

## Instructions for COVID-19 screening at Points of Entry (POE)

Following the WHO report on the ongoing global COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of Health recommends preventive measures to protect all residents and visitors of Rwanda and instructs the following at all ports of entry across the country:

- 1.All travelers arriving in Rwanda at all points of entry will be screened.
- 2.All travelers presenting one of the COVID-19 symptoms and coming from countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be considered as SUSPECT CASES and therefore will be taken for isolation at nearest Hospital for further investigation and laboratory testing procedures.
- 3.If tested positive, SUSPECTED CASE becomes CONFIRMED and is sent immediately to COVID-19 Treatment Center.
- 4.**If tested negative**, SUSPECTED CASE remains eligible for ACTIVE FOLLOW UP and therefore he/she is advised to provide full identification for continued daily monitoring at place of **self-quarantine\*** for 14 days counted from the day he/she left country with COVID-19 cases. The location of the SUSPECT CASES has to be accessible by MOH-RBC surveillance teams.
- 5. Suspect case in self-quarantine conditions must abide on the following conditions: wear masks all time; self-isolate from others in the same household and call 114 for further direction.
- 6. Any asymptomatic traveler coming from countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases will be considered AT RISK, and will be recorded in a register and electronic tools for continued daily monitoring for 14 days counted from the day he/she left country with COVID-19 cases.

Although ASYMPTOMATIC traveler is not required for strict quarantine, she/he must take preventive and protective measures and communicate to nearest health authorities for any unusual sign and symptom that he/she may develop within 14 days counted from the day he/she left country with COVID-19 cases.

These new instructions are for immediate implementation by Health staff deployed at all POEs until further notice.

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