

Situation Report: No. 17

Date of onset of outbreak: 16 March 2020

Reporting date: 1 April 2020

Data Source: County Incident Management & National Reference Laboratory

I. Highlights

- Three new confirmed cases reported on 1 April 2020
 - Two were high risk contacts and one suspected case with travel history
- Cumulatively, a total of six (6) confirmed cases have been recorded and undergoing treatment
- Four hundred and ninety-six (496)¹ contacts including 78 health workers have been documented
 - A total of 308 (62%) contacts have completed 14 days
- National Public Health Institute is working with the Montserrado County Health Team to identify additional contacts of the confirmed cases
- A multi-sectorial national emergency operations centers (EOC) activated to coordinate national response activities

Table 1: Number of COVID-19 Cases (Suspected or Confirmed) as of 1 April 2020

Number of suspected cases	7 (1 new)
Number of confirmed cases	6 (3 new)
Number of samples collected	121 (51 New)
Number of samples tested	121 (51 New)
Confirmed cases from routine surveillance	5(3 New)
Confirmed cases among Travelers	1(0 New)
Number in isolation (Confirmed/Suspected)	15(6 New)
Number of deaths in confirmed	0 (0 New)

Table 2: Number of Contacts line listed and monitored as of 1 April 2020

Total contacts line listed	496 (70 new)
Number of Health Workers as Contacts	78 (38 new)
Symptomatic Contacts	3(2 new)
Contacts completed 14 days	308 (46 new)
Contacts under follow up	188 (70 new)
Under Observation (travelers/high risk contacts)	86 (21 new)

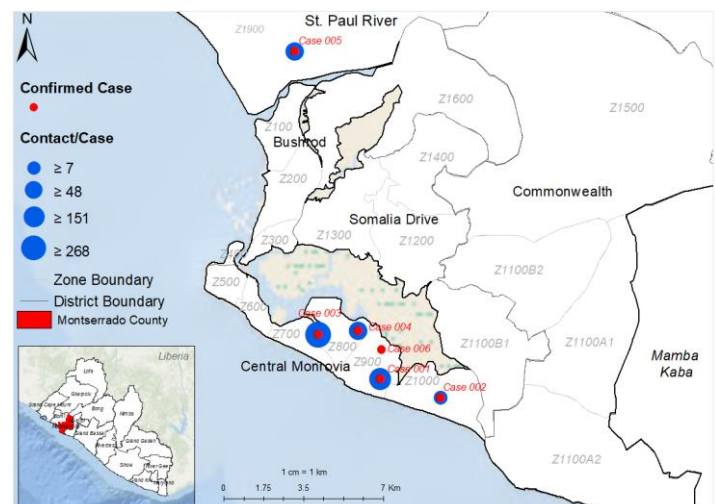


Figure 1: Geographical Distribution of Confirmed Cases by Health Districts, Montserrado County, 1 April 2020

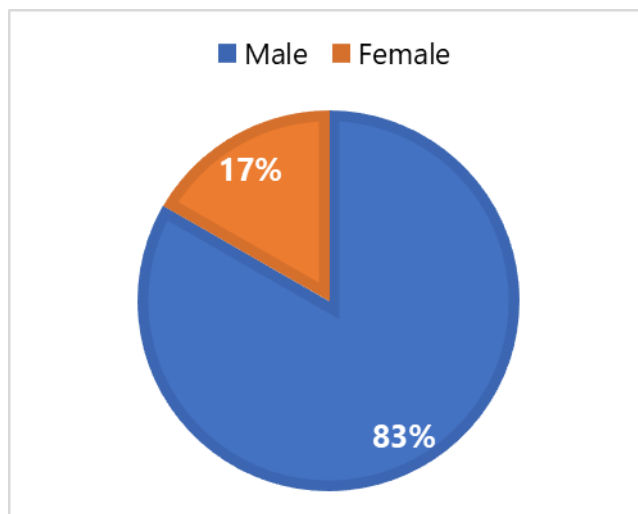


Figure 1: Distribution of Confirmed cases by Gender, Montserrado County, 1 April 2020

Table 3. Global COVID-19 Situational Updates as of 1 April 2020

No. of Confirmed Cases	823,626
% Confirmed outside China	90
Total Death	40,598
CFR (%)	4.9
New Countries (within Last 24hrs)	3
Total Countries Affected	206

