



**REPUBLIC OF RWANDA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**Update on COVID-19 Coronavirus – 19 March 2020**

No new coronavirus cases were identified today. The confirmed total remains eleven (11).

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

Fourteen-day quarantine will continue to be mandatory for any airline passenger exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival. In addition, all other arriving passengers, including those who arrived within the past two weeks, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival and follow all the Ministry of Health's self-isolation guidelines. **These requirements will be strictly enforced.**

As previously announced, all arriving and departing commercial passenger flights, including RwandAir, will be halted beginning at 23:59 on Friday, 20 March 2020 for an initial period of 30 days. Only cargo and emergency flights will operate.

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

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 +250 781 75 30 12), or contact a medical professional.



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