

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Cabinet Communiqué

On Saturday June 12th, 2021, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting at Urugwiro Village.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on May 31st 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed measures to contain spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following measures will take effect starting June 14th, 2021, and be reviewed after 2 weeks upon a health assessment.

- a. Movements are prohibited between 9 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 8 PM.**
- b. Movements between Kigali and other provinces and between districts of the country will continue.
- c. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative COVID - 19 PCR test taken within 72 hours before departure and should comply with other health guidelines.
- d. Public transport (buses) should not exceed 50% capacity. Bus operators will ensure passengers maintain social distancing and only passengers with masks will be allowed on board.**
- e. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers but must comply with COVID-19 health measures.
- f. Physical meetings will continue not exceeding 30% of venue capacity. COVID- 19 testing is required for meetings of more than 20 people.
- g. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 30% capacity while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.**
- h. 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 vendors and must not exceed 50% of registered traders.
- i. Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to function at 30% maximum occupancy.**

- j. **Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 30% occupancy limit and shall receive clients until 8 PM.**
- k. **Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities will continue and must comply with health preventive measures. Gyms will continue to operate at 10% of venue capacity and must comply with health preventive measures. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.**
- l. All swimming pools and spas are closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
- m. All bars will remain closed.
- n. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators, and transport services facilitating guests.
- o. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 30 persons.
- p. **Civil and religious weddings should not exceed 30 persons and local authorities have to be informed prior to the event.**
- q. **Any event happening in hotels/public venues/gardens should not exceed 30% of the venue's capacity and should follow COVID-19 preventive measures. All participants should have a valid negative COVID-19 test, not exceeding 3 days prior to the event.**
- r. **Social gatherings happening in homes are prohibited.**
- s. Gaming operators may resume activities gradually, upon fulfilling COVID-19 preventive measures. The Ministry of Trade and Industry will provide detailed guidelines.

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

- 3. The Cabinet approved the draft law determining the State finances for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.
- 4. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of the following Ambassadors to represent their countries in the Republic of Rwanda:
 - **Mr. Antoine Anfre**, Ambassador of France to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Kigali.
 - **Mr. Dragos Viorel Radu Tigău**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania in the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Nairobi, Kenya.

5. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

- **Mr. James Gatera**, Ambassador of Rwanda to the State of Israel
- **Dr. Diane Gashumba**, Ambassador of Rwanda to the Kingdom of Sweden
- **Prof. Anastase Shyaka**, Ambassador of Rwanda to the Republic of Poland
- **Mr. Michel Sebera**, Minister Counselor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Kingdom of Netherlands

Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority

- **Ms. Winnie Ngamiye**, Deputy Director General

6. AoB

- The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning informed Cabinet that from October 8th - 22nd 2021, Rwanda will host the 5th edition of the African Microfinance week at Kigali Convention Center.

Kigali, June 12th, 2021.



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Prime Minister

