

PUBLIC NOTICE TO KENYANS LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

On Sunday 15th March 2020 President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a state of Disaster following the COVID-19 virus outbreak in the Republic of South Africa. Further, on 23rd March 2020, President Ramaphosa announced that the Republic of South Africa would go under National Lockdown for 21 days beginning on Thursday 26th March 2020 midnight until 16th April 2020. The Government of South Africa has also put in place measures to contain the spread of the virus and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

This unprecedented lockdown will require all persons living in South Africa to stay at home. Only patients, police and nurses will be allowed to leave home during the lockdown. Only essential business such as pharmacies, laboratories, hospitals, banks, supermarkets and petrol stations will be open.

The South Africa Government has emphasised that these measures are necessary and critical to curb the spread of the virus.

It is to this effect that the Kenya High Commission would like to urge all Kenyans living in South Africa to heed to the directives issued by the Government of the Republic of South Africa. This includes doing everything possible to avoid contact with other people by staying at home and avoiding public places. Other measures that will be applicable in the lockdown include:

- Non-South Africans arriving on flights from high risk countries that have, or will be identified, will be turned back;
- International flights to Lanseria Airport will be temporarily suspended;
- International travellers who arrived in South Africa after 9th March 2020 from high risk countries will be confined to their hotels or places where they find themselves until they have completed a 14 day of quarantine; and
- Every person is called upon to do everything within their means to reduce the overall number of infections and to delay the spread of the disease by adhering to the legislations, regulations, directives and instructions issued by the government of South Africa

We would like to remind Kenyans that the Kenya High Commission in Pretoria has since suspended consular services until further notice.

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The High Commission urges Kenyans to adjust accordingly to the guidelines issued by H.E. President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Kenyans are also urged to familiarize themselves with the directive issued by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta including the outlined proactive measures the Government of Kenya is taking to contain the spread of COVID-19. In the directive, H.E. President Uhuru declared suspension of all international flights into Kenya with the exception of cargo flights.

The High Commission urges members of Kenyan Diaspora in South Africa to continuously look out for and support one another.

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