

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

## **Public Notice**

## Wednesday, 24 March 2021

## CURFEW LIFTED; BUT PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES IN FORCE

A year ago, Parliament approved a State of Public Health Emergency as one of many measures proposed by the Government of Sierra Leone to protect against and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The proactive structures and measures put in place by Government have helped Sierra Leone to effectively manage the COVID-19 pandemic and limit fatality, infection, and recurrence rates at the lowest levels on the continent. Government has also started rolling out vaccines throughout the country. Throughout, Government has sought to protect lives and livelihoods while maintaining its bold commitment to ensuring personal freedoms guaranteed by our constitution.

In light of these encouraging developments in the fight against COVID-19, **Government does not deem it necessary at this time to extend the State of Public Health Emergency. Accordingly, the curfew is lifted in its entirety**.

However, all other COVID-19 protocols and public health regulations and directives remain firmly in place and the general public is strongly urged to adhere to all such protocols as announced by NACOVERC.

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