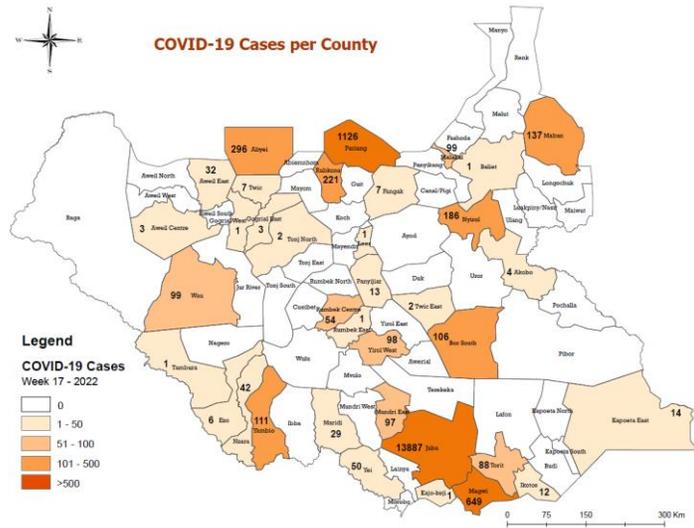




Highlights (as of Week 17)

- **17,483** confirmed cases with **138** deaths, **13,514** recoveries, and **3,831** active cases
- **0.79%** case fatality rate (CFR)
- **293** healthcare workers confirmed as cases
- **40** new confirmed cases during the week with pre-travel screening (**87.5%**) and alerts (**10.0%**) accounting for majority of the cases
- **498** imported cases (**0** new cases this week) mostly from South Sudanese returnees (**322**), Uganda (**55**), and Kenya (**20**)
- **1** admitted to the Infectious Disease Unit (IDU) in Juba during the week
- Seven-day moving averages for case count and positivity rate were **5.1** cases and **0.7%** at the end of Week 17 compared to **5.6** cases and **0.8%** at the end of Week 16 respectively
- **2,382** in-bound travellers tested at JIA to-date (**9** tested positive, a yield of **0.4%**)



