



CORONA FET



Week: 24th – 30th January 2020

Big Idea of the Week:

With More Cases Comes More Responsibility

The number of coronavirus cases in Sierra Leone is growing. The information that we have around this growing number of cases tells us that the virus is spreading among our communities.

If one person has the virus and spreads it to others, and then each of those people spreads it to others, within a short time, the virus can spread to communities across a city and the country. The situation can get worse quickly if we do not step up now and take greater action.

The government of Sierra Leone has put in place measures to help control the spread of the virus. These measures begin on Monday, 25th January, 2021, for a period of two weeks.

These measures support the efforts of people who are taking prevention seriously by washing our hands frequently, keeping physical distance from others, and wearing our masks correctly. Together we can drive coronavirus out of Sierra Leone.

Corona fet na we all fet!

Suggestions for people to interview

- National and district spokespersons for the government coronavirus response
- Community leaders
- Law enforcement
- People who have had coronavirus or their family members
- Business people

Suggestions for questions for interviews and panel discussions

- Why is it important to take action now to stop the ongoing spread of coronavirus?
- What are some of the ways that the ongoing spread of coronavirus and the response to control it have impacted Sierra Leoneans over the last year?
- What successes have we seen or learned from the past year or from Ebola that we can use to fight coronavirus in Sierra Leone?
- Why are cases going up now compared to the lower numbers we saw reported later last year?
- How can individuals and government work together to stop the spread of coronavirus in Sierra Leone? What role does each play?
- How does a global outbreak like coronavirus impact Sierra Leoneans?

Additional messages

We know what we need to do to stop this virus and all of us can start taking these actions today.

- **Wash our hands frequently with soap**
- **Wear a face mask** over our mouth, nose, and chin whenever in public
- **Keep physical distance from others** whenever we can
- **Call 117 if we feel sick**, like fever, tiredness, cough, or you lose your ability to taste or smell

Coronavirus doesn't care if you are young, old, black, white, Muslim, or Christian. We are all at risk of getting the virus and spreading it to others.

While many people who have the virus feel fine, some people *do* get sick and can have long-lasting health problems.

Some people who get the virus can get very sick and even die, especially people who are older or have other health conditions.

We all have loved ones who are older and have other health conditions.

It is important for us all to take action to stop the spread of coronavirus to protect ourselves and each other.

For more details around the government's revised measures for coronavirus prevention, visit the Corona Fet Na We All Fet facebook page or call 117.

GoSL Revised Measures for Coronavirus Prevention (January 21, 2021)

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, 25th 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 nonstate 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.