COVID-19 Overview

- Further decrease in cases to almost similar level of pre-Christmas spike.
- NO BOOSTER for South Sudan: Priority to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage of population over 18 up to at least 40%.

Laboratory testing

- Majority of new cases from pre-travel screening (65.9%) and alerts (33.0%)
- Decrease in positivity rate from GeneXpert sites (17.1% in the week ending 23 January 2022 compared to 26.8% the preceding week) testing only symptomatic cases.
- So far, 12% positivity rate from antigen rapid diagnostics tests (AgRDTs). Partners urged to timely report AgRDT results. Additional training on use of AgRDT and data management ongoing.

Vaccination

- So far, 193,307 people vaccinated with J&J (46.5% female) in 303 health facilities in 74 counties. Six counties still not accessible due to flooding.
- Supportive supervision for quality control of ongoing vaccination conducted in 179 health facilities in 62 counties. Overall recommendation is need for increased mobile outreach and more proactive social mobilisation.
- Last minute sprint to consume remaining Astra Zeneca vials that were backhauled and redistributed before expiry on 31 January 2022.
- Expecting 151,200 doses of J&J from Norway on 28 January 2022, and 144,000 doses of J&J from New Zealand with unknown arrival date.

* Source: South Sudan Ministry of Health Emergency Operations Centre

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

All relevant COVID-19 documents:
https://covid19partnersplatform.who.int
AND

New link for COVID-19 vaccination dashboard