

# **Liberia Coronavirus Disease Outbreak (COVID-19) Situation**



Situation Report: No. 22

Date of onset of outbreak: 16 March 2020

Reporting date: 6 April 2020

Data Source: County Incident Management & National Reference Laboratory

# I. Highlights

- One new confirmed case reported on 6 April 2020
- Zero suspected cases reported as of 6 April 2020
- Cumulatively, a total of fourteen (14) confirmed cases and three deaths have been recorded
  - One of the confirmed cases is imported and 13 were locally transmitted
  - Seven of the indigenous cases have no epidemiological linkage to the index case
- Six hundred sixty-one (661)<sup>1</sup> contacts including 78 health workers have been documented
  - A total of 353 (53%) contacts have completed 14 days
- National Public Health Institute is working with Montserrado Health Team to identify additional contacts

| <b>Table 2: Number of Contacts line listed</b> | and |
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| monitored as of 6 April 2020                   |     |
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| Total contacts line listed                       | 661 (0 new) |
|--|-------------|
| Number of Health Workers as Contacts             | 78 (0 new)  |
| Symptomatic Contacts                             | 3 (0 new)   |
| Contacts completed 14 days                       | 353 (0 new) |
| Contacts under follow up                         | 308 (0 new) |
| Under Observation (travelers/high risk contacts) | 48 (0 new)  |

Table 1: Number of COVID-19 Cases (Suspected or Confirmed) as of 6 April 2020

| Number of confirmed cases                 | 14 (1 new)  |
|---|-------------|
| Number of samples collected               | 214 (1 new) |
| Number of samples tested                  | 214 (1 new) |
| Confirmed cases from routine surveillance | 13 (1 new)  |
| Confirmed cases among Travelers           | 1 (0 new)   |
| Number in isolation (Confirmed)           | 6 (0 new)   |
| Number of deaths in confirmed             | 3 (0 new)   |

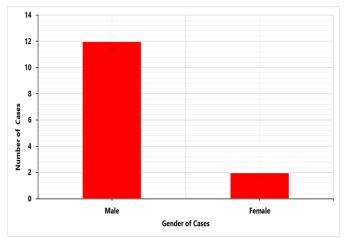


Figure 2: Distribution of Confirmed cases by Gender, **Montserrado County, 6 April 2020** 

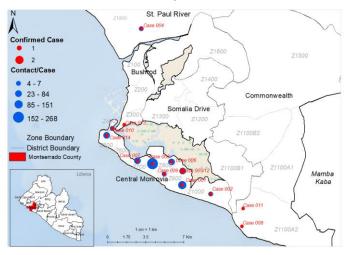


Figure 1: Geographical Distribution of Confirmed Cases by **Health Districts, Montserrado County, 6 April 2020** 

| Table 3. Global COVID-19 Situational Updates as of 6 |
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| April 2020   |

No. of Confirmed Cases 1,210,956 % Confirmed outside China 93.2 **Total Death** 67,594 **CFR (%)** 5.6 **New Countries (within Last 24hrs)** 

1 (South Sudan)

# **Total Countries Affected**

210

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Contacts Data are undergoing validation and classification

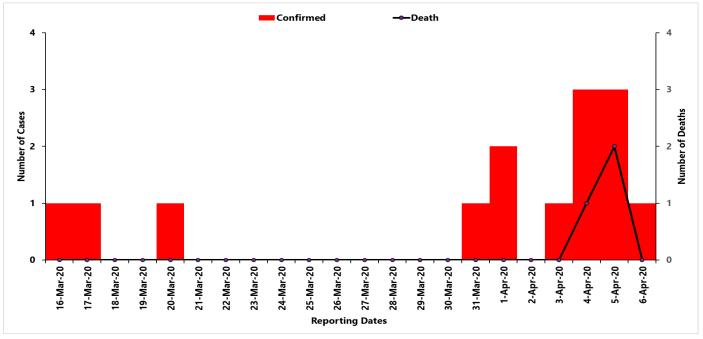


Figure 3: Confirmed COVID-19 cases by date of reporting, Liberia, March 12 – April 6, 2020

# II. Public Health Actions initiated following confirmation

#### 1. Coordination:

- EOC coordinated private sectors into working team to Mobilized resources to provide materials for the 14 Military Hospital
- Public Health Emergency Management System activated to level 1 at National and County level (Montserrado County) led by NPHIL
  - o Incident Management System meetings are held daily at 10.00 a.m.
- Ministerial press briefing held twice weekly
- The Special Presidential Advisory Committee on COVID-19 (SPACO) was officially launched, chaired by the President of the Republic of Liberia

# 2. Epidemiology and Surveillance:

- All commercial flights have been suspended as of 23 March 2020, (All Travel Advisory can be found via<sup>2</sup>
- Daily sitrep production and dissemination to all partners for public health actions
- Plans to scale up pneumonia-like surveillance in all counties

## 3. Case Management

- All suspected and confirmed cases isolated and receiving clinical care at the 14-Military hospital
- Travellers from countries with active COVID-19 transmission isolated and monitored in POCs
- Monitoring high risk contacts at POCs
- Training of trainers ongoing in Case Management and IPC for counties, major health facilities, isolation and treatment unit staff
- Supporting county level roll-out trainings in Case Management, IPC and Psychosocial
- Developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) as guidance for COVID-19 management at POCS, health facilities and COVID-19 treatment units

#### 4. Points of Entry (PoE)

 Maryland has established hand washing station in six points of entry and 6 inland checkpoints including the airports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> www.nationalphil.org

- Sinoe County has quarantined 7 travellers (5 males & 2 females)
- Nimba County, 16 travellers quarantined at Bethel Church
- River Gee quarantine 6 gold miners from Ivory Coast 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

### 5. Risk Communication

- Distributed in collaboration with MCC supported social mobilizers megaphones to enhance community social mobilization In Montserrado county
- Concluded COVID-19 orientation training for tailor union county chapter presidents
- Concluded training and deployment of market women social mobilizers
- Concluded partnership agreement with the National Civil society council chairperson to scale up social engagement of the communities in Montserrado and Margibi Counties
- Monitoring mobile moving stage and rapid assessment of the utilization of IEC materials in ongoing with support from Action Aid, Crusader for Peace in Montserrado and Margibi Counties Partner Mapping for addressing Risk Communication gap continues

#### 6. Logistics)

- Ongoing works at the Police Training Academy to be used as quarantined centers
- GSA has been able to provide about 10 vehicles for the Response

Table 3: Distribution of travelers in POCs, April 6, 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                            | 31                       | 0                 | 31    |
| POC 5                            | 18                       | 0                 | 18    |
| POC 6                            | 10                       | 0                 | 10    |
| POC 7                            | 49                       | 0                 | 49    |
| POC 8                            | 28                       | 0                 | 28    |
| POC 9                            | 4                        | 17                | 21    |
| POC 11                           | 23                       | 9                 | 38    |
| Total                            | 398                      | 26                | 430   |

#### **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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