

A Cabinet meeting on Monday, March 15 resolved to further ease on the restrictions to curb the spread of Covid-19 pandemic allowing travel between Kigali and other parts of the country but three districts of Bugesera, Gisagara and Nyanza will remain in containment.

The meeting said the Ministry of Local government will provide specific directives for the three districts kept in containment.

Curfew hours were extended for one more hour between 9 pm. to 4 am while businesses are required to close by 8 pm.

Public buses will carry passengers at 75% of their capacity. Motorcycles and bicycles will continue to carry passengers in accordance with Covid-19 strategies.

Conferences to be conducted indoors are now authorized but rooms are allowed only 30% of their capacity. Participants will be tested for Covid-19 if their number exceeds 20.

Public sector staff will operate at 30% and others will continue to work from home on a rotational basis. Markets and shops will operate at 50% on a rotational.

Restaurants and cafes will continue to operate at 30% of their capacity. Bars remain closed. Churches that have been granted permission to open their doors will continue to operate, welcoming worshipers at 30% of their capacity.

Passengers departing or arriving at Kigali International Airport are required to present their Covid-19 negative test certificate valid for 72 hours before their travel. Tourism-related activities will continue in accordance with strategies to combat the pandemic.

Individual and non-contact outdoor sports exercises remain authorized but Gyms and recreational centers remain closed except those at hotels serving only tested guests.

Attending a wake/vigil (ikiriyo) is allowed only 10 persons at any one time while funeral gatherings are not allowed to exceed 20 people.

For weddings, only civil and religious events are allowed with a limited number of 20 persons but not receptions.

The meeting also didn't allow the resumption of gaming activities.