



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, STATE HOUSE

PRESS RELEASE

**RESTRICTIONS ON OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND
PUBLIC GATHERINGS**

Government is gravely concerned over the outbreak and spread of the Coronavirus Disease, with its devastating consequences globally.


While no case has been reported in Sierra Leone, confirmed cases have been reported in both Guinea and Liberia, our immediate neighbours. In order to prevent the Coronavirus Disease from reaching Sierra Leone, His Excellency the President, Dr. Julius Maada Bio has, among other measures, directed the following, with immediate effect:

- (i) A ban on overseas travel for **ALL Government Officials**. The General Public is also advised to restrain, as far as possible, from overseas travel until further notice.
- (ii) Public gatherings should not be attended by more than One Hundred (100) persons.

Containing the spread of the Coronavirus Disease is the responsibility of every citizen. Therefore, the general public is advised to limit social contacts to the barest minimum, and to alert Healthcare Service Providers of any emergencies.

God Bless You
God Bless Sierra Leone

END


JULIUS F. SANDY, PhD
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT



16th March 2020