Summary Statistics



Cases 17,483



Deaths 138



Cases in IDU 1



Samples tested 386,422



Fully vaccinated 629,532

New cases 40

New deaths 0

Discharged 0

Crude positivity 4.5%

Epi Curve

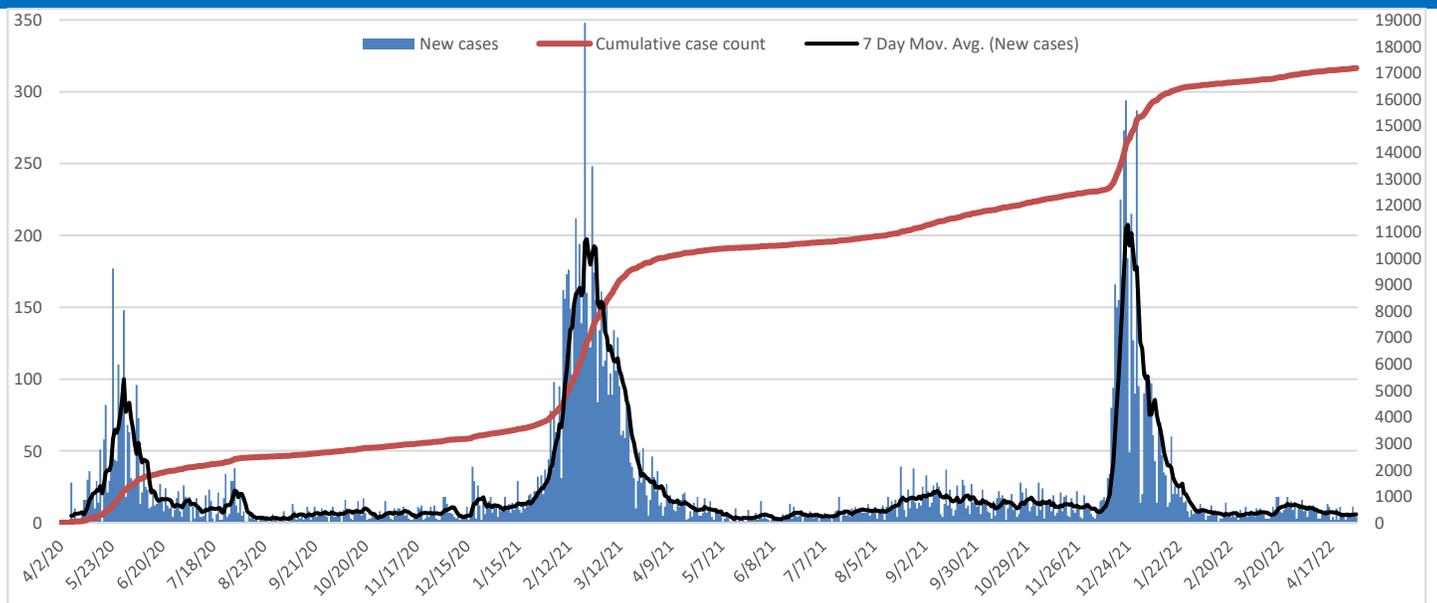


Figure 2. Epidemiological curve of reported cases through Week 17



Epidemiology and Surveillance

Cases

- 40 cases confirmed in Week 17, a 2.6% increase in reported cases compared to Week 16, the first observed increase after four consecutive weeks of observed decrease in the weekly case tally
- Majority of new cases came from pre-travel screening (87.5%) and alerts (10.0%), and from Central Equatoria (87.5%) and Ruweng Administrative Area (5.0%)
- No new imported cases reported this week through Nimule land crossing
- No new confirmed cases among healthcare workers this week
- Case tally for Week 17 represents 0.2% of cumulative case tally
- 0.7% crude positivity for samples tested during the week (highest yields came from sites using antigen rapid diagnostic tests)
- Moving averages for yield, case count, and proportional daily case change have been decreasing in the last 14 days
- 7.5% increase in 7-day moving average for new cases in the last seven days, with a 23.0% decrease in the last 14 days
- 35 (43.8%) of 80 counties in the country have a confirmed case, with no county with a first confirmed case this week
- Cumulatively, age distribution of cases reported is skewed towards people under 50 years old, with most cases occurring among males in the 20-49 age group
- 52.8% of cases are South Sudanese, 21.0% are foreigners, and 26.1% are of unknown nationality
- The last batch of samples sequenced at Uganda Virus Research Institute were all the Omicron variant
- 79.1% of cases detected in Juba compared to 20.9% outside of Juba
- Cumulatively, 64.9% of cases came from pre-travel screening, 14.7% alerts/suspected cases, 7.0% contact tracing, 6.3% point of entry screening, and 4.8% sentinel surveillance (2.4% have unknown source)

Deaths

- No new deaths were reported in Week 17 (last confirmed COVID-19 death was reported on 7 March 2022)
- 0.79% CFR
- Need for more active mortality surveillance → response to community death alerts and swabbing of suspect deaths during daily visits to mortuaries

Figure 3: Age and gender distribution

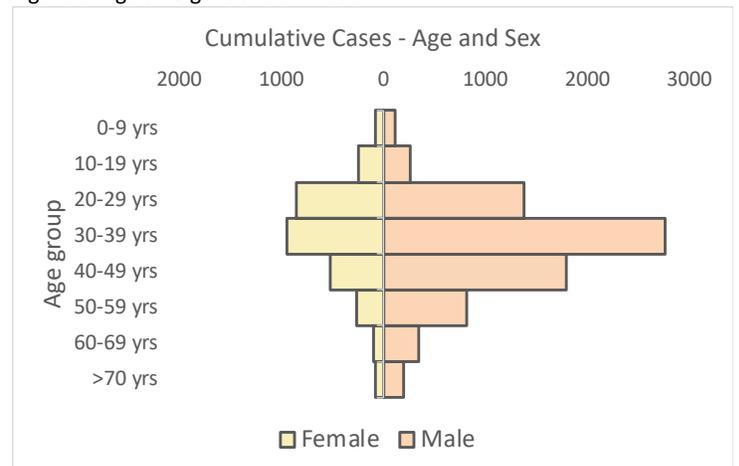
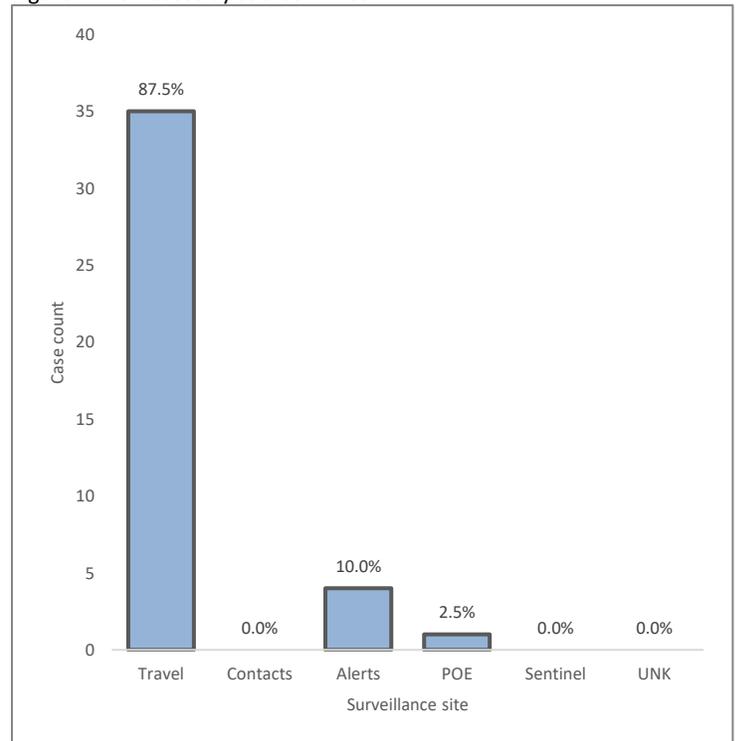


