



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

REVIEW OF COVID-19 CONTAINMENT MEASURES

ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, CHAPTER 242 LAWS OF KENYA, ON THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021

WHEREAS, fifteen months after the first **COVID-19** case was confirmed in Kenya, the disease **continues to manifest across our country**;

WHEREAS, over the last fourteen days' infections in the Counties of Busia, Vihiga, Kisii, Nyamira, Kakamega, Bungoma, Kericho, Bomet, Trans Nzoia, Kisumu, Siaya, Homa-Bay and Migori **constituted 60% of the national caseload**;

WHEREAS, the **positivity rate** in the aforementioned counties averages **21%** against a national average of **9%**;

WHEREAS, the surge of infections in the aforementioned counties is further compounded by their proximity to the Republic of Uganda, which has similarly reported a surge of COVID-19 infections; and

WHEREAS, there is a heightened risk of cross-border infections from the neighbouring countries adding to our national caseload.



NOW THEREFORE, in order to **break the cycle of infections** in the affected areas, and following consultations with the Council of Governors, and with the concurrence of the National Emergency Response Committee on Covid-19; in exercise of the authority vested on the Cabinet Secretary for Health by the Public Health Act, the continuing containment measures are hereby reviewed as follows:

1. **That** the Counties of Busia, Vihiga, Kisii, Nyamira, Kakamega, Kericho, Bomet, Bungoma, Trans-Nzoia, Kisumu, Siaya, Homa-Bay and Migori are **individually** and **collectively** declared as a **COVID-19 hotspot zone**;
2. **That** effective **18th June 2021** the following containment measures shall apply within the **COVID-19 hotspot zone**:
 - I. **That** the **curfew** within the hotspot zone shall be observed between **07:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.** daily;
 - II. **Except** for essential and emergency services, movement **between the hotspot Zone** and the rest of the country is strongly discouraged;
 - III. **All** cross-border cargo drivers shall be required to possess a valid certificate indicating a negative COVID-19 test that was conducted **no more than 48 hours** before commencing



their journey, and each cargo truck shall be limited to only **2 persons per vehicle;**

- IV. **That, weekly** non-food and livestock markets **are hereby suspended** in the Hotspot Zone for a **period of 30 days;**
- V. **All** public gatherings and in-person meetings of whatever nature are prohibited within the Hotspot Zone, including house parties and sporting activities;
- VI. **All** funerals and interment ceremonies within the Hotspot Zone shall be conducted within **72 hours of confirmation of death;**
- VII. **Night Vigils and overnight processions prior to funerals** are prohibited within the Hotspot Zone **until further notice;**
- VIII. **That the attendees for funerals** within the Hotspot Zone are capped to a maximum of **50 persons until further notice;**
- IX. **That** the attendees, officiators, and facilitators of weddings, celebrations of marriage or traditional unions, ceremonies of rites of passage, and all other similar events or ceremonies is maintained at **30 persons** in total **until further notice;**



- X. **All** forms of physical/congressional worship (churches, mosques, temples and shrines) in the hotspot counties are suspended for a period of **30 days**;
- XI. **All** employers including the public and private sector, government offices, businesses and companies in the Hotspot Zone are advised to allow employees to work from home, with the exception of employees working in critical or essential services;
- XII. In accordance with the **Public Order No.3 of 2021**, all hospitals within the Hotspot Zone are directed to limit the number of visitors for hospitalized patients to **one (1) visitor** per patient per time **until further notice**; and
- XIII. For the avoidance of doubt, the hours of the ongoing nationwide curfew shall continue to be observed in the rest of the country, from **10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.** daily.

All Kenyans, are reminded not to let their guard down, and they should avoid unnecessary movements and gatherings, employ physical distancing, observe proper hand hygiene, and observe the proper and consistent use of facemasks.



All prevailing mitigation measures to guard against further spread of the COVID-19 disease in the rest of the country remain in place and unchanged.

IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this Revised Containment Measures, on this **SEVENTEENTH** Day of **JUNE** in the year **TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE**.

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