



**REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

Update on COVID-19 Coronavirus – 18 March 2020

Three (3) additional coronavirus case were identified through a positive test today, bringing the confirmed total to eleven (11).

- An Indian woman, 37, who arrived in Rwanda on 8 March 2020 from Mumbai, India. She is the spouse of a previously confirmed positive case.
- A Rwandan man, 26, without recent travel history.
- A Rwandan man, 45, who arrived on 16 March 2020 from Belgium via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

All confirmed coronavirus patients remain under treatment in stable condition, isolated from other patients. The tracing of all contacts has been conducted for further management.

To further mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak, **all arriving and departing commercial passenger flights, including RwandAir, will be halted beginning at midnight on 20 March 2020 for an initial period of 30 days.** Only cargo and emergency flights will operate.

Heightened vigilance is required from all residents of Rwanda. Continue to observe the instructions of health authorities, **particularly washing hands regularly, avoiding large gatherings, and limiting unnecessary movements.**

The initial two week period of closure for schools and places of worship may be renewed and expanded based on circumstances.

The key symptoms of coronavirus are dry cough, shortness of breath, and fever. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should call the toll-free number 114, email callcenter@rbc.gov.rw, send a WhatsApp message to +250 78 175 3012, or contact a medical professional.



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