



CORONA FET



Week: 27th June – 3rd July 2021

Big Idea of the Week:

The spread of misinformation helps fuel the spread of coronavirus – let's stop both!

The Delta variant of coronavirus has been found in Sierra Leone. This variant spreads more easily and makes more people sick. This is likely leading to the rapidly growing number of people getting sick and dying from the virus.

Fortunately, in addition to hand washing, face masks, and physical distancing for prevention, we now also have coronavirus maklates which help protect us from serious sickness.

Some social media posts warn of death and other serious side effects after taking coronavirus maklates. These posts are often misleading by claiming these events are *caused by* the maklate.

The government takes any potential side effect of the maklate seriously and is investigating all reported events to know whether they are actually caused by the coronavirus maklate.

Based on available information to date, serious side effects from coronavirus maklates are extremely rare.

If you feel sick past the typical minor side effects after taking any maklate, or if your symptoms have not gone away after three days, call 117 or 099117117 or contact a healthcare worker.

Corona fet na we all fet!

Suggestions for people to interview

- National or district-level coronavirus response spokesperson
- Representatives of a maklate center team
- Health workers who have taken the maklate and encourage others to get the maklate now
- People 30 years and older who have taken the maklate and can share their experience and why they decided to get the maklate
- Religious leaders, community leaders, or people who have recovered from the virus who support the maklate and encourage those who can to get the maklate

Suggestions for questions for interviews and panel discussions

- What does detecting the Delta variant in Sierra Leone mean for the coronavirus outbreak in the country?
- What effects do misinformation and rumors on social media have on the spread of coronavirus in Sierra Leone?
- How can we make sure that we are not forwarding and sharing clips and messages with others that include misinformation about coronavirus maklates?
- What can we do to encourage and support our family, friends, and neighbors to go for the coronavirus maklate and, maklate or no maklate, continue to practice prevention every day?

Additional information and messages

Coronavirus maklate center locations and hours

- If you are eligible for the coronavirus maklate, go to one of the coronavirus maklate centers Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am-2:00pm.
- If you missed the date for your second dose, it's not too late! Go for it as soon as possible at any maklate center - it does not need to be the same place you took your first dose.

DISTRICT	COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRE	DISTRICT	COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRE
Bombali	Makeni Government Hospital	Karene	Kamakwie Hospital
	Kamabai CHC		Gbinty CHC
Bonthe	Bonthe Government Hospital	Port Loko	Port Loko Government Hospital
	UBC Hospital Mattru		Lungi Hospital
Falaba	Mongo CHC	Pujehun	Pujehun Government Hospital
	Falaba CHC		Zimmi CHC
Bo	Bo Government Hospital	Moyamba	Moyamba Government Hospital
	Koribondo CHC		Njala University
Kailahun	Kailahun Government Hospital	Tonkolili	Magburaka Government Hospital
	Nixon Segbwema		Mile 91 CHC
Kenema	Kenema Government Hospital	Western Rural	Waterloo CHC
	Panguma Hospital		Goderich CHC
Kono	Koidu Government Hospital	Western Urban	Lumley Hospital
	UMC Njama Nimikoro		Rokupa Government Hospital
Kambia	Kambia Government Hospital		Kingharman Road Hospital
	Madina CHC		Macauley Street Hospital
Koinadugu	Kabala Government Hospital		PCMH Hospital
	Alkalia CHC		34 Military Hospital
			Connaught Hospital
		Youyi Building	

Responsible information sharing

- Knowledge is power, but when information shared is not based on facts and evidence, it can spread rumors and cause fear, panic and even harm.
- It is important to always make sure information is from a trusted source before sharing.
 - Key trusted sources include the Government of Sierra Leone, Corona Fet Na We All Fet Facebook page, World Health Organization (WHO), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 - It is good to cross-check with the website of the source to make sure what is being shared is actually true.
- You can help others stay healthy and prevent coronavirus by sharing messages on coronavirus put out by the Government of Sierra Leone.
- If you are not sure if something is true or you want to know more information about coronavirus or coronavirus maklates, call 117 free on any network.

Coronavirus basics

- Coronavirus mainly spreads from person to person when someone with the virus breathes it out and someone near them breathes it in.
- Because not everyone who has the virus feels sick, we can spread the virus without knowing it.

- This is why washing our hands with soap and water, keeping physical distance from others, and making sure our masks always properly cover our mouth, nose, and chin when we are in public places, even when we feel healthy, helps protect us and others from coronavirus.
- People over 60 years of age and people who have health problems have a higher chance of getting seriously sick or dying if they get coronavirus. This is because being older or having other health problems can mean that your body is not as strong and as able to fight sicknesses, like coronavirus.
- There is no way to know for sure how your body will react if you get coronavirus, even if you are young and healthy.
- Call 117 if you have fever, tiredness, cough, or loss of smell or taste – getting tested for coronavirus right away is important for protecting our loved ones, friends, and coworkers, and stopping the spread to others.
- If you have questions or want to know more about coronavirus or coronavirus maklates, call 117 free on any network.

What is coronavirus maklate?

- Maklates are one of the most effective tools we have to protect our health and prevent sickness.
- Maklates like those for measles and tetanus have been used for decades to protect us from deadly diseases. Millions of people receive them safely every year. This is not the first time Sierra Leone is rolling out maklates to prevent sickness.
- The coronavirus maklates have been given to millions of people around the world so far and have continued to show they are effective at protecting people from getting seriously sick from the virus.
- The coronavirus maklates offered by the Government of Sierra Leone have undergone many tests and have proven to be safe and effective.
- Coronavirus maklates are not medicine to treat coronavirus. The maklates prevent people from getting sick with coronavirus.
- If you have not yet taken your coronavirus maklate and you are 30 years or older, or a health worker who is 18 years or older, go for your maklate now. The maklates are free.

How does the coronavirus maklate work?

- Coronavirus maklates work by helping our bodies build protection against coronavirus, so that if we come in contact with coronavirus in the future, our bodies can quickly fight it off so that we don't get seriously sick or die from it.
- The maklate is given by injection to the upper arm.
- To get the best protection from the coronavirus maklate, two doses are required.
- Both doses are needed for your body to build the best protection against coronavirus, and it can take up to two weeks after the second dose for the maklate to fully work.
- It is possible you can still get seriously sick from coronavirus if you come in contact with the virus before the maklate has time to fully work.
 - This is why it is important to make sure you get both doses of the maklate and keep taking preventive actions to protect yourself and others from coronavirus.