



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

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that COVID-19 screening of inbound passengers has been revised.

Effective Friday 1st January 2021, passports of ALL inbound passengers excluding Diplomatic Missions and Consulates, UN Agencies and other International Organizations accredited to Sierra Leone (having Host Country Agreements with the Government of Sierra Leone), SHALL be withheld at the Lungi International Airport by the Immigration Department until a negative COVID-19 PCR result is issued by NaCOVERC.

Sierra Leone has witnessed increased volumes of airline passengers particularly in the past three weeks, and disappointingly, some of them are deliberately providing false information on health locator forms, which makes it extremely difficult or impossible for Surveillance teams to track positive cases.

As we continue to address community transmission of the Corona Virus Disease, the Response is deeply concerned about reports of a variant coronavirus in some parts of the world, with significantly higher levels of transmission and contagion.

This measure, it is hoped, will help keep cases within the radar of NaCOVERC's surveillance architecture, thus preventing the unwarranted spread of the virus in the country.

The passports will be in the safe custody of the Immigration Department at all material times, and same will ensure delivery to the rightful holders at the designated collection point at NaCOVERC.

This supersedes the previous public notice

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