



**SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT**  
**NATIONAL COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE (NACOVERC)**  
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**ADDITIONAL GUIDE ON COVID-19 TESTING FOR DEPARTING PASSENGERS**

Departing passengers can find this a very useful guide on what they need to know and do about COVID-19 testing, which is a mandatory requirement to travel.

The travel advisory states: “All passengers are subjected to a mandatory *Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)* COVID-19 test with a negative result issued no longer than 72hrs before departure at the Freetown International Airport.”

What do I do to get tested before travel?

- Five days to expected date of travel, kindly register on [www.travel.gov.sl](http://www.travel.gov.sl), and use your unique registration code to pay for COVID-19 test as directed on the travel portal.
- You can pay using mobile money, bank deposit, or online payment.
- Once you have registered online and made your payment for the test, please call 117 to schedule your test. (Kindly note that this should be done four days before your scheduled travel date). You will be directed to a designated testing site in your District. Passengers who have registered and paid for the premium service, will be contacted and do not need to call 117.

NaCOVERC is committed to maximum 48 hours turn-around time for test results. Therefore, to assist you secure your valid result within 72 hours of travel, we encourage you to have your swab taken 4 days before travel.

What do I need to bring to the testing site?

- A copy of your passport: This will help ensure that the name on your testing certificate matches the name you are using to travel.
- Your registration number: This will be used to verify your payment, which is linked to this registration number.

How will I receive my results?

- If your result is negative, your electronic result will be sent to your email address and by SMS to the contacts that you provided on the travel portal.
- If you do not receive your electronic result 24 hours before traveling, contact 117 to alert that you are still awaiting results.
- Hard copies of result certificates can be collected at the airport on departure.
- If your result is positive, you will be alerted by NaCOVERC authorities, and necessary protocols activated

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