicts significant decline in case numbers, lower positivity and incidence rates, drop in hospitalization and deaths; and further noting our collective responsibility to forestall another wave, save lives and protect livelihoods; the Presidential Task Force hereby directs NaCOVERC to issue the following revised Measures :-

1. Curfew

The nationwide curfew from 11pm till 5am daily shall continue in force until otherwise determined.

2. Congregational worship

Suspension of congregational worship is lifted effective Monday, 16th August, 2021 subject to the following regulations:

- a) Services to last not more than ninety (90) minutes
- b) Proper use of face mask, social distancing (one seat/space between worshippers) and hand-hygiene (hand-wash/alcohol-based hand sanitizer) to be strictly enforced.
- c) Regular disinfection of seats, microphones, any surface/material through which coronavirus is transmissible.
- d) Ensure proper ventilation is available at all times.
- e) NaCOVERC and Inter-Religious Council Sierra Leone (IRCSL) to conduct regular monitoring and supervision on compliance with Guidelines for the Resumption of Congregational Worship.
- f) All places of worship are encouraged to strongly ensure compliance.

3. Sporting activities

- a) Only sporting activities conducted by the National Sports Authority (NSA) and at their designated venues, shall take place at the moment.
- b) All players and officials shall show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative PCR test before accessing the venue.



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- c) Proper use of face mask, social distancing and hand-hygiene protocols should be strictly enforced for all spectators and officials.
- d) NaCOVERC and the NSA will conduct monitoring and supervision of sporting activities to ensure compliance.
- e) Officials superintending sporting activities, their associations and the NSA will be held responsible for failure to enforce these guidelines.

4. Educational Institutions

- a) Proper use of face mask, social distancing and hand-hygiene (hand-wash/alcohol-based hand sanitizer) to be strictly enforced.
- b) Regular disinfection of seats and surfaces/materials through which coronavirus is transmissible.
- c) Ensure proper ventilation is available at all times.
- d) NaCOVERC and the MBSSE/MTHE to conduct regular monitoring and supervision on institutional compliance.

5. Public gathering, weddings, funerals

- a) Not more than fifty (50) persons will be allowed at any gathering.
- b) A written application will be made to NaCOVERC, and written clearance secured before conducting the event.

6. Bars, restaurants, clubs and cinemas

- a) Bars and Restaurants will operate till 10pm and take-away services are strongly encouraged.
- b) All clubs and cinemas remain banned until further notice.

7. Public buildings and Transport

- a) All persons accessing public buildings (including civil servants and public officials) will require proof of vaccination.
- b) Proper use of face mask, hand hygiene and other protocols will be strictly enforced.
- c) Drivers and passengers must wear face mask properly at all times, and normal passenger capacity maintained

8. Air Travel

- a) Mandatory COVID-19 screening of all inbound and outbound travellers continues to apply.



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- b) Quarantine and/or home isolation is enforced depending on country-risk-profiling.
 - c) Unless for essential travels outside Sierra Leone, citizens are advised to reconsider travel plans more so with very complex and highly transmissible variants of concern detected in different countries.
9. **All other COVID-19 preventive measures continue to apply and these measures will be reviewed from time to time based on the scientific data and expert advice.**

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