

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

Given the surge in Covid-19 cases and the emergence of new variants globally, the Government has decided to take the following additional measures to control the further spread of the virus.

The following will take effect in the City of Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rutsiro, and Rwamagana starting July 1st 2021 to be reviewed after two (2) weeks upon a health assessment:

- a. **Movements are prohibited between 6 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 5 PM. People are encouraged to limit movements and do so when necessary.**
- b. **Social gatherings including gatherings held in homes and family visits are prohibited.**
- c. **Offices (public and private) are closed. Staff shall work from home, except for those providing essential services.**
- d. **All meetings are prohibited.**
- e. **Schools and higher education institutions are closed. Provisions for students sitting national exams in July 2021 will be communicated by the Ministry of Education.**
- f. **Restaurants shall offer only take-away service.**
- g. **Places of worship are closed.**
- h. **Vendors/traders in markets and trading centers shall operate at 50% capacity, selling only food and essential items.**
- i. All bars remain closed.
- j. 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.
- k. Tourism activities will continue in strict adherence to Covid-19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators, and transport services serving guests.

- l. Public transport (buses) will continue but should not exceed 50% capacity. Bus operators will ensure windows are open, and that passengers maintain social distancing and wear masks properly. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers but must comply with Covid-19 health measures.
- m. Traditional, civil, and religious weddings are suspended.
- n. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities will continue and must comply with health guidelines. Gyms are closed.
- o. All swimming pools and spas will remain closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
- p. Attendance at wakes or vigils (ikiriyo) must not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings must not exceed 30 persons.
- q. Gaming activities are prohibited.

In the remaining parts of the country the following measures shall be in force for two (2) weeks:

- r. **Movements are prohibited between 6 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 5 PM.**
- s. 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.
- t. Physical meetings may continue but must not exceed 30% of venue capacity. Negative Covid-19 results taken within 72 hours will be required for all participants.
- u. All social gatherings including celebrations of all kinds are prohibited, both in public and private settings. Traditional, civil, and religious weddings are suspended.
- v. 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.
- w. 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.
- x. Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 30% capacity and shall receive clients until 5 PM. All bars remain closed.

- y. Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to operate at 30% capacity.
- z. Attendance at wakes or vigils (ikiriyo) must not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings must not exceed 30 persons.

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, June 29th 2021.



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