

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

On Wednesday, October 13th 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 meeting held on September 21st 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain spread of COVID -19.

The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting October 14th through November 14th, 2021.

- a. **Movements are prohibited between midnight (12 AM) – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 11 PM.**
- b. **Fully vaccinated travelers will no longer be required to quarantine at hotels upon arrival. COVID – 19 PCR tests will be required for all arriving passengers.**
- c. 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.
- d. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 75% capacity while other employees continue working from home on rotational basis.
- e. **Private businesses will continue at full capacity and must comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures.**
- f. Physical conferences and meetings will continue at 50% occupancy. All participants must present a negative COVID – 19 test result taken within 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- g. 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.
- h. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures.
- i. Restaurants shall continue to operate with a 50% occupancy limit. Restaurants with outdoor seating service may operate at 75% of venue capacity.

- j. **Bars shall continue to resume gradually. Recreation/entertainment venues shall resume gradually at 50% maximum capacity. Customers must fully be vaccinated and should possess negative COVID – 19 test results taken within 72 hours. RDB will provide detailed guidelines.**
- k. **All services held at places of worship should not exceed 50% maximum occupancy. MINALOC will provide detailed guidelines.**
- l. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests.
- m. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted.
- n. Gyms and fitness centers will continue to re-open progressively.
- o. **Swimming pools, massage parlors, saunas, shall re-open gradually. Customers must be fully vaccinated (except persons under 18 years of age) and should possess negative COVID – 19 test results taken within 72 hours. RDB will provide detailed guidelines.**
- p. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 30 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings at gravesides should not exceed 50 persons.
- q. Civil, religious and traditional marriage ceremonies are permitted. All events conducted in homes should not exceed 50 persons and local authorities must be informed. Guests must test negative for COVID – 19, 72 hours prior to the event and must comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures. The Ministry of Local Government will provide detailed guidelines.
- r. Events held in designated/approved venues including outdoor tents should not exceed 50% 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.)
- s. Other events and gatherings (concerts, festivals, exhibitions, etc.) shall continue for vaccinated and tested participants in accordance with RDB guidelines.
- t. Gaming activities shall resume gradually in accordance with detailed guidelines provided by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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. Pursuant to the powers conferred upon him, His Excellency the President of the Republic granted pardon to **Mr. Pierre Damien Habumuremyi**.
- 4. The Cabinet approved the following host country agreements:
 - Host country agreement between Government of Rwanda and the Africa Electronic Trade Group (A-eTrade Group.)

- Host country agreement between Government of Rwanda and the Center for International Reproductive Health Training (CIRHT.)
 - Host country agreement between Government of Rwanda and the Francophone University Association/AUF (Association Universitaire de la Francophonie.)
5. The Cabinet approved the following:
- The revised decentralization policy.
 - The self-assessment report of the Rwanda United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC.)
6. The Cabinet approved a draft law governing national parks and nature reserves.
7. The Cabinet approved the following Orders:
- Presidential Order governing Rwanda Water Resources Board (RWB.)
 - Presidential Order governing Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA.)
 - Presidential Order governing Rwanda Forestry Authority.
 - Presidential Order governing Rwanda Meteorology Agency.
 - Presidential Order determining classified matters of Rwanda Space Agency.
 - Prime Minister's Order determining the organizational structure of Rwanda Space Agency.
 - Prime Minister's Order establishing special statutes governing employees of Rwanda Space Agency.
 - Ministerial Order determining standards in education.
 - Ministerial Order establishing the curriculum.
 - Ministerial Order determining Rwanda qualifications framework.
8. The Cabinet made the following appointments:
- Office of the Auditor General:
- **Mr. Alex Kamuhire**, Auditor General
- National child Development Agency/NCD:
- **Ms. Nadine Umutoni Gatsinzi**, Director General
- Rwanda Correctional Services/RCS:
- **ACP Rose Muhisoni**, Deputy Commissioner General
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MINAFFET):
- **Mr. Ndobu Mugunga**, Commercial Attaché, at the Embassy of Rwanda in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

