

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

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

## Freetown 13th September, 2021

The public is hereby informed that, following presentation on the current COVID19 trend, and recommendations made by NaCOVERC today September 13, 2021, it has pleased the Presidential Task Force to review the COVID-19 measures with immediate effect as follows:

#### 1. Curfew

The nationwide curfew from 11am till 5am daily is, hereby lifted.

## 2. Places of Worship

Congregational worship shall continue, with mandatory face mask, social distancing, hand hygiene and other COVID-19 preventive measures strictly adhered to.

### 3. Public Buildings

All persons accessing public buildings MUST provide proof of at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccination, and a NO MASK NO ENTRY policy strictly enforced.

## 4. Public Transport

The use of face mask in ALL public transports is mandatory. Drivers and passengers are encouraged to be vaccinated at the earliest opportunity.

#### 5. Educational Institutions

Teachers, Instructors, school administrators and support staff in pre-primary, primary and secondary schools are expected to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination; as well as lecturers, administrators, support staff and students in higher institutions of learning. In addition, a NO MASK NO ENTRY and other COVID-19 preventive measures will continue in force.

## 6. Public and other Gatherings

Restrictions on public gatherings including funerals, weddings and receptions are lifted, except for mandatory use of face mask, social distancing and other protocols.

# 7. Entertainment and Hospitality Industry

Restrictions on hotels, bars, restaurants, night clubs, cinemas and any large-scale entertainment activity, are lifted, on the condition that ALL persons accessing such facilities and events MUST show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

## 8. Sporting Activities

Restrictions on sporting activities are lifted, and ALL persons (players, officials and spectators) MUST provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination in order to access sporting venues. NaCOVERC may also be conducting PCR tests at intervals.

#### 9. International Travellers



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With effect from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021, ALL unvaccinated passengers travelling into Sierra Leone will undergo mandatory quarantine at own cost until proof of negative PCR result.

- 10. ALL other COVID-19 protocols remain in full force.
- NaCOVERC will review the measures from time to time based on the scientific data and expert advise

## Containment and Resilience

NaCOVERC wishes to note that whilst the country has successfully suppressed the third wave and rated as LEVEL 1 (low risk) by the United States Centres for Disease Control Prevention (USCDC); and as we are witnessing low case-loads, low positivity rate, low hospitalizations and deaths, as well as improved uptake in vaccination and stock levels, we must prepare for a fourth wave. Our posture therefore, is one of resilience to future waves.

#### Vaccination

NaCOVERC therefore will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, other MDAs as well as local and international partners not just to secure vaccines, but also broaden access to them. As the nation demonstrates vaccine uptake, NaCOVERC and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation call on every eligible member of our population (18+) to take the life-saving vaccine NOW and continue to practice health and safety measures.

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