

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Cabinet Communiqué

On Monday, May 31st 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 meetings held on May 5th 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed measures to contain spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following measures will take effect nationwide starting June 1st 2021 and be reviewed after one month upon a health assessment.

- a. **Movements are prohibited between 10 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 9 PM.**
- b. **Movements are prohibited between 7 PM – 4 AM in Karongi district.**
- c. Movements between Kigali and other provinces and between districts of the country will continue.
- d. 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 other health guidelines.
- e. Public transport (buses) should not exceed 75% capacity. Bus operators will ensure passengers maintain social distancing and only passengers with masks will be allowed on board.
- 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 50% 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. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must observe strict hygiene.

- j. Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to function at 50% maximum occupancy.
- k. Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 50% occupancy limit and shall receive clients until 9 PM.
- l. Gyms will be allowed to resume activities on a gradual basis. A detailed reopening schedule will be communicated after readiness assessment conducted by the Ministry of Sports.
- m. **Outdoor sports will be allowed and must comply with health preventive measures. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.**
- n. All swimming pools and SPAs are closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
- o. All bars will remain closed.
- p. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests.
- q. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 30 persons.
- r. Civil and religious weddings should not exceed 30 persons.
- s. **Traditional weddings and related receptions shall resume not exceeding 30 persons. However, when conducted in hotels/entertainment venues or open gardens they should not exceed 30% of venue capacity and COVID – 19 testing will be required. The Ministry of Local Government will provide detailed guidelines.**
- t. **Gaming operators shall 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 hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

- 3. The Cabinet approved the following policies:
 - National policy on persons with disabilities.
 - National policy on elderly persons.
- 4. The Cabinet approved the following agreements:
 - Host country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the French Development Agency.

- Host country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Rwanda and Tearfund for the establishment of Tearfund East and Central Africa Regional Office in Rwanda.
- Collaboration Agreement between the University of Rwanda and Rochester Institute of Technology regarding the Internet of Things Project.
- Co-management Agreement between the Government of Rwanda and Mata Tea Company Ltd.

5. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:

- Draft law approving the ratification of the financing agreement between the Republic of Rwanda and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) relating to the credit and the grant for Kigali Flood control and integrated urban catchment under second Rwanda urban development project (RUDP II), signed in Kigali, Rwanda on 14th May 2021.
- Draft law approving the ratification of the Credit Facility Agreement between the Republic of Rwanda and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), relating to COVID-19 Health and Social Protection Response Plan, signed at Kigali, Rwanda, on 27 May 2021.
- Draft law approving the ratification of the Financial Protocol between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, relating to the financing of the project of supply of medical equipment and associated services to public healthcare institutions in Rwanda project, signed at Kigali, Rwanda, on 28 May 2021.
- Draft law approving the ratification of the Financing Agreement, between the Republic of Rwanda and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), relating to the grant for the reinforcement of sport at school by supporting the implementation of the new Sport School Policy, signed at Kigali, Rwanda, on 27th May 2021.
- Draft law governing land and waterways transport.
- Draft law on the protection of intellectual property.
- Draft law repealing Law n° 42/2016 of 18/10/2016 establishing the Workforce Development Authority and determining its responsibilities, organization, and functioning.

6. The Cabinet approved Ministerial order relating to the electronic execution of enforcement orders (e-auctioning).

7. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion:

- **Silas NGAYABOSHYA**, Director General of Gender Promotion and Women Empowerment

Ministry of Trade and Industry:

- **Louis Antoine MUHIRE**, Made in Rwanda Analyst

Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources:

- **Eric Gatera IYEZE**, Chief Technical Advisor
- **Dr. Chantal INGABIRE**, Director General of Planning
- **Octave SEMWAGA**, Director General Agriculture Modernization
- **Octave NSHIMIYIMANA**, Director General of Agriculture Value Chain management and Trade
- **Alice MUKAMUGEMA**, Crop Products supply chain and market analyst
- **Egide MUTABAZI**, Crop Products supply chain and market analyst
- **Arnold ISHIMWE**, Animal Products supply chain and market analyst
- **Sabine Abewe HATEGEKIMANA**, Animal Products supply chain and market analyst

Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB):

- **Eric HAKIZIMANA**, Division Manager-Finance and Administration
- **Audace HIRWA**, Director of Documentation, Communication, Publication and Technology Promotion Unit
- **Martin KIMENYI**, Tamira Station Manager
- **Jean Baptiste HABUMUREMYI**, Gishwati Station Manager
- **Evalde KAGWA**, Nyagatare Station Manager

Rwanda Food and Drug Authority:

- **Dr. Rosine MANISHIMWE**, Division Manager of Veterinary Medicine Devices
- **Dr Eric NYIRIMIGABO**, Division Manager of Human Medicine and Devices Assessment
- **Dr. Jean Pierre MUNYAMPUNDU**, Division Manager of Food Assessment and Registration
- **Dr. Janvier MUKIZA**, Division Manager of Cosmetics and Household Chemicals Assessment and Registration

- **Dr. Marilyn MURINDAHABI**, Division Manager of Food and Drugs Inspection and Compliance
- **Théobald HABİYAREMYE**, Division Manager of Food and Drugs Import and Export Control
- **Dr. Marcel BAHIZI**, Market and pricing Analyst
- **Spencer BUGINGO**, Legal Analyst
- **Patrick RUGAMBYA**, Regulatory affairs, harmonization and compliance Analyst
- **Dr. Vedaste HABYALIMANA**, Quality Assurance Analyst
- **Dr. Richard HABIMANA**, Vaccines and Biosimilar Registration Analyst
- **Dr. Omar MUKAMA**, Dairy Products Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Desiré MUSANGWA**, Food Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Célestin MUNYENSANGA**, Packaged Food Products Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Pacifique UWAMARIYA**, Cosmetics Registration Analyst
- **Clarisse IRASABWA**, Finished and Active Pharmaceutical Products Registration Analyst
- **Déo GASANA**, Finished and Active Pharmaceutical Products Registration Analyst
- **Tite UWAMBAJINEZA**, Radiopharmaceuticals and Radiotherapy Products Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Dr. Emil Ivan MWIKARAGO**, Diagnostics and Medical Devices Registration Analyst
- **Jurdas SEZIRAHIGA**, Public Health and Laboratory Chemicals Registration Analyst
- **Jose Edouard MUNYANGAJU**, Veterinary Medicines Registration and Variation Assessment Analyst
- **Dr. Doreen INGABIRE**, Veterinary in Vitro Diagnostics and Medical Devices Registration Analyst
- **Arsène NTAZINDA**, Food Supplement, Fortified Food Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Serge TAMBWE**, Beverages Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Justin Muhire MANZI**, Infant Formula Assessment and Registration Analyst
- **Jean Paul NDINDIBIJE**, Drugs Import and Export Analyst
- **Joseph HABİYAMBERE**, Medical Devices and Diagnostic Analyst
- **Clarisse AYINKAMIYE**, Drugs Inspection and Compliance Analyst
- **Dr. Steven NKUSI**, Pharmacovigilance and Post Marketing Surveillance Analyst
- **Dr. Alphonse NDAYAMBAJE**, Clinical Trial Analyst
- **Nicole MUTIMUKEYE**, Food Import and Export Control Analyst

- **Dr. Innocent NYAMWASA**, Food Inspection and Compliance Analyst
- **Dr. Jean UWINGABIYE**, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practices Analyst
- **Dr. Nadege NZIZA**, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practices Analyst
- **Janvier NZEYIMANA**, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practices Analyst
- **Costica UWITONZE**, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practices Analyst
- **Fiona Padua MURENZI**, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practices Analyst

Rwanda Elders Advisory Forum

- **Anicet KAYIGEMA**, Council Member

National Public Service Commission:

- **Olivier KANAMUGIRE**, Director of Professionalism Promotion and Human Resource Management Oversight Unit
- **Fernand NKURUNZIZA**, Director of Human Resource Management Compliance Unit

Rwanda Standards Board (RSB):

- **Liliane KAMANZI**, Director of Standards Publication, Training and Technical Assistance Unit
- **Eric M. KARAMUZI**, Director of Mechanical Metrology Unit

Kigali, May 31st 2021.



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