

# REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



## Office of the Prime Minister

### Communiqué

On Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain the spread of Covid – 19.

**The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting 1st - 15th August 2021.**

- a. **The lockdown is lifted in the City of Kigali and districts of Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Rubavu, Rutsiro, Rwamagana and Nyagatare.**
- b. **Movements are prohibited between 6 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 5 PM.**
- c. **All kinds of social gatherings remain prohibited.**
- d. **Movements between Kigali and other provinces and districts of the country shall resume except to and from sectors under localized lockdown.**
- e. Offices (public and private) shall reopen at 15% capacity while other employees continue working from home.
- f. Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity.
- g. Meetings and conferences should not exceed 30% of venue capacity. Event organizers must comply with all Covid – 19 preventive measures. Negative Covid – 19 tests will be required for participants.
- h. Public transport should not exceed 50% of passenger capacity. Bus operators will ensure passengers maintain social distancing and only passengers with masks will be allowed on board. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must observe strict hygiene.
- i. Restaurants and cafés shall resume, providing takeaway service only.

- j. All bars remain closed.
- k. Places of worship are closed.
- l. 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.
- m. Domestic and international tourism activities are allowed in strict adherence to Covid – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators, and transport services assisting guests.
- n. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted.
- o. Swimming pools and spas will remain closed except at hotels hosting tested guests.
- p. Gyms and recreational centers remain closed.
- q. Civil and religious weddings are permitted to a maximum of 10 people. All guests must present negative Covid -19 tests taken within 72 hours.
- r. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 20 persons.
- s. Gaming activities remain 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.**

3. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:

- Draft law approving a ratification of the agreement between Government Rwanda and Government of Central African Republic on the promotion and protection of investment.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the grant agreement between Government of Rwanda and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the sustainable agricultural intensification and food security project.
- Draft law approving the ratification of the loan Agreement between the Republic of Rwanda and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, relating to the loan for the private sector access to finance for post-Covid recovery and resilience project.



4. The Cabinet approved the following orders:

- Presidential Order granting pardon.
- Presidential Orders on Rwanda National Police staff matters.
- Presidential Orders on Rwanda Correctional Service staff matters.
- Ministerial Orders on Rwanda National Police staff matters.
- Ministerial Orders on Rwanda Correctional Service staff matters
- Ministerial Order approving release of convicts on parole.

5. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of the following Ambassadors, Consul and Country Representatives of International Organisations to be accredited to Rwanda:

- **Mr. Misfir bin Faisal Mubarak Al-Ajab Al-Shahwani**, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Kigali.
- **Ms. Rania Mahmoud Elbanna**, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Mr. Gaoussou Touré**, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- **Ms. Katarina Leligdonova**, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Mr. Andrii Pravednyk**, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Mr. Kevi Colgan**, Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Kampala, Uganda.
- **Mr. Mohammed Reza**, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Namibia to the Republic of Rwanda, with a consular seat in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Dr. Brian Clever Chirombo**, Representative of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Rwanda with residence in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Mr. Kwabena Asante-Ntiamoah**, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Rwanda, with residence in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Ms. Claire Meytraud**, Head of Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Rwanda with residence in Kigali, Rwanda.

- **Dr. Stephen Omollo**, Head of Mission and Representative of the World Vision International (WVI).
- **Ms. Sera Ameso Attika**, Representative of the Registry of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunal in Rwanda (Mechanism).

6. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

City of Kigali:

*Members of the Council:*

- **Marie Grace Nishimwe**, Councilor
- **Geraldine Umutesi**, Councilor
- **Dr. Merard Mpabwanamaguru**, Councilor
- **Christian Kajeneri Mugenzi**, Councilor

*Chief Inspector:*

- **Eng. Hubert Bagambiki**

7. AoB:

The Minister of Youth and Culture informed Cabinet about upcoming the annual national Thanksgiving Day festival, *Umunsi w'Umuganura*, to be celebrated at the family level, in adherence with Covid – 19 health guidelines. The event is slated to take place on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Kigali, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Dr. Edouard Ngirente**  
**Prime Minister**

