



## REPUBLIC OF RWANDA MINISTRY OF HEALTH

### Update on COVID-19 Coronavirus — 20 March 2020

Six (6) new coronavirus cases were identified today, bringing the confirmed total to seventeen (17).

- A French woman, 30, whose domestic partner was previously confirmed positive, along with their son, aged 10 months.
- A Rwandan man, 32, who arrived from Dubai, UAE, on 19 March 2020. His symptoms were detected by airport screening upon arrival and he was then tested.
- A Swedish man, 26, who arrived from Sweden on 3 March 2020 and reported symptoms on 18 March 2020.
- A Rwandan man, 32, who is a frequent traveller and reported symptoms on 18 March 2020.
- A Rwandan man, 24, who arrived in Rwanda on 19 March 2020 from India via Doha, Qatar.

All patients remain under treatment in stable condition, isolated from other patients. The tracing of all contacts has been conducted for further management.

Anyone who arrived in Rwanda within the past two weeks is required to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival and follow all self-quarantine guidelines from the Ministry of Health. **These requirements will be strictly enforced.**

**Heightened vigilance is required. Continue to observe the instructions of health authorities, particularly washing hands regularly, avoiding gatherings, maintaining physical distance from other people (at least 1 metre), and limiting unnecessary movements.**

As announced by the Ministry of Local Government, effective immediately all bars will close at 21:00 each day in Kigali and other cities, and at 19:00 in rural areas. The initial two week period of closure for schools and places of worship may be renewed and expanded based on circumstances.

The key symptoms of coronavirus are dry cough, shortness of breath, and fever. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should call the toll-free number 114, email [callcenter@rbc.gov.rw](mailto:callcenter@rbc.gov.rw), send a WhatsApp message to +250 788 20 20 80, or contact a medical professional.



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