

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

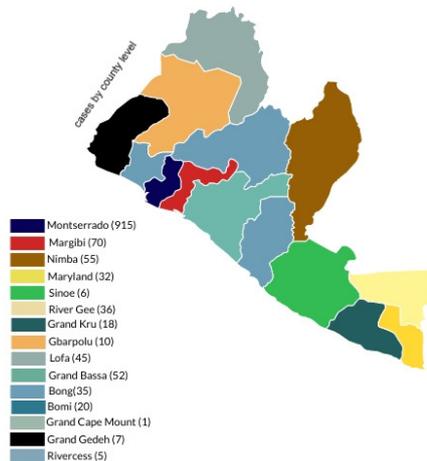
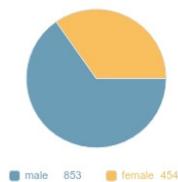
1307 confirmed cases

- 3% of all confirmed cases are so far active
- 90% of all confirmed cases have so far recovered
- 6% of all confirmed cases have so far died
- 0.1% of Liberia's total population (5 million) already affected by coronavirus

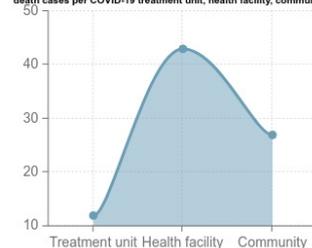


Age range of the affected case is 1 month to 74 years with median age of 41 years

cases by gender



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



Daily case update as of Sept. 5, 2020

No

new confirmed cases

No

new death case

No

new recovery cases

39

contacts under follow up

Active mobile hotlines: 4455 & +23177 763 8190

Questions → Facts

What role does civil society play in the coronavirus recovery?

Civil society plays an important role in all phases of the crisis. For instance, they provide important aid and advocate for minorities as well as the poor. Furthermore, when a lack of trust in the government leads to citizens ignoring government advice, undermining the efficiency of measures to combat the pandemic, civil society provides an essential link between the government and citizens.

Are there more people getting infected and dying from the virus than there are people recovering?

This information is incorrect as on 28th August the National Public Health Institute of Liberia confirmed 12,304 coronavirus cases, and out of these figures, 872 recovery cases were reported, 350 active cases, and 82 death cases. This information shows that there are many more people recovering from the virus than there are people dying or living with it.

Is it true that the 14 Military Hospitals which are the only treatment centers for COVID-19 patients have no drugs or equipment to treat those patients admitted?

This is just a rumor as these facilities have not run out of medicines and equipment. The Ministry of National Defense has received drugs and equipment worth more than US\$3million for use by the 14 Military Hospitals.

Frontline Voices



"Wearing a nose mask is a crucial practice in reducing the risk of contracting the virus. By adopting the culture of mask-wearing, we can eradicate the virus. The virus spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of a mask is important in settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain; therefore, we want you to please wear your mask while you are in public. This virus exists among us, so we must work together collectively to stop its further spread by wearing our masks; if not, we will continue spreading the virus among us." - Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah - Minister of Health and Social Welfare - SOURCE: Africanews



"We are pushing for the setting up of regional testing labs to ramp up the country's testing capacity and put health authorities in a better position to contain the spread of the virus. The establishment of these regional labs is necessary to speedily run the tests for COVID-19 in the country. In terms of preparedness, we want to know about the labs. One thing we are pushing for is to have decentralized labs because the structures are already set up for molecular testing. The National Public Health Institute of Liberia has committed to conducting training for nurses and with the running of COVID-19 tests on an accurate and timely basis." - Dr. Mosoka Fallah - Former Director-General of the National Public Health Institute of Liberia - SOURCE: FrontPage Africa

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.

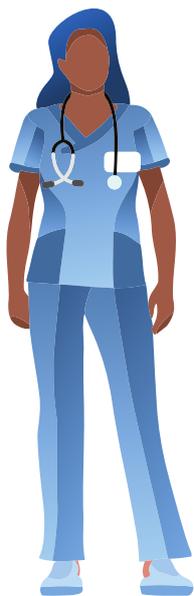
COVID-19 Security Response Liberia National Police Hotlines

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!