



Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of Health

Update on COVID-19 response

Date: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

In the last 24 hours, the Public Health Laboratory (n=420/5), Nimule (n=0), Bentiu (n=0), Wau (n=0) Bor Hospital (n=0) Malakal (n=0) Torit (n=0), Rumbek (n=0) and the UN Clinic (n=0) tested 420 samples and released results. Of these, 5 tested positive for COVID19.

Overall COVID-19 cases status as of 18/10/2020

Total number of tests performed to date	36,740
Total number of samples pending testing in the last 24 hours	116
New cases confirmed in the last 24 hours	5
Cumulative number of cases confirmed to date	2,847
Total cases currently under follow up/active cases	137
Number of cases that are severe in the IDU	1
Number of cases that are in critical condition in the IDU	0
Number of cases recovered	2655
Number of new death in the last 24 hours	0
Cumulative number of death	55

COVID-19 Contacts Status as of 18/10/2020

Number of contacts currently under follow-up	317
Number of contacts under follow-up reached today	292
Cumulative number of contacts finished 14-day follow-up	8835
Cumulative number of contacts followed	9152

The Ministry of Health is conducting tracing of individuals who had contact with the COVID19 cases. The government urges the public to strictly observe the rules of social distancing and other public health measures declared by the President of the Republic of South Sudan and High Level Task-Force. Report any suspected case to nearest health facility or call to **toll free number: 6666**. Continue to observe the instructions of Health Authorities particularly washing hands regularly with water and soap; maintaining physical distance from other people (at least keep 2 meters (6 feet) distance between two individuals) and mandatory facemask or cloth face coverings in public.

For more information please contact South Sudan Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC)  
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For additional information, click on these links: <http://moh.gov.ss>  
[http://moh.gov.ss/daily\\_updates.php](http://moh.gov.ss/daily_updates.php)  
<http://moh.gov.ss/covid-19.php>

(COVID TESTING IN SOUTH SUDAN IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR EVERYONE)

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Together we shall win the battle against COVID-19