- **Mr. Louis Uwimana**, Advisor to Minister of State in Charge of East African Community

Ministry of National Unity & Civic Engagement/MINUBUMWE:

- **Ms. Julienne Uwacu**, Executive Director Community Resilience Department
- **Dr. Assumpta Muhayisa**, Executive Director Memory and Genocide Prevention Department
- **Mr. Maurice Mugabowagahunde**, Executive Director Research and Policy Development

Ministry of Sports (MINISPORTS):

- **Mr. Olivier Karambizi**: Advisor to Minister
- **Ms. Rose Musanabera**: Director of Administration and Finance Unit

Ministry of Infrastructure/MININFRA:

- **Ms. Marie Chantal Zaninka**, Director General in charge of corporate services
- **Ms. Marcelline Kayitesi**, Director General in charge of water and sanitation
- **Mr. Fabrice Barisanga**, Director General in charge of transport
- **Mr. Edward Kyazze**, Director General in charge of urbanization, human settlement and housing development
- **Mr. Charles Bagabo**, Director General in charge of aviation accident and incident investigation
- **Mr. Alfred Byiringiro**, Chief Technical Advisor in charge of transport
- **Mr. Dhanis Ruhumuriza**, Chief Technical Advisor in charge of housing and urbanization.

Rwanda Atomic Energy Board/RAEB- Board of Directors:

- **Dr. Lassina Zerbo**, Chairperson
- **Lt. Col. Dr. Pacifique Mugenzi**, Vice Chairperson
- **Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan**, Member
- **Dr. Athanase Nduwumuremyi**, Member
- **Ms. Alice Uwase**, Member
- **Mr. Juvenal Seruzindi**, Member
- **Ms. Specioza Kabibi**, Member

Rwanda Technical and Vocational Education and Training Board (RTB):

- **Mr. Iradukunda Aime**: Director of Administration and Finance Unit

9. AoBs

- The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning informed Cabinet of the following:

- The 2021 taxpayers' appreciation month to be launched in October 2021.
- Rwanda hosting the 25th meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) organized by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa (SRO-EA) in Kigali, from 27th to 29th October 2021.
- The Minister of Trade and Industry informed Cabinet of Rwanda's celebration of the World Standards Day on October 14th 2021.
- The Minister of Gender and Family Promotion informed Cabinet of Rwanda's celebration of the International Rural Women's Day on October 15th 2021.
- The Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources informed Cabinet about Rwanda's celebration of the World Food day on October 29th 2021.
- The Minister of Sports informed Cabinet of Rwanda's participation in the following international competitions:
 - *Swimming*: The Rwandan Swimming team is attending the CANA African Championship in Accra, Ghana.
 - *Total Energies CAF Champions League*: Two Rwandan Football Club APR FC and AS KIGALI FC scheduled to play on October 16th and 17th 2021 at Kigali Stadium against ETOILES SPORTIVES du Sahel (Tunisia) and DC MOTEMA PEMBE FC (DRC), respectively. Follow up games will take place in October 23rd and 24th 2021 in Tunisia and DRC.
 - *Queen's Baton Relay 2021*: Rwanda will receive the Baton from November 09th to 12th 2021. The event precedes commonwealth games scheduled in Birmingham from July 27th to August 7th 2022.
 - *Triathlon*: Rwanda will host the General Assembly of Francophone Triathlon Federations from December 3rd to 5th 2021 in Rubavu District.
 - *The 2021 Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally*: This rally will be hosted in Kigali City and Bugesera District from October 22nd to 24th 2021.
 - *Cricket*: Rwanda Cricket Association Rwanda is hosting four International Cricket Council (ICC) Qualifying events from 28th September 2021 to 21st November 2021.

Kigali, October 13th 2021.

Dr. Edouard Ngirente
Prime Minister

