



HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA STATEMENT ON COVID 19

As you may be aware, the Government of Kenya on 15th March, 2020 confirmed two more cases of the Coronavirus in Nairobi. The President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, announced specific measures that are being taken by the Government of Kenya to reduce the risk of transmission.

These are:

1. The Government is suspending entry into Kenya of all persons travelling from countries that have confirmed cases of Coronavirus. Only citizens and foreigners with valid permits will be allowed to enter Kenya provided they proceed to self-quarantine or be quarantined in a government designated facility. This directive will take effect in 48 hours to allow for any passengers who may be en route. This directive will remain in effect for 30 days or otherwise directed by the National Emergency Response Committee.
2. All persons who have entered Kenya in the last 14 days must self-quarantine.
3. Any person exhibiting symptoms such as a cough or fever should seek medical advice.
4. Learning is suspended in all learning institutions with immediate effect. Primary and Secondary Day schools will be closed from tomorrow, 16th March 2020. Boarding schools will close and ensure that students are home by Wednesday, 18th March 2020 and universities and tertiary institutions will close by 20th March 2020.
5. Where possible, Government offices, businesses and companies are encouraged to allow employees to work from home with the exception of employees working in essential or critical services.
6. In order to reduce the risk of transmission through physical handling of money, the use of cashless transactions through mobile money and other methods is highly encouraged.
7. In line with the directive to avoid crowded places, citizens are encouraged to avoid congregating, including in places of worship, minimize attendance in social gatherings including weddings and funerals, and restrict the same to immediate family members. Avoid crowded places such as shopping malls and entertainment premises. Minimize congestion in public transport whenever possible. Limit visitors to hospitalized patients in both public and private hospitals.
8. Hospitals and shopping malls are encouraged to provide soap, water, and hand sanitizers, and to ensure that their premises are regularly cleaned and disinfected.