

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Cabinet Communiqué

On Wednesday, May 5th 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 April 14th and April 19th 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed measures to contain spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following preventive measures will take effect nationwide starting May 6th through May 31st.

- a. **Movements are prohibited between 10 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 9 PM.**
- b. **Movements remain prohibited between 7 PM – 4 AM in the Southern province districts of Ruhango, Nyanza, Huye, Gisagara, Nyaruguru and Nyamagabe.**
- 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. **All passengers arriving from India are required to complete 7 days in mandatory quarantine upon arrival at a designated hotel at their own cost.**
- f. 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.
- g. Physical meetings will continue not exceeding 30% of venue capacity. COVID – 19 testing is required for meetings of more than 20 people.
- h. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 30% capacity while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.

- i. 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.
- j. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must observe strict hygiene.
- k. **Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to function at 50% maximum occupancy.**
- l. **Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 50% occupancy limit and shall receive clients until 9 PM.**
- m. **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.**
- n. All swimming pools and spas are closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
- o. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted.
- p. All bars will remain closed.
- q. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests. Tourists and service providers shall inform RDB of itineraries.
- r. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. **Funeral gatherings should not exceed 30 persons.**
- s. **Civil and religious weddings should not exceed 30 persons and must comply with all COVID – 19 preventive measures. Receptions are not permitted.**
- t. 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 a host country agreement between Government of Rwanda and ZEP-RE (PTA Reinsurance Company).
4. The Cabinet approved the following policies, programs and strategies:
 - Budget framework paper for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.
 - Rwanda's tenth periodic report on implementation status of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

5. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:

- Draft law governing negotiable instruments.
- Draft law regulating the creation of trusts & trustees.
- Draft law governing deposit-taking microfinance institutions.
- Draft law governing the national payment system.
- Draft law establishing the capital market authority.
- Draft law governing foundations.
- Draft law relating to insolvency and bankruptcy.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the financing agreement between Government of Rwanda and the International Development Association for the COVID-19 emergency response project, signed in Kigali on April 22nd 2021.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the credit agreement between Government of Rwanda and Agence Française de Développement to support the Rwanda energy access and quality improvement program signed in Kigali on April 23rd 2021.

6. AoB:

- The Minister of Gender and Family Promotion informed Cabinet of the International Day of Families (IDF) scheduled on May 15th 2021.
- The Minister of Sports informed Cabinet of the participation of Rwandan teams in local and international championships including Tour du Rwanda, Basketball Africa League (BAL), Kigali International Peace Marathon (KIPM) and CAVB Beach Volleyball Continental Cup.

7. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

University of Rwanda:

- **Prof. Dr. Nosa O. EGIEBOR**, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic affairs and Research
- **Dr Papias Malimba MUSAFIRI**, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Strategic Planning and Institutional Advancement
- **Ms. Françoise Kayitare TENGERA**, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance

Kigali, May 5th 2021.



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