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.

**COVID-19 Stats for Liberia**

- **212 confirmed cases**
- 50% of all confirmed cases are so far active
- 41% of all confirmed cases have so far recovered
- 9% of all confirmed cases have so far died
- 0.0042% 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

Active hotline: 4455
Questions

- How long does it take for a patient to completely heal from coronavirus? Is there a specific recovery period?

- Which people are among a patient’s coronavirus contacts? How do you know that you have been placed on a potential contact list?

- Where can I go to get tested for coronavirus? How many testing centers are there in Liberia?

Facts

- According to the World Health Organization, recovering from coronavirus depends on the nature of the patient’s case or immune system. For people with mild symptoms, recovery time is about two weeks, while people with severe or critical symptoms recover within three to six weeks.

- Coronavirus contacts include a list of persons who have interacted with a confirmed patient. In many cases, it is the role of the patient to generate this list, by giving the health workers information about everyone they interacted with during their incubation period. Once a person has been placed on the NPHIL’s potential contact list, contact tracers will immediately go into the community to track down concerned individuals and inform them about their status as possible contacts to a positive case.

- The National Public Health Institution (NPHIL) is the only organization responsible for collecting specimens (or samples) for clinical testing on people that might have displayed symptoms of the coronavirus. There is just one testing center in the entire country. Specimens collected across the country are flown to the National Public Health Reference Laboratory (NPHRL) in Margibi. Live patients and death cases are tested at the NPHRL.
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, 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
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!