

Situations like the coronavirus pandemic can quickly become a catalyst for social conflict due to misinformation, rumours and fake news, as we've seen in the past. Every day we continue to see more false information shared throughout our communities, confusing citizens and leaving them unsure where to ask their questions.

The Liberia Coronavirus CivicActs Campaign (CCC) captures rumours and perceptions among communities to eliminate information gaps and debunk rumours before they can do more harm.

COVID-19 Stats for Liberia

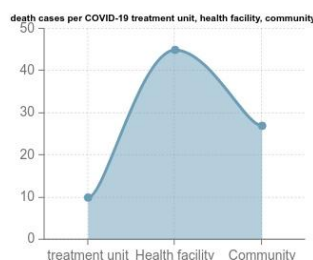
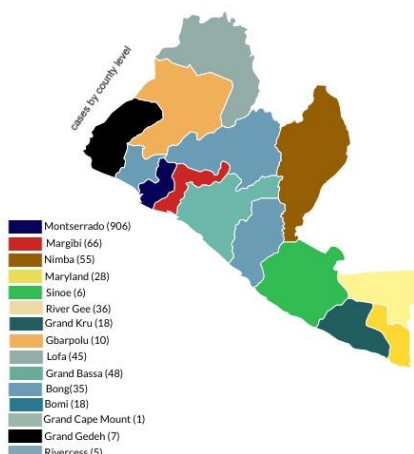
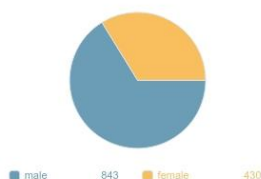
1284 confirmed cases

31% of all confirmed cases are so far active
63% of all confirmed cases have so far recovered
6% of all confirmed cases have so far died
0.03% of Liberia's total population (5 million)
already affected by coronavirus



Age range of the affected case is 1 month to 74 years with median age of 41 years

cases by gender



New updates as of 10:00 PM (GMT), 19th Aug. 2020

2

new confirmed cases

No

new death case

No

new recovery cases

703

contacts under follow up

Active mobile hotlines: 4455 & +23177 763 8190

Questions → Facts

Is it true that Coronavirus can spread through sexual intercourse, so couples should stay away from sex when they show symptoms of the virus?

According to WHO, it hasn't been proven yet if COVID-19 is transmitted through sexual intercourse. Also, social distancing does not mean you should isolate yourself from your spouse or partner and stop being intimate at all, especially if both of you are healthy and feeling well. However, if you or your partner have been sick with COVID-19 and are now recovering, the CDC has advised partners to abstain from all intimate contact until at least seven days after symptoms first started and other symptoms have improved; and at least 72 hours fever-free without the use of any medications.

There is a drug or a particular type of treatment for COVID-19 because if there wasn't, people would not have recovered from the coronavirus; thus, I don't have to panic and I can move anywhere freely.

While some western, traditional, or home remedies may provide comfort and alleviate symptoms of mild COVID-19, there are no medicines that have been shown to prevent or cure the disease. WHO does not recommend self-medication with any medicines, including antibiotics, as a prevention or cure for COVID-19. However, there are several ongoing clinical trials of both western and traditional medicines (eg. Chloroquine). WHO is coordinating efforts to develop vaccines and medicines to prevent and treat COVID-19 and will continue to provide updated information as soon as research results become available.

My fellow community members are discussing that the government has built a system on the internet where they are keeping all the information about money that they have spent to fight the Coronavirus outbreak. Is it possible for me to see the information that has been kept in that internet system?

The Liberia Private Sector Executive Committee (LIPSEC) has launched the first web portal which aims to show accountability and transparency for donations that the government will receive from donors during the coronavirus crisis. But people can only access the system if the Liberia Private Sector Executive Committee gives them access.



WORKADAH BOUH
Journalist

FRONTLINE VOICES

Why are there so many death cases reported in communities and health facilities more than the Coronavirus treatment unit?

"Leh main reason why people dying plenty in leh communities and health facilities more than the treatment centers is because Liberian people acting hard head and hiding their sick friends and family members from the health workers and contact tracers dem. Le health facilities too na get most of the medicines they need to treat or even material to check if a patient get dis sickness or not. People should learn to go to the coronavirus treatment unit, because la leh only place where good treatment and medicine can be given to people la get Coronavirus. And people should always call 4455 when their family member or a friend is sick and acting le way Coronavirus patients neh can act. We must not leave them to le house or carry them to the clinic or to le 'black bag doctors dem'. You should always call 4455 and you can use any Lonestar number and Orange number to call 4455 for free my people.