Figure 4: New cases by source – Week 17





Laboratory

- Average positivity yield is 0.7% this week compared to 0.8% in Week 16, the fourth consecutive week of observed decrease in the weekly positivity yield
- Highest yields reported in 3 Ag-RDT sites (Juba Teaching Hosp, Ganyiel PHCC, and Pamir PHCC)
- Positivity yields by testing site were as follows in Week 17: Crawford (1.7%), Med Blue (0.0%), NPHL (0.6%), Nimule (1.3%), Queens Medical Complex (1.1%), Catherine Medical Centre (1.1%), PIC Diagnostic Centre (0.0%), Nojum (0.8%), Biolab (0.5%), Check Ups (0.9%), Life Link (0.6%), Makpandu GXP (0.0%), Hakima Yacoub Ag-RDT (0.0%), Pariang Ag-RDT (0.6%), MSF Office Ag-RDT (0.0%), Juba International Airport (0.0%), Ganyiel PHCC (6.7%), IDU Juba (0.0%), Naivasha Clinic Wau (0.0%), JTH (50.0%), and Pamir Ag-RDT (5.9%)
- Positivity yield is 0.0% from the GXP sites (only from Makpandu PHCC), 2.1% in the Ag-RDT sites, 0.6% at the NPHL, 1.3% in Nimule, and 0.6% in the private laboratories

Figure 5: SARS CoV-2 PCR test results by week

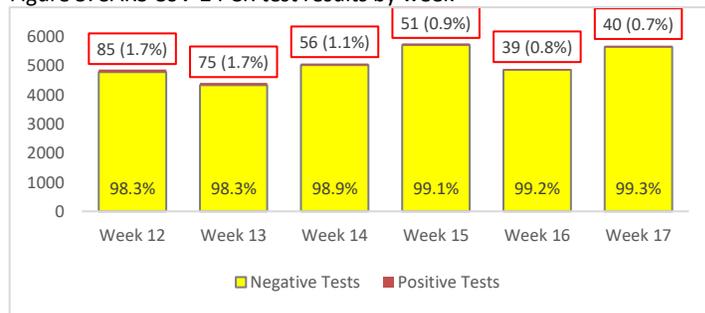


Figure 6: SARS CoV-2 PCR test results and positivity by site (Juba & Nimule)

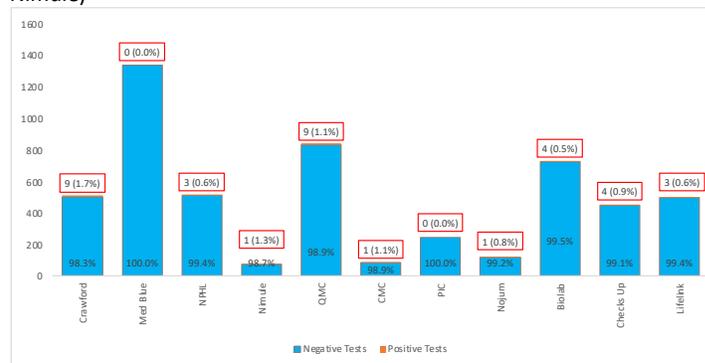
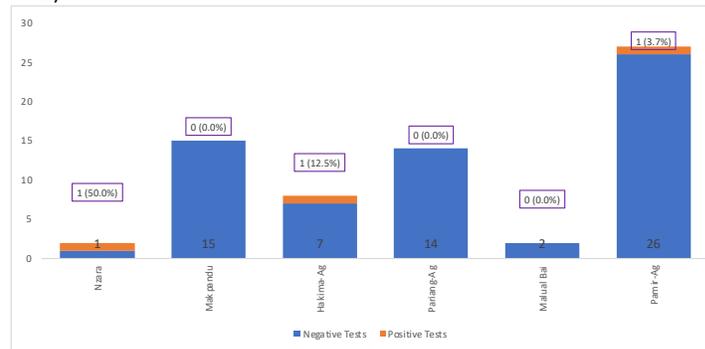


