Republic of Rwanda
Ministry of Health

Rwanda Biomedical Centre

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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, effective 14th May 2022:

a. Arriving passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative Antigen Rapid Test (RDT) taken 72 hours prior to departure (meaning travelers must be tested and get results within 3 days of their first flight). COVID-19 Test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years. Incoming travelers eligible (aged 12 years and above) for Covid-19 vaccine are encouraged to be fully vaccinated before their travel. **An additional Antigen Rapid Test (RDT) will be taken upon arrival at own cost.**

b. At the airport, the payment for Covid-19 tests taken on arrival of 5,000 Frw or 5 USD will be done as per the indications of the passenger locator form. For passengers who opt for a cash payment at arrival, the balance will be given in Local currency (FRW). The passenger who wouldn't use the payment methods on the passenger locator form may be required to pay again at arrival and claim for refund for any previous payment made.

c. All travelers arriving and transiting in Rwanda must complete the passenger locator form and upload the Covid-19 Antigen Rapid test certificate taken within 72 hours before heading to the airport. Please see passenger locator form on www.rbc.gov.rw.

TRANSIT

a. All transiting passengers must complete the passenger locator form and upload the Covid-19 Rapid test certificate **taken within 72 hours** before heading to the airport. Please see passenger locator form on www.rbc.gov.rw.

b. Transiting/connecting travelers who are not leaving the airport for less than 12 hours will be screened upon entry and not required to take a second test (This is not applicable for transiting passengers by land borders, in that case, passengers will be tested using Antigen Rapid Test on arrival).

RESULTS SUBMISSION

When tested, the process is as following:

1. Test results for Antigen Rapid Test (RDT) taken on arrival will be checked on RBC website of covid-19 results portal by using phone number entered while filling Passenger Locator Form and Unique code received when submitted Passenger Locator Form prior to departures or by SMS and/or email, and the turnaround time for results is 15 minutes from the time the test is performed. If the results are not out, please contact RBC Medical Team on Duty at Airport 24/7: (+250) 781415724 for help.

2. 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 available on www.rbc.gov.rw until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. We encourage all travelers to have international travel insurance.

DEPARTURE

a. Departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative Rapid or PCR test (depending on requirement at destination) taken 72 hours prior to departure. COVID-19 Test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years. Travelers are advised to check with airlines about the COVID-19 requirements of the final destination and/or transit countries and plan for their Covid-19 test accordingly. **All Rwandans travelers eligible (aged 12 years and above) for Covid-19 vaccine departing from Rwanda must be fully vaccinated.** Fully vaccinated means having two doses and a booster short when eligible (administered 3 months after the second dose).

b. Travelers are not allowed to go to the airport without negative Covid-19 test results as required, if the PCR results are not yet out within 48 hours as mentioned above, please contact BIOS LAB HELP DESK on (+250) 787243836 or (+250) 787793446 or (+250) 784026239.

c. 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 available on www.rbc.gov.rw until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. We encourage all travelers to have international travel insurance.

REMINDER

The public is urged to get frequently tested while continuing to observe preventive measures announced by the Ministry of Health, especially frequent hand-washing, encouraged to wear masks indoors 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.