¹ Contacts Data are undergoing validation and classification

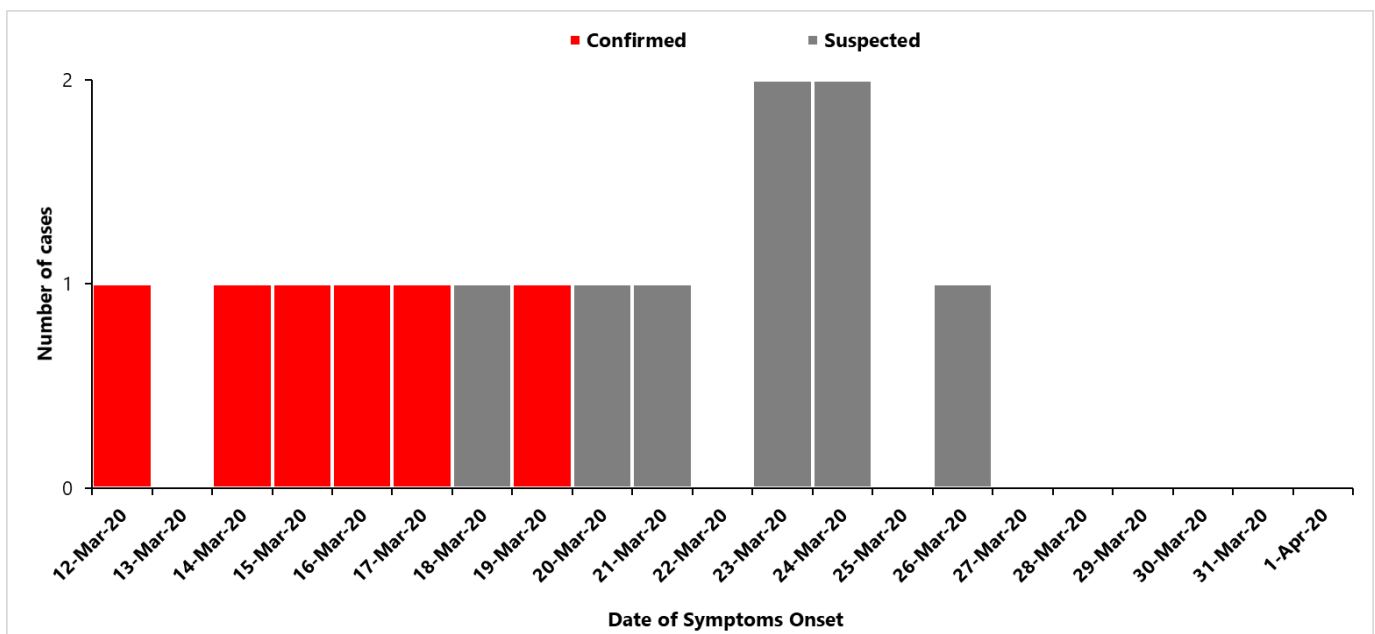


Figure 3: Epi-curve of confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases, Liberia, March 12 – April 1, 2020

II. Public Health Actions initiated following confirmation

1. Epidemiology and Surveillance:

- >150 contact tracers were trained to support monitoring of contacts in the affected districts
- Further investigations to determine the source of exposure is ongoing and finding will be shared when available
- The advisory of the 23rd is still in force²
- Thirty responders trained in case investigation and data management
- Daily sitrep production and dissemination to all partners for public health actions
- Over 50 clinicians trained health facility case detection and reporting COVID-19

2. Points of Entry (PoE)

- Immigration Services are on high alert to arrest people being smuggled into the country through illegal ground crossing points
- Screening has been heightened at all 54 prioritized ground crossings including air and sea points of entry
- A cumulative total of 20,879 travelers have screened across 69% (37/54) of the POEs of which 486 were from countries of high transmission and are being observed for 14 days

3. Risk Communication

- Social media training for Risk Communication media team, sponsored by Action Aid on-going
- Validation of Media training and facilitator tool kit for Risk Communication, sponsored by Action Aid
- Urgent deployment of Social Mobilizers to nine bordering counties
- Orientation for social mobilizers in Margibi & Montserrado counties

² www.nationalphil.org

Table 3: Distribution of travelers in POCs, April 1, 2020

Precautionary Observation Center	Completed 14 days in POC	Under Observation	Total
POC 1	107	0	107
POC 2	66	0	66
POC 3	62	0	62
POC 4	30	1	31
POC 5	18	0	18
POC 6	10	0	10
POC 7	50	0	50
POC 8	28	0	28
POC 9	4	17	21
POC 11	4	29	33
Total	379	47	426

III. Next Steps/Recommendations

Next Steps

- Continue daily follow up of contacts
- Early notification and social distancing
- Increase psychosocial support to persons being followed up
- Additional contact tracing teams to be trained and deployed
- More education for those in self-quarantine to adhere to the quarantine rules
- Update public health advisories (See latest Advisory 21-03-20)
- Mobilize additional resources to support on-going response activities

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