Figure 7: SARS CoV-2 test results and positivity by site (GXP & Ag-RDT sites)

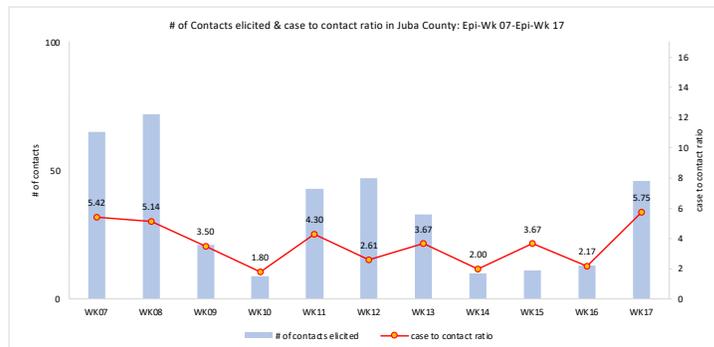




Contact Tracing

- None of the 40 cases recorded this week came from contact tracing
- 35 cases confirmed in Juba County were distributed to ICAP for contact listing and tracing during this week
- 15 (42.9%) of the 35 cases were eligible for contact listing (i.e., had valid phone numbers), 8 (53.3%) of whom provided 46 contacts, providing a case to contact ratio of 1:5.8
- 1,494 contacts were under active follow-up during the week while 16 contacts completed their follow-up period this week
- Samples were collected from 40 contacts in Juba this week, none of whom tested positive for COVID-19
- Main barriers to enrol contacts continue to be:
 - Unwillingness of cases to list contacts
 - Incorrect contact addresses
 - Contacts not answering their phones

Figure 8: Contacts elicited and case to contact ratio in Juba County: Week 7 -Week 17



Hotline/Alerts

- 10 potential COVID-19 alerts through hotline in Week 17 (down from 11 alerts in Week 16)
- The alerts came from Central Equatoria (4), Western Equatoria (2), Western Bahr el Ghazal (1), Eastern Equatoria (1), Upper Nile (1), and Lakes (1). All 10 alerts were verified, and interviewed by the rapid response team (RRT), and samples were collected
- Four alerts and suspected cases tested positive for COVID-19 this week
- Cumulatively, 3,572 alerts have been reported, 3,441 (96.3%) were verified, and 3,358 (97.6%) sampled
- Alerts to the hotline account for 0.9% of total samples tested in the country
- Alerts outside of Central Equatoria are limited

Figure 9: Alert hotline cascade — Week 17

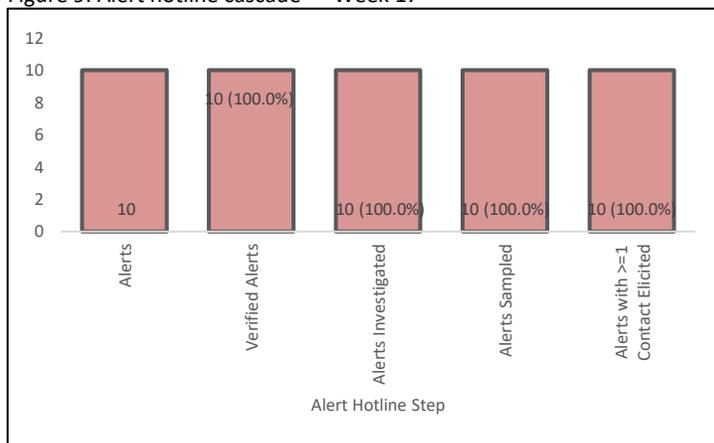
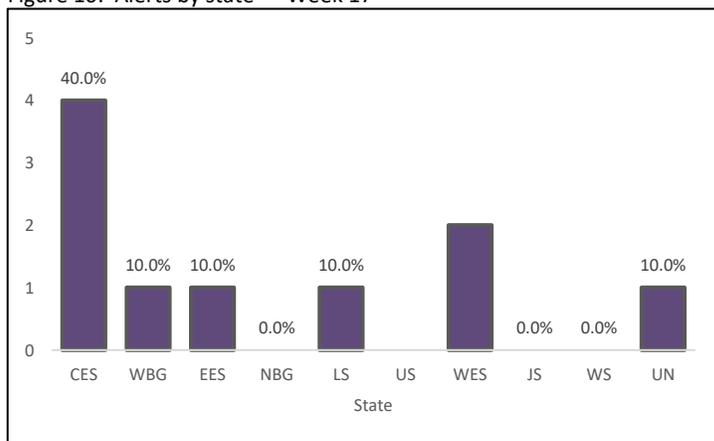


