



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

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Effective January 1, 2021, passports of ALL inbound passengers SHALL be withheld at the Lungi International Airport by the Immigrations Department until a negative COVID-19 PCR certificate is issued.

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

As we continue to address community transmission, the Response is deeply concerned about reports of a variant coronavirus in some parts of the world, with significantly higher levels of transmissibility (and probably a deadlier mutant).

This measure, it is hoped, will help keep cases within the radar of surveillance, thus preventing the unwarranted spread of the virus in communities.

The passports will be in the safe custody of the Immigrations Department at all material times, and same will ensure delivery to the rightful holders or their authorized proxies at the designated collection points -NaCOVERC, Kingtom, Freetown.

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