

# REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



## Office of the Prime Minister

### Communiqué

On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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 October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain spread of COVID -19.

**The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 75% occupancy. All participants must present a negative COVID – 19 test result taken within 72 hours prior to the meeting.**
- g. **Public transport will continue with buses operating at full capacity for seated passengers and at 50% for standing passengers. 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 nationwide, in adherence with COVID – 19 preventive measures.

- k. Recreational/entertainment venues as well as other events and gatherings (concerts, festivals, exhibitions, etc.) in Kigali shall continue at 50% maximum capacity for vaccinated and tested participants, in accordance with RDB guidelines.
- l. **All services held at places of worship should not exceed 75% maximum occupancy.**
- m. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests.
- n. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted.
- o. Gyms and fitness centers will continue to re-open progressively.
- p. Swimming pools, massage parlors, saunas, shall continue to 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 in accordance with RDB guidelines.
- q. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 30 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings at gravesides should not exceed 50 persons.
- r. 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, in accordance with the Ministry of Local Government guidelines.
- s. 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.)
- 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. The Cabinet was briefed on performance of the mining, oil and gas sectors.
- 4. The Cabinet approved Rwanda's second country report on implementation of the African Union Agenda 2063.
- 5. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:
  - Draft law governing the Rwanda National Police.

- Draft law approving a ratification of Rwanda’s accession to the convention on mutual administrative assistance in tax matters.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the finance agreement signed between Government of Rwanda and European Investment Bank for the COVID - 19 health resilience project.
- Draft law approving a ratification on elimination of a double taxation agreement between Government of Rwanda and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

6. The Cabinet approved the following Orders:

- Presidential Order governing the candidate recruitment committee to the post of commissioner of the National Commission for Human Rights.
- Presidential Order governing Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC.)
- Presidential Order governing the University Teaching Hospital of Kigali (CHUK.)
- Presidential Order governing the University Teaching Hospital of Butare (CHUB.)
- Prime Minister’s Order establishing the special statute governing employees of the Rwanda Social Security Board.

7. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of the following Ambassadors designated to represent their countries to the Republic of Rwanda:

- **Mr. Merzak Bedjaoui:** Ambassador of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Kigali.
- **Ms. Tania Pérez Xiqués:** Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Kampala.
- **Mr. Ibraima Sanó:** Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea Bissau to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Addis Ababa.
- **Mr. Abdi Mahamoud Eybe:** Ambassador of the Republic of the Djibouti to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Addis Ababa.

8. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

Rwanda Elders Advisory Forum:

- **Amb. Laurien Ngirabanzi,** Member
- **Ms. Agnes Kayijire,** Member

Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion/MIGEPROF:

- **Ms. Mireille Batamuliza,** Permanent Secretary

Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement/MINUBUMWE:

- **Mr. Philippe Mpayimana**, Senior expert in charge of Community Engagement
- **Ms. Anita Kayirangwa**, Executive Director, National Unity, Itorero and Citizenship Education
- **Ms. Charlotte Urukundo**, Director General Corporate Services

Ministry of Justice /MINIJUST:

- **Mr. Anastase Nabahire**, Director General of Justice Sector Coordination

National Public Prosecution Authority/ NPPA:

- **Mr. Ismaël Sejemba**, Head of Economic and Financial Crimes Unit

Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB):

- **Mr. Emmanuel Ngondo**, Division Manager of Research Analysis under the Director General of Crime Intelligence and Counter Terrorism

Institute of Legal Practice and Development/ILPD:

- **Dr. Yves Sezirahiga**, Academic Vice Rector
- **Mr. Eric Shirimpumu**, Vice Rector in charge of Finance and Administration

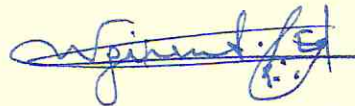
Higher Education Council /HEC:

- **Ms. Christine Mutesi**, Accreditation, Standards and Qualifications Framework Division Manager
- **Dr. Théoneste Ndikubwimana**, Head of Department - General Education Quality Standards
- **Mr. Théodore Dusabimana** Head of Department - Polytechnics Quality Standards
- **Dr. Edwige Kampire**, Analyst in charge of Applied Sciences Quality Development and Enhancement
- **Dr. Philippe Ndikubwimana**, Analyst in charge of Economics and Social Sciences
- **Mr. Fabien Habimana**, Analyst in charge of Construction and Building Services Quality Assurance
- **Ms. Shema Mireille Bucyeye**, Analyst in charge of Technical Servicing and Manufacturing Quality Assurance
- **Mr. Gaëtan Ngabonziza**, Analyst in charge of Hospitality, Recreation Arts Quality Assurance

## 9. AoBs

- The Minister of Trade and Industry informed Cabinet of Rwanda's participation at the Intra-Africa Trade Fair event (IATF) scheduled in Durban, South Africa from November 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.
- The Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources informed Cabinet of Rwanda's hosting annual meetings of the Inter-African Coffee Organization (IACO) from November 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- The Minister of Health informed Cabinet about Rwanda's launch of the Great Lakes Malaria Initiative (GLMI) in Kirehe District on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- The Minister of Gender and Family Promotion informed Cabinet of the following:
  - Rwanda celebration of the Universal Children's Day and the 15<sup>th</sup> National Children's Summit on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2021.
  - Rwanda's campaign of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence starting from November 25<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- The Ministry of Infrastructure informed Cabinet about Rwanda's hosting of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Africa Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) plenary session scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.
- The Minister in the Office of the President informed Cabinet of the International Anti-Corruption Day scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Kigali, November 12<sup>th</sup> 2021.



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