

Supporting you through COVID-19 Updates from the Ministry of Health

March 23, 2020

Kenya has confirmed eight more COVID-19 cases in Kenya, bringing the total number of positive cases to fifteen. The additional seven cases are imported from outside Kenya between 4 and 17 March 2020.

In light of the above development, the Ministry of Health has now put in place the additional precautionary measures detailed below in its fight against COVID-19.

The effect of these measures sees the government's role shift from an advisory role to an enforcement one to ensure it contains the spread of the disease in the next few weeks, which are crucial in preventing a national outbreak.

We highlight these measures below.

1. Social distancing and quarantine

- All Kenyans are asked to stay at home to curb transmission of the virus. The Ministry of Health has also appealed to Kenyans' sense of civic duty to dial 719 or alert the police to any persons breaking the self-quarantine directive.
- Any person found to be in violation of the self-quarantine orders will be forcefully quarantined for 14 days at their own cost, and thereafter charged under the Public Health Act. Charges have been preferred against the Kilifi Deputy Governor accordingly.
- Any passengers entering Kenya between today and 25 March 2020 will undergo mandatory quarantine at a government facility for 14 days at their own cost. Suspension of international flights

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- All international flights are suspended from 25 March 2020 at midnight with the exception of cargo flights under strict guidelines.

3. Evacuation of foreign nationals and Kenyans abroad

- Countries wishing to evacuate their nationals must do so between now and 25 March 2020, and Kenyans abroad who will not have returned by 25 March are advised to observe the guidelines in their current locations.

4. Public Service Vehicles

- All public service vehicles must adhere to the directive of 20 March 2020 to disinfect their vehicles at the end of each trip and provide sanitizers for passengers. They are also required to maintain social distance requirements (as detailed in our previous advice). Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the revocation of the respective Sacco licenses.

5. Gatherings, bars and restaurants

- Effective midnight on 23 March 2020, all bars are closed until further notice, and restaurants are to operate on a

takeaway and delivery basis only.

- All religious gatherings and street gatherings are banned until further notice.
- Weddings, funerals and other social gatherings are restricted to immediate family members only until further notice.

Please call **719** in the event you need further guidance or require assistance for your transfer to a government-designated isolation facility.

We note to keep you updated on any further updates.

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