

PUBLIC NOTICE

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR TOURISM, HOSPITALITY & MICE

Following a Communiqué from the Office of the Prime Minister of 17 December 2021 on measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) would like to update the public on the following guidelines for Tourism, Hospitality, Entertainment, Recreation, Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions (MICE):

1. All arriving passengers will be required to test on arrival & quarantine at a designated hotel for 3 days and take a **RT-PCR** COVID-19 test on day 3 at the hotel at own cost. The guest can check out upon receipt of a negative test result; An additional **RT-PCR** COVID-19 test is required on day 7 from the arrival date, at a designated testing site at own cost;
2. All arriving tourists visiting national parks will be exempted from the 3-day quarantine but will be required, in addition to the test on arrival, to take a mandatory **RT-PCR** COVID-19 test on day 3 and 7 as well as **Rapid Antigen** COVID-19 test on a daily basis, at own cost. A facilitation request accompanied by guest identification details as well as their travel itineraries is required to be submitted by the tour operator or hotel to visitrwanda@rdb.rw, 72 hours prior to arrival;
3. Tourists, including children over 5 years, where applicable, visiting the country's national parks will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 24 hours. A RT-PCR COVID-19 test is required for all visitors wishing to see primates at Volcanoes, Nyungwe, and Gishwati- Mukura National parks, while a negative Rapid Antigen COVID-19 test result is accepted for all other activities in the above national parks and Akagera National Park;
4. Concerts, night clubs, including 'Silent Disco', live performances / shows and band entertainment in hotels, restaurants, bars and other venues are temporarily suspended;
5. Physical conferences and meetings should not exceed 50% of the venue capacity. Participants must present proof of full vaccination and a valid negative **RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen** COVID-19 test result taken within 24 hours.

6. Hotels, restaurants, cafes and recreation centers may serve clients at 50% capacity indoors and at 75% capacity outdoors (in open spaces). Clients in the City of Kigali and Secondary Cities (Muhanga, Huye, Rusizi, Rubavu, Nyagatare and Musanze) must be fully vaccinated. Clients are strongly encouraged to regularly test for COVID-19;
7. All hotels, restaurants, cafés, bars, and other accommodation establishments, as well as entertainment venues and recreation centers, are required to ensure their staff are fully vaccinated and tested for COVID-19 every 14 days;
8. Hotels and restaurants are encouraged to continue providing on-site COVID-19 testing facilities for clients who may require the service. Rwanda Biomedical Centre will continue providing the required technical support;
9. All guests intending to stay in hotels and other accommodation establishments must provide valid negative Rapid Antigen or RT-PCR COVID-19 test results taken within 24 hours;
10. Sauna, massage parlors, swimming pools and privately managed beaches are allowed to open for clients who have a negative Rapid or PCR COVID-19 test taken within 24 hours and are fully vaccinated (except for persons under 18 years of age). Staff of these establishments must be fully vaccinated and tested for COVID-19 every 14 days;
11. Fines and penalties will be issued to non-complying establishments by local government authorities as set by respective Districts or City of Kigali Councils.

RDB reminds the public to adhere to the health and safety directives issued by the Ministry of Health to curb the spread of COVID-19.

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