

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

The Government of Rwanda thanks the public for continued collaboration in observing Covid – 19 preventive measures. In order to consolidate the gains in decreasing the number of Covid – 19 cases and related deaths, the Government has extended the current preventive measures for five more days, starting 27th July through 31st July 2021.

- o The following measures will take effect in the City of Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana and, Rutsiro. Citizens are urged to significantly reduce social interactions and limit movements only to essential services.
 - a. Movements and visits outside the home are not permitted except for essential services such as healthcare, food shopping, or banking, and for personnel performing such services.
 - b. Outdoor sports and recreational activities are prohibited.
 - c. Public transport is prohibited; however, transportation of personnel carrying out the above mentioned activities will continue to function. Motos and bicycles are not permitted to carry passengers but may offer delivery services.
 - d. Offices (public and private) are closed except for those providing essential services.
 - e. Businesses are closed, except distribution and delivery services and those selling food (markets), medicine (pharmacies), fuel and other approved essential items but will operate at 30% capacity. Businesses permitted to operate must close at 5 pm.
 - f. Schools and higher education institutions are closed. Provisions for students sitting national exams in July - August 2021 will be communicated by the Ministry of Education.
 - g. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative Covid-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours before departure and must comply with other health guidelines.
 - h. Tourism activities will continue in strict adherence to Covid-19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators, and transport services assisting guests.
 - i. Farming activity will continue in observance of Covid – 19 control measures.

- j. All swimming pools and spas will remain closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
- k. Funeral gathering should not exceed 15 persons.

o **Measures in the remaining part of the country**

- l. Movements are prohibited between 6 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 5 PM.
- m. Movements between districts are not allowed, except for medical reasons and other essential services. Vehicles transporting goods will continue to operate with no more than two people on board.
- n. Physical meetings may continue but must not exceed 30% of venue capacity. Negative Covid-19 results will be required for all participants.
- o. All social gatherings including celebrations of all kinds are prohibited, both in public and private settings.
- p. Traditional, civil, and religious weddings remain suspended.
- q. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 15% of all employees, while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.
- r. Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity, while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis. Markets and malls will continue for essential workers and must not exceed 50% of registered traders.
- s. Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 30% capacity and shall receive clients until 5 PM.
- t. Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to operate at 30% capacity.
- u. All bars remain closed.
- v. Attendance at wakes or vigils (ikiriyo) must not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings must not exceed 15 persons.
- w. Gaming activities are prohibited.

Citizens are reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks, and hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

Kigali, July 25th, 2021

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