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.
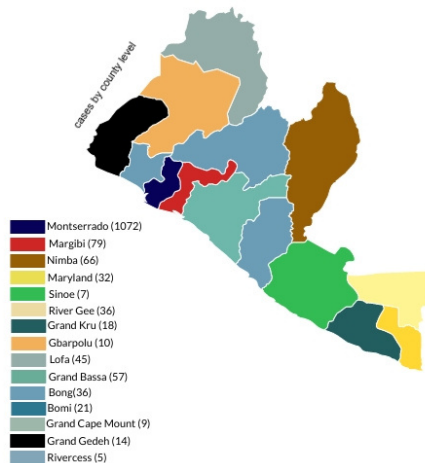
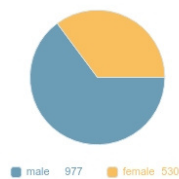## COVID-19 Stats for Liberia

1507 confirmed cases

7.4% of all confirmed cases are so far active

87.2% of all confirmed cases have so far recovered

5.4% of all confirmed cases have so far died

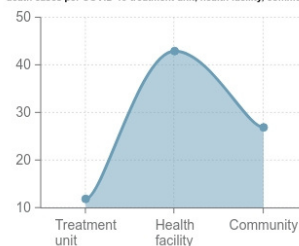**0.03%** of Liberia's total population (5 million) already affected by coronavirus

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

cases by county level

- Montserrado (1072)
- Margibi (79)
- Nimba (66)
- Maryland (32)
- Sinoe (7)
- River Gee (36)
- Grand Kru (18)
- Gbarpolu (10)
- Lofa (45)
- Grand Bassa (57)
- Bong(36)
- Bomi (21)
- Grand Cape Mount (9)
- Grand Gedeh (14)
- Rivercess (5)

cases by gender

male 977   female 530

death cases per COVID-19 treatment unit, health facility, community

Treatment unit — Health facility — Community

Daily case update as of Nov. 14, 2020

9 new confirmed case

No new death case

No new recovery case

120 contacts under follow up

Active mobile hotlines: 4455 & +23177 763 8190

Questions ➡ Facts

Is it true that pneumonia vaccines can protect you from contracting the COVID-19 virus?

Pneumonia vaccines, such as pneumococcal vaccine and Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) vaccine, do not provide protection against coronavirus. The virus is so new and different that it needs its own vaccine. Researchers are trying to develop a vaccine against COVID-19, and WHO is supporting their efforts. Although these vaccines are not effective against COVID-19, vaccination against respiratory illnesses is highly recommended to protect your health.

Is it true that mental health and epilepsy patients are the least vulnerable during the COVID-19 crisis?

According to Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Liberia, the COVID-19 crisis has put mental health and epilepsy patients at extreme risk. Families have been struggling more than usual to care for patients at home. 22 epilepsy deaths have been recorded in the first nine months of 2020 compared to only 17 deaths for the whole of the previous year.

Is it true that adding garlic to all your meals daily will protect your body against COVID-19?

Garlic is a healthy food that may have some antimicrobial properties. However, there is no evidence from the current outbreak that eating garlic has protected people from the new coronavirus.

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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 ananlyses to support expansion of the fiscal space; ensuring human righsts and improving access to justice; promoting inclusive socio-econiomic and politcal 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.
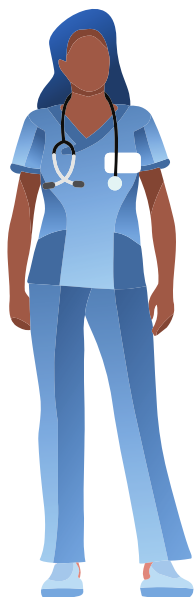
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Montserrado

- 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, 07708009111
- 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

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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!

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