



# INFO NOTE FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING OR DEPARTING FROM RWANDA

#### **ARRIVAL**

# As part of Government measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following is mandatory upon entry into Rwanda as of 15 December 2020:

- All travelers arriving in Rwanda must have a negative COVID-19 certificate. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within 120 hours prior to departure (meaning travelers must be tested and get results within 5 days of their first flight). Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Test (RDTs), are not accepted.
- All travelers arriving in Rwanda must complete the passenger locator form and upload the COVID-19 test certificate before heading to the airport. Please see passenger locator form and list of designated transit hotels on www.rbc.gov.rw.
- All travelers arriving or transiting for up to 24 hours through Rwanda will be screened upon entry and take a RT-PCR test. Sample collection will be conducted at the airport upon arrivals.
- Travelers will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival at the airport and the payment of 60 USD (50USD for covid-19 test and 10USD for specific logistics to the airport) will be done online but for passengers who will pay covid-19 fees by cash at arrival, the balance will be given in Local currency (FRW). For further information on payment method for COVID-19 test please visit www.rbc.gov.rw
- All travelers transiting/connecting who are not leaving airport and those who will leave airport for less than 24 hours (Turnaround time of the results) will be screened upon entry and not required to take a second test until their connecting flight.
- All travelers are required to wait 24 hours for the results of their COVID-19 test in a designated transit hotel. All COVID-19 prevention measures announced by the Ministry of Health must be respected during waiting period.
- The Government of Rwanda has negotiated special rates at designated transit hotels for the 24 hour waiting period. Should a guest wish to remain in the hotel after receiving negative test results, they are welcome to extend their stay at the hotel's applicable rates.

# **DESIGNATED HOTELS**

### Once at the hotel, the process is as following:

1. Test results will be checked on RBC website of covid-19 results portal by using phone number and code received when submitted Passenger Locator Form prior to departures or by SMS or email, and the turnaround time for results is **24hrs from the time a sample is collected**.

- 2. Upon receiving a negative test result, travelers will be invited to check out or may extend their stay in the same hotel at applicable hotel rates.
- 3. If a traveler's test result is positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National Covid-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. We encourage all travelers to have international travel insurance.

# **DEPARTURE**

- All travelers departing from Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within 120 hours before departure. Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Test (RDTs), are not accepted. We encourage travelers to book and pay for their tests at least 2 days prior to departure through the online platform available on www.rbc.gov.rw
- If travelers test results are positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National Covid-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. We encourage all travelers to have international travel insurance.

#### REMINDER

The preventive measures announced by the Ministry of Health must be observed by all, especially frequent hand-washing, proper wearing of face masks in public, and maintaining safe physical distance from others (at least one meter apart). For more details about COVID-19 clinical management guidelines, please visit www.rbc.gov.rw.

# **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Toll free number: 114
- RBC Medical Team on Duty at Airport 24/7: (+250) 781415724
- Email: covid@rbc.gov.rw

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation in the fight against COVID-19.