

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

On Wednesday, August 11th 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 30th, 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain spread of COVID - 19.

The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting August 12th – September 1st 2021.

- a. **Movements are prohibited between 8 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 7 PM.**
- b. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.
- c. Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.
- d. Physical conferences will continue at 30% of venue capacity. All participants must present negative COVID – 19 test results.
- e. Public transport (buses) should not exceed 75% of seating capacity. Bus operators will ensure vehicle windows are open for ventilation and passengers maintain social distancing.
- f. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must strictly observe Covid-19 preventive measures.
- g. Restaurants shall resume with a 30% occupancy limit. Restaurants that offer outdoor seating service may operate at 50% of venue capacity.
- h. All bars will remain closed.
- i. Places of worship will resume with no more than 30% maximum occupancy.

- j. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International airport must present a negative COVID – 19 PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to departure and should comply with health guidelines.
- k. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests. RDB will provide detailed guidelines.
- l. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.
- m. Gyms and fitness centers will resume progressively. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.
- n. Civil, religious and traditional marriage ceremonies shall resume, but should not exceed 50 persons. Events held in licensed event venues should not exceed 30% of venue capacity. All guests must possess negative COVID – 19 test results taken within 72 hours before an event and are reminded to comply with preventive measures (social distancing, hand washing, wearing face masks).
- o. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 20 persons.
- p. 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 was briefed on a collaboration agreement between the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) for the development of a vaccine manufacturing plant in Rwanda.

4. The Cabinet made the following appointment:

- **Dr. Emile Bienvenu**, Director General, Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority

Kigali, August 11th 2021.

Dr. Edouard Ngirente
Prime Minister

