



Republic of South Sudan  
Ministry of Health

Update on COVID-19 response

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

In the last 24 hours, the Public Health Laboratory (n=459/3), Nimule (n=36/6), Bentiu (n=0), Wau (n=0) Bor Hospital (n=0) Malakal (n=0), Torit (n=4/1) and the UN Clinic (n=1) tested 500 samples and released results. Of these, 10 tested positive for COVID19.

Overall COVID-19 cases status as of 17/09/2020

Total number of tests performed to date	25,202
Total number of samples pending testing in the last 24 hours	40
New cases confirmed in the last 24 hours	10
Cumulative number of cases confirmed to date	2,609
Total cases currently under follow up/active cases	488
Number of cases that are severe in the IDU	0
Number of cases that are in critical condition in the IDU	0
Number of cases recovered	1,438
Number of Hard to Reach Cases	634
Number of new death in the last 24 hours	0
Cumulative number of death	49

COVID-19 Contacts Status as of 17/09/2020

Number of contacts currently under follow-up	211
Number of contacts under follow-up reached today	197
Number of contacts finished 14-day follow-up today	8,332
Cumulative number of contacts followed	8,543

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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[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