



COVID-19 Overview

- Steep rise in average daily number of cases from 12 to 175 since 13 December approaching resurgence criteria. Majority of cases reported from Juba.
- Two additional deaths in past 2 days
- Most cases mild or asymptomatic, travel-related and their identified contacts
- National Task Force (NTF) imposing partial lockdown from 21 December 2021 to 10 January 2022 focusing on public health measures at airport, public and private establishments, and places of worship, incl limit of max 20 people at funerals
- NTF guidance restricting admission of COVID-19 patients only to Juba Infectious Disease Unit (IDU) run by IMC

Surveillance

- Surge in cases overwhelming Hotline, Contact Tracing, Home-Based Care and NPHL teams, hampering further detection of additional cases
- Lack of community and mortality surveillance impeding confirmation of reported community cases and deaths

Laboratory testing

- Suggested presence of Omicron: 96 samples sent for genomic sequencings
- Spike in positivity rate (7-day average) to 10.9% mostly from travel-related cases tested at private laboratories and NPHL
- Slight decrease in positivity rate from GeneXpert sites (16.2% this week compared to 17.0% last week) testing only symptomatic cases. Continuous high positivity rate in Pamir refugee camp at 57.6% and 19 confirmed cases.

Vaccination

- So far, 144,424 people vaccinated with J&J in 243 health facilities in 60 counties. 7 health facilities in 10 flood-affected counties yet to start vaccination
- 47% of vaccinated with J&J are female
- Concerning low uptake of Astra Zeneca awaiting 45,053 people for 2nd dose
- Two J&J batches donated by the USA received: 168,000 doses on 9 December, and 336,000 doses on 21 December
- 93,600 doses of J&J from France expected to arrive end December. Additional 144,000 doses of J&J from New Zealand with unknown arrival date

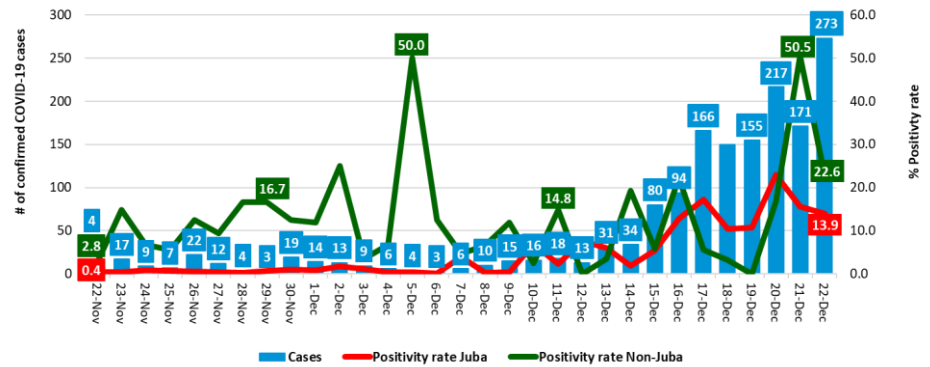
Weekly COVID-19 regional update as of 22 December 2021

	South Sudan	Kenya	Uganda	Ethiopia
Total positive cases	14,275	270,899	130,178	382,371
Average daily new cases last week	175 (↑)	1,898 (↑)	271 (↑)	1,216 (↑)
Total severe cases in IDU	1			
Total reported deaths	135 (↑)	5,355	3,274	6,880
% Case Fatality Rate	0.9%	2.0%	2.5%	1.8%
Total samples tested	290,258			
% positivity rate (7-day average)	10.9% (↑)			
Total fully vaccinated*	187,244 (1.4%)	7.6%	3.5%	1.5%
Total fully vaccinated HCW	17,716 (65.0%)			

Source: South Sudan Ministry of Health Emergency Operations Centre

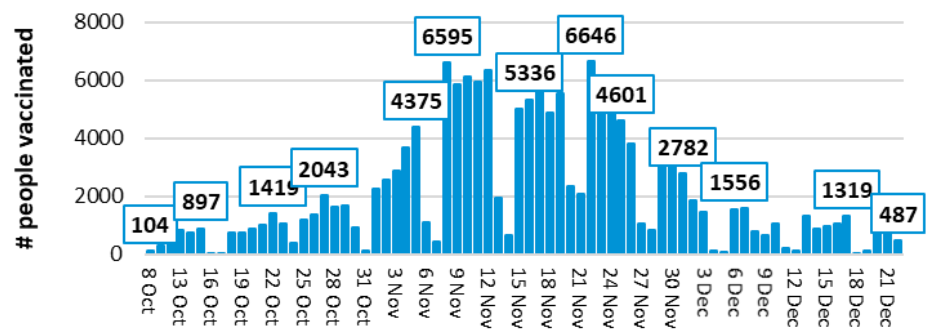
* Fully vaccinated with 2 doses of Astra Zeneca or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson in proportion to total population (South Sudan National Bureau of Statistics, 2008 Census data extrapolated)

COVID-19 daily confirmed cases and positivity rate in Juba and Non-Juba testing sites**, South Sudan 22 November-22 December 2021

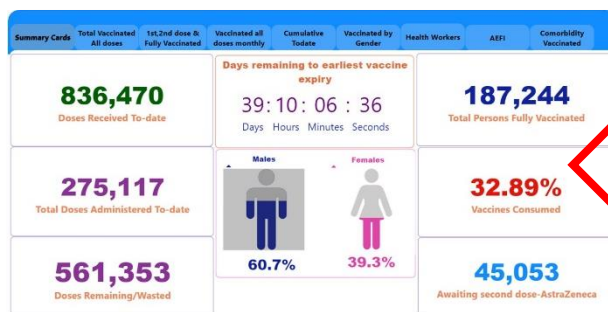


** Juba testing sites include National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) and private labs
Non-Juba testing sites include Nimule and GeneXpert sites

Daily COVID-19 vaccination rates for South Sudan*** 8 October-22 December 2021



*** Data updated from previous update with backlog of vaccine records from vaccination sites



Check out the COVID-19 vaccination dashboard

All relevant COVID-19 documents:

<https://covid19partnersplatform.who.int>

AND

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/south-sudan/covid-19>