

Presidential Order No. 2 of 2021

March 26, 2021

Kenya is in the grip of its third COVID-19 wave. The peak is projected to flatten by the middle of May 2021.

Nairobi has recorded 60% of all cases countrywide, and our numbers indicate that three out of five people in Nairobi are COVID-19 positive. The country's death rate has climbed from three a day in January to seven a day in March. We are at an unprecedented and crucial point in the fight against this virus.

To avoid a national health crisis, President Uhuru Kenyatta has ordered the following measures to take effect from midnight on Friday 26 March 2021 until further notice:

1. The following counties are declared disease-infected and therefore there shall be cessation of movement by road, rail and air in and out of these counties as one zoned area:
 - Nairobi
 - Kajiado
 - Machakos
 - Kiambu
 - Nakuru
2. All in-person gatherings in the above counties are suspended. For all other counties, all physical meetings or events including social gatherings are limited to no more than 15 people.
3. All in-person assembly gatherings and meetings of leaders are suspended, and Parliament and regional Houses in the affected counties are directed to go on recess.
4. International travel will continue with all protocols in place. All travelers into Kenya MUST have a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate valid for ninety-six hours from the date the test is taken until arrival.
5. The curfew in all disease-infected counties is revised to 8pm – 4am. Other counties remain with the current curfew hours of 10pm – 4am.
6. All in-person worship related activities in the disease-infected counties are suspended. For the other counties, the 1/3 capacity rule must be strictly observed by all religious institutions.
7. All curfew passes and exemptions are vacated pending review.
8. All physical learning at educational institutions is suspended.
9. All sports activities suspended including members clubs.
10. The operation of bars in the disease-infected counties is suspended, and all restaurants and eateries in the said counties may operate on a take-away basis only. There will be no sale of alcohol in restaurants and eateries.
11. Public transport operators must uphold the 60% designated carrying capacity.
12. All employers including public bodies, the private sector, government offices, and others are directed to have employees work from home, except those where services cannot be provided remotely.

13. The Judiciary is directed to eliminate non-essential physical meetings or situations that may lead to crowding or propagation of the virus.
14. All hospitals are directed to limit visitors to two visitors per patient.
15. Funerals should have a maximum of fifty people attending, which number includes officiators and facilitators. Funerals are to be conducted within seventy-two hours of confirmation of death.
16. Marriage ceremonies and traditional unions are restricted to thirty people attending, which number includes officiators and facilitators.
17. The prohibition against political rallies is extended.
18. Those above fifty-eight years of age are to be vaccinated as a priority in the first vaccination phase.

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