



Week: 21st to 27th February 2021

Big Idea of the Week:

Safe travels! Health screening for a safe Salone

The Government reopened the border with Guinea on February 18, 2021. As people travel across borders, diseases can travel too. To protect you, other travelers, and all Sierra Leoneans, the Government has put in place screening for coronavirus and Ebola.

Screening includes getting your temperature taken, being observed for symptoms, and completing a health form.

Screening is important for identifying travelers who may have coronavirus so they can get an additional health check.

To complete the health form, make sure to bring with you your phone number, the address for where you are going, and the phone number of someone who can be contacted in case of an emergency.

Prepare your documents and information and have them ready before you travel to cross the border. This will help keep things flowing fine and protect you and others.

At border points as in any public space, travelers must wear a face mask over their nose and mouth, wash their hands with soap and water, and keep physical distance from others.

Corona fet na we all fet!

Suggestions for people to interview

- Point of entry (POE) staff
- District and DiCOVERC leaders in border communities
- Transportation drivers
- Individuals who have passed through the border health screening
- Community leaders, including women, especially women trader groups

Suggestions for questions for interviews and panel discussions

- What do people need to know before traveling through the border?
- Where can I get more health information about traveling through the border?
- What will be done if someone passing through the border has signs and symptoms of coronavirus?
- What is the role of communities in supporting efforts to keep travelers and their communities safe?

Additional messages

If you think you may have had close contact with someone with coronavirus or you have symptoms of coronavirus, such as fever, tiredness and cough, call 117 free on all networks. Do not travel. It is not worth the risk to your health and the health of others.

If you plan to travel to or from any country where coronavirus is spreading, consider delaying your traveling until after the outbreak.

If you must travel, it is important to follow advice and actions for coronavirus prevention very closely to protect yourself and others.

Travelers should plan ahead to spend at least an hour to get through the health screening process.

Depending on the results of your screening, you may be asked to step aside for additional health check and testing for coronavirus.

All Point of Entry (POE) staff are encouraged to follow the correct procedures for screening all travelers entering the country for the safety and protection of all.