

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

On Wednesday, September 1st 2021, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meetings held on August 11th, 2021 and August 18th, 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain spread of COVID -19.

The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting September 2nd through September 22nd, 2021.

- a. **Movements in the city of Kigali are prohibited between 10 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 9 PM.**
- b. **Movements are prohibited between 9 PM – 4 AM in the rest of the country (with businesses closing by 8 PM). However, the districts of Burera, Gicumbi, Kirehe, Ngoma, Nyagatare, Nyamasheke, Nyaruguru and Rwamagana with high COVID – 19 incidence, curfew will apply between 8 PM – 4 AM (with businesses closing by 7 PM).**
- c. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity while other employees continue working from home on rotational basis.
- d. Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity while other employees continue working from home on rotational basis.
- e. Physical conferences and meetings will continue at 30% occupancy. All participants must present a PCR negative COVID – 19 test result taken within 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- f. Public transport (buses) should not exceed 75% of seating capacity. Bus operators must ensure windows are open for proper ventilation and passengers maintain social distancing.
- g. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures.

- h. Restaurants shall continue to operate with a 30% occupancy limit. Restaurants with outdoor seating service may operate at 50% of venue capacity.
- i. All bars will remain closed.
- j. Places of worship will continue with no more than 30% maximum occupancy.
- k. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International airport must present a negative COVID – 19 PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure and should comply with health guidelines.
- l. 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.
- m. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.
- n. Gyms and fitness centers will continue to re-open progressively. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.
- o. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings at graveside services should not exceed 30 persons.
- p. Civil, religious and traditional marriage ceremonies are permitted. Events in homes should not exceed 50 persons. Events held in designated/approved venues including outdoor tents should not exceed 30% of venue capacity. All guests must possess negative COVID – 19 test results taken within 72 hours before an event, and should comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures (social distancing, hand washing, wearing face masks.)
- q. **Other events and gatherings (concerts, festivals, exhibitions, etc.) shall resume gradually for vaccinated and tested participants. RDB will provide detailed guidelines.**
- r. Gaming activities shall resume gradually. 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, properly wearing face masks and hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

3. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:

- Draft organic law amending the organic law governing elections.
- Draft law relating to the district.

- Draft law relating to the research code of ethics for research involving human participants.
4. The Cabinet approved the Ministerial order announcing the resumption of elections.
 5. The Cabinet was briefed on the following:
 - Electoral calendar for leaders of local government entities.
 - Rwanda's participation in the upcoming Dubai World Expo.

Kigali, September 1st, 2021.



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