

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Cabinet Communiqué

On Monday, June 21st, 2021, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired an extraordinary Cabinet meeting at Urugwiro Village.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on June 12th, 2021.
2. **Given the recent rise in COVID - 19 cases and transmission rates in the community, the Cabinet has reviewed the existing health measures to contain the further spread of the virus.**
3. **The public is reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks, and ensure hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.**

The following measures will take effect starting Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021, and will be reviewed after 2 weeks upon a health assessment.

- a. **Movements are prohibited between 7 PM - 4 AM. All businesses must close by 6 PM.**
- b. **Movements between Kigali and other provinces and movements between districts across the country are prohibited except for medical reasons and other essential services. However, vehicles transporting goods will continue to operate with no more than two people on board.**
- c. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative COVID - 19 PCR test taken within 72 hours before departure and should comply with health guidelines.
- d. Public transport will continue to operate but should not exceed 50% capacity. Bus operators will ensure passengers maintain social distancing and only passengers with masks will be allowed on board.
- e. Motos and bicycles will continue to carry passengers but must comply with COVID-19 health measures.
- f. **Physical meetings will continue and must not exceed 30% of venue capacity. Negative COVID-19 test results will be required for all participants.**
- g. **All social gatherings including celebrations of all kinds are prohibited both in public and private settings.**

- h. **Traditional, civil and religious weddings are suspended.**
 - i. **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.**
 - j. 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.
 - k. **Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 30% capacity and shall receive clients until 6 PM. Negative COVID-19 test results will be required for designated restaurants. RDB will provide detailed guidelines.**
 - l. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities will continue and must comply with health preventive measures. Gyms will continue to operate at 15% of venue capacity and clients must present negative COVID-19 test results. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.
 - m. All swimming pools and spas will remain closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
 - n. All bars will remain closed.
 - o. **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.**
 - p. Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to operate at 30% capacity.
 - q. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 30 persons.
 - r. Gaming operators may resume activities gradually, upon fulfilling COVID-19 preventive measures. The Ministry of Trade and Industry will provide detailed guidelines.
4. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of **Mr. Lebbius Tangeni Tobbias** as High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania.

Kigali, June 21st, 2021.



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