

After two weeks of total lockdown in the Rwandan Capital Kigali, Cabinet on Tuesday extended the lockdown by five more days as a measure to further contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

The cabinet meeting chaired by President Kagame adopted new measures to be observed in Kigali as well as those for rest of the country starting from 8 to 22 February 2021.

Starting next Monday, movements are prohibited between 7 PM – 4 AM in the City of Kigali and all public offices will be closed. All employees shall work from home, except for those providing essential services.

Private businesses will resume with essential staff at no more than 30% capacity while other employees will continue working from home on a rotational basis. Markets and malls will open for essential vendors and must not exceed 50% of registered traders. Businesses resuming operations must close by 5 PM.

All schools (public and private) including universities will remain closed.

Movement between Kigali and other provinces and districts of the country will not be permitted, except for essential services or tourism. Tourists will be required to possess negative COVID-19 test results. While vehicles transporting goods will be allowed to function with no more than two people on board.

Public and private transport will resume within Kigali but public transport (buses) should not exceed 50% capacity. Bus operators will ensure passengers maintain social distancing and only passengers with masks will be allowed onboard. Moto-taxis and bicycles will be permitted to carry passengers and must observe strict hygiene.

Physical meetings, events and gatherings are prohibited. Gyms and recreational centers, bars, churches, gaming activities remain closed. Only individual sports are permitted and swimming pools in hotels are allowed for only tested guests. Restaurants and cafes will only provide take-away services.