



INFO NOTE FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING OR DEPARTING FROM RWANDA

ARRIVAL

As part of Government measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following is mandatory upon entry into Rwanda as of 08th February 2021:

- A.** All travelers arriving in Rwanda must have a negative COVID-19 certificate. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within 72 hours prior to departure (meaning travelers must be tested and get results within 3 days of their first flight). Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs), are not accepted. COVID-19 Test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years.
- B.** All travelers arriving in Rwanda must complete the passenger locator form and upload the COVID-19 test certificate before heading to the airport. Please see passenger locator form and list of designated transit hotels on www.rbc.gov.rw.
- C.** All travelers arriving or transiting for up to 24 hours through Rwanda will be screened upon entry and take a second RT-PCR test on arrival. Sample collection will be conducted at the airport upon arrival and waiting for the results will be at designated transit hotels.
- D.** Travelers will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival at the airport. This is subject to the payment of 60 USD (50USD for covid-19 test and 10USD for specific logistics at the airport). For travelers who opt for a cash payment at arrival, the balance will be given in local currency (FRW). Travelers who do not use the payment methods provided on the passenger locator form may be required to pay again at arrival and claim for refund for any previous payment made.
- E.** All travelers transiting/connecting who are not leaving the airport and those who will leave the airport to go to the designated transit hotels for less than 24 hours will be screened upon entry and are not required to take a second test. This is not applicable for transiting travelers by land borders, in that case, travelers will be tested using RT-PCR Test and wait for the results at the designated transit hotels before proceeding.
- F.** All travelers are required to wait 24 hours for the results of their COVID-19 test taken upon arrival in a designated transit hotel. All COVID-19 prevention measures announced by the Ministry of Health must be respected during the waiting period.
- G.** All arriving travelers are required to self-quarantine at home for 7 days after leaving transit hotel. At end of this period, travelers will receive an SMS inviting them to designated testing sites for a final test that will be performed free of charge.

H. Arriving Business travelers who plan to be in Rwanda for a short stay (less than 7 days); international tourists scheduled to visit national parks will not be required to undergo 7-day quarantine however, they are still subject to departure tests and strongly advised to limit their interactions with the local communities to a minimum. Proof of visit will be verified upon entry at Kigali International Airport by competent authorities.

DESIGNATED HOTELS

The Government of Rwanda has negotiated special rates at designated transit hotels for the 24-hour waiting period. Should a guest wish to remain in the hotel after receiving negative test results, they are welcome to extend their stay at the hotel's applicable rates

Once at the hotel, the process is as following

- Test results can be checked on RBC website on the COVID-19 results portal by using phone number entered while filling Passenger Locator Form and Unique code received when submitting Passenger Locator Form prior to departure or by SMS and/or email. The turnaround time for results is 24hrs from the time the sample is collected. If the results are not available and you have exceeded 24 hours, please contact the hotel reception for quick follow up.
1. Upon receiving a negative test result, travelers will be invited to check out and self-quarantine for 7 days at home or may extend their self-quarantine in the same hotel up to the end of 7 days of self-quarantine.
 2. If a traveler's test result is positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National Covid-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. We encourage all travelers to have international travel insurance.

DEPARTURE:

- All travelers departing from Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV-2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within **120 hours before departure; Travelers are advised to check test validity requirements at their transit and destination.** Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs), are not accepted. **COVID-19 Test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years.** We encourage travelers to book and pay for their tests at least 2 days prior to departure through the online platform available on www.rbc.gov.rw
- All departing travelers are required to wait **48 hours** for the results of their COVID-19 test from the time of sample collection.
- Travelers are advised to check with airlines regarding COVID-19 requirements with final destination and/or transiting countries if required.
- Travelers are not allowed to go to the airport without negative COVID-19 PCR test results, if the results are not yet out within 48 hours as mentioned above, please contact RBC-Laboratory HELP DESK on (+250) 787243836 or (+250) 788793446 or (+250) 784026239.
- If travelers test results are positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National Covid-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered, **at their own cost.** We encourage all travelers to have international travel insurance.

REMINDER

The preventive measures announced by the Ministry of Health must be observed by all, especially frequent hand-washing, proper wearing of face masks in public, and maintaining safe physical distance from others (at least one meter apart). For more details about COVID-19 clinical management guidelines, please visit www.rbc.gov.rw.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- Toll free number: 114
- RBC Medical Team on Duty at Airport 24/7: (+250) 781415724
- Email: covid@rbc.gov.rw

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation in the fight against COVID-19.