

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

The Vice President

21st December, 2021

Public Order No. 16/2021

From: H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, the Chairman of the

National Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic.

Subj: Restrictions to Enforce Public Compliance with

Measures to Reduce COVID-19 Spread in South Sudan.

With the emergence of the new variants (Delta and Omicron) and the recent increased in number of positive cases in the country coupled with the announcement of the forth wave by World Health Organization (WHO), the National Taskforce on Coronavirus Pandemic is hereby issuing the **Public Order No. 16/2021 dated 21**st **December 2021** to effect the partial lockdown measures, which will remain in force until 10th January 2022.

In view of the above, the National Taskforce is hereby once again putting in place the necessary measures to prevent widespread of COVID-19 across the country as follows:

- 1. Imposing the partial lockdown with effect from 21st December-10th January, 2022.
- 2. Warning the Public to stop receiving dead bodies in numbers at the airport, receptions and burials. This should only be attended to by not more than twenty immediate relatives;

- 3. Authorized health facilities and travel terminals (Domestic) are allowed to use the approved antigen-based rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) for the purposes of screening.
- 4. Warning all the public and private health facilities not to admit any COVID-19 patient or suspect. They should instate alert the Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (EOC).
- 5. Directing Juba City Council and other town municipal councils to ensure that traders, hotels, customers and the general public comply with environmental cleaning, hygiene and sanitation, COVID-19 Guidelines and lockdown measures;
- 6. Directing Civil Aviation Authority to enforce COVID-19 measures at the airports;
- 7. All places of worships, social gatherings, entertainment premises, public and private transports, hotels, restaurants, tea places and markets are directed to reinforce their respective guidelines on COVID-19 prevention measures.

With these measures, I urge all the citizens to stay safe and follow all the health safety protocols

This order shall come into effect from 21 December and shall remain in force till 10th January, 2022.

Finally, the National Taskforce instructs the law enforcement Agencies to take immediate action to impose the order as of today, 21st December, 2021.

The National Taskforce remains seized of the situation.

Hussein Abdelbagi Akol

Vice President of the Republic, and Chairman of the National Taskforce on Coronavirus Pandemic