Figure 10: Alerts by state — Week 17



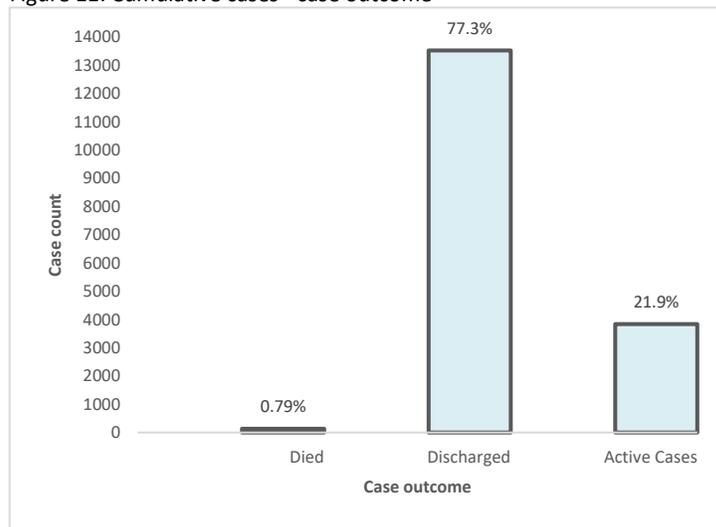


Case Management

- 26.3% of cases managed at home, with 0.1% at health facilities
- 73.4% of cases are missing case management type at first contact although almost all of these were likely managed at home
- 13,514 (77.3%) of cases were discharged as of Week 17, with 3,831 cases (21.9%) under active follow-up
- 138 cases died, a CFR of 0.79%

Case management at first detection	#	% of total cases
Home management	4,581	26.3%
Hospital	20	0.1%
Isolation center	4	<0.1%
UN health facility	2	<0.1%
UN home management	3	<0.1%
Died	10	0.1%
Unknown	12,763	73.4%

Figure 11: Cumulative cases - case outcome



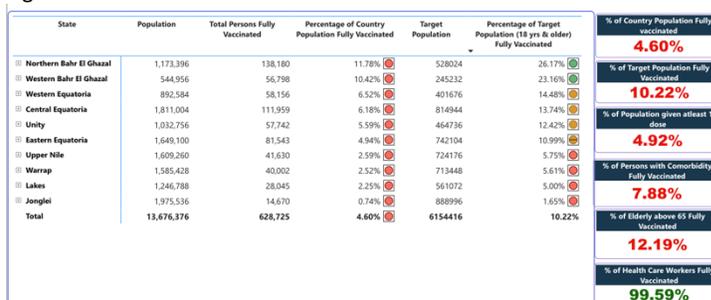
Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)/Point of Entry (POE)

- The following achievements were registered during Week 17 under the risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) pillar:
 - Community-based contact tracers supported by ICAP, provided information about COVID-19 to zero persons this week
- Main challenges for the RCCE pillar include:
 - Community non-compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures
 - Stigmatization of COVID-19 prevents people from reporting suspected cases to the hotline
- POE data are for the Nimule land crossing which only screens arriving travelers
 - 3,253 (2,377 males; 876 females) were screened this week
 - Most of the travelers screened were truck drivers (1,423), returnees (1,166), and other nationals other than truck drivers (664)
 - Returnees from refugee camps do not undergo quarantine and are not required to present a negative PCR test COVID-19 certificate but those with COVID-19 related symptoms are tested using antigen rapid diagnostic tests (Ag-RDTs)
 - Other nationals and truck drivers are required to present valid negative PCR test COVID-19 certificate to enter South Sudan

COVID-19 Vaccination

- 2,121,370 vaccine doses received to-date
- Vaccination is currently ongoing for the J&J vaccine in 80 counties and 695 health facilities
- 721,773 doses administered as of 11 May 2022
 - 629,532 fully vaccinated
- 34,730 healthcare workers fully vaccinated
- 48.5% vaccine uptake in the eligible female population
- 905 cumulative adverse events following immunization (AEFI) reported
 - 805 minor AEFI
 - 100 severe AEFI

Figure 12: Vaccination dashboard – South Sudan





Epi week: 17

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http://moh.gov.ss/daily_updates.php

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Note: COVID-19 testing in South Sudan is free of charge for alerts, contacts of cases, and suspected cases