



Republic of South Sudan
Ministry of Health

Update on COVID-19 response

Date: 18th September, 2020

In the last 24 hours, the Public Health Laboratory (n=270/7), Nimule (n=47/1), Bentiu (n=0), Wau (n=2) Bor Hospital (n=1) Malakal (n=0), Torit (n=0) and the UN Clinic (n=0) tested 320 samples and released results. Of these, 8 tested positive for COVID19.

Overall COVID-19 cases status as of 18/09/2020

Total number of tests performed to date	25,672
Total number of samples pending testing in the last 24 hours	37
New cases confirmed in the last 24 hours	8
Cumulative number of cases confirmed to date	2,642*
Total cases currently under follow up/active cases	496
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 18/09/2020

Number of contacts currently under follow-up	284
Number of contacts under follow-up reached today	234
Number of contacts finished 14-day follow-up today	8,333
Cumulative number of contacts followed	8,617

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.

***Note. 25 positive cases reported from Malakal as backlog from 13th August-15th September 2020**

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/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