AHMED DEEDAT JALLOH
President at SCCMASHS

FRONTLINE VOICES

What could be done to prevent mass transmission of COVID-19 among Liberians?

"Honestly speaking, people living in the most affected regions should see a need to voluntarily get tested for Coronavirus. This will help them to seek medication early and prevent their friends and relatives from COVID-19. I think this is one of the most effective ways to prevent transmission and if people are not willing to give into voluntary testing, then the Central government should resort to compulsory testing measure for all residents in the most affected regions, Montserrado, Margibi, Nimba, Grand Bassa, and River Gee. We have recorded over 1000 cases in the last 6 months and this is quite a horrifying situation that requires us to apply whichever method we can to address it - and testing is one of the best ways we can curb the virus and its spread across Liberia. Besides, major health facilities, particularly, the John F. Kennedy medical hospital needs advance resources to improve the healthcare team and make them very efficient and active in the pandemic fight."

KEY AREAS OF INTERVENTIONS

1 Strengthening Health Systems Supporting efficient functioning of health systems in Liberia to reduce new infection and contain the spread; coordination of actors involved in the response, under the leadership of WHO; contact-tracing and emergency deployment of crisis response surge capacity and logistical capacity of health systems, including fast-track procurement and payment of Health Workers.



2 Inclusive and Integrated Crisis Management and Multi-Sectoral Response Communication of critical risks, strengthening the social contract and mitigation of socio-economic impacts; promoting communication and advocacy to reduce stigma and promote social cohesion; strengthening community mobilization and surveillance, including cross-border surveillance and cooperation; scaling up alternative livelihoods, strengthening community-police relations through community policing; promoting contactless payment systems and solutions; facilitating delivery of basis social services at decentralized levels; contributing to socio-economic impact studies, particularly on MSMEs and vulnerable/marginalized groups and analyses to support expansion of the fiscal space; ensuring human rights and improving access to justice; promoting inclusive socio-economic and political participation.



3 Socio-Economic Impact and Recovery



Facilitate post-recovery operation, working through the early recovery cluster and through its programmes create and scale up opportunities for livelihoods in communities; foster financial inclusion, particularly for women, youth and the rural poor; strengthen cross-border cooperation policy analyses and create the space for stronger private sector engagement in Liberia's recovery and development, including through improving the rule of law, and access to justice; reinforcing the government's ability to delivery basis services in counties; mobilize resources for Liberia's recovery and longer term development.

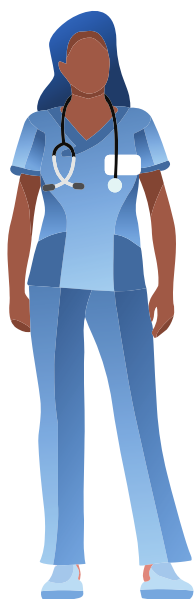
COVID-19 Security Response Liberia National Police Hotlines

Montserrado

- Zone 1 Bushrod Island: 0770800501, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Zone 2 Central Monrovia: 0770800502, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Zone 3 Congo Town: 0770800503, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Zone 4 Garnesville/Barnesville: 0770800504, 0770800911, 0770800990
- Zone 5 Paynesville: 0770800505, 0770800911, 0770800990
- Zone 6 Brewerville: 0770800506, 0770800911, 0770800990
- Zone 7 Corwell: 0770800507, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Zone 8 Paynesville ELWA/Rehab/RIA Highway: 0770800508, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Zone 9 Somalia Drive/Jacob Town: 0770800509, 0770800911
- Zone 10 Vai Town, up to Freeport.: 0770800510, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Zone 11 Mont Barclay - Kakata Highway up to 15 Gate: 0770800511, 0770800990, 0770800911
- Other Senior Police supervisors numbers:
 - 0770800117 - Chief of Patrol and head of Zone and depots
 - 0770800142 - Head of Monrovia Region
 - 0770800125 - ERU Chief
 - 0770800121 - PSU Chief
 - 0770800190 - Chief of Small Arms
 - 0770800109 - Senior Inspector

Follow these steps to help prevent the spread of coronavirus

- Stay at home unless you provide an essential service.
- Keep washing your hands frequently with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your nose and mouth (with your elbow or a tissue) when sneezing.
- Avoid crowded places and practice physical distancing. If you think you have been exposed to someone with coronavirus, quarantine yourself for a minimum of 14 days and monitor any symptoms.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has confirmed six new possible coronavirus symptoms. They are chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, a sore throat,
- new loss of taste and smell. The original reported symptoms remain fever, tiredness and a dry cough.



Do you have any **questions** about coronavirus? Have you heard any **rumors**? Send us your questions at ccc@accountabilitylab.org so we can address them!