



INFO NOTE FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING OR DEPARTING FROM RWANDA

ARRIVAL

As part of the Government of Rwanda's measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following is mandatory upon entry into Rwanda as of 14th October 2021:

- a. All travelers arriving in Rwanda must present a negative COVID-19 certificate. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within 72 hours prior to departure (meaning travelers must be tested and get results within 3 days of their first flight). Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs), are not accepted. **Please note that COVID-19 test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years.**
- b. **Fully vaccinated travelers and children below 18 years will no longer be required to quarantine at designated hotels upon arrival but will be required to self-isolate and wait for the results at home or at booked hotel. Arriving travelers must present a valid vaccination certificate showing their full vaccination status to be eligible for this exception.**
- c. All travelers arriving or transiting in Rwanda must complete the passenger locator form (PLF) and upload the COVID-19 test certificate and vaccine certificate (if applicable) before heading to the airport. The passenger locator form is available via www.rbc.gov.rw.
- d. All travelers who are not vaccinated transiting for more than 12 hours through Rwanda will be screened upon entry and take a second RT-PCR test on arrival. Sample collection will be conducted at the airport upon arrival and passenger will wait for the results at the designated transit hotel. The COVID-19 Test Results for transiting passengers for more than 12 hours will be fast-tracked so that passengers can get the results before their next flight.
- e. All travelers transiting/connecting who are not leaving the airport and are in transit for less than 12 hours will be screened upon entry and not required to take a second test . **This is not applicable for passengers transiting by land border. In this case, passengers will be tested using RT-PCR Test and wait for the results at the designated transit hotels before proceeding.**
- f. All travelers will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival at the airport and the payment of 60 USD (50USD for covid-19 test and 10USD for specific logistics to the airport) will be done as indicated in the passenger locator form. For passengers who opt for a cash payment at arrival, change will be given in local currency (Rwf). **Travelers who do not use the payment methods in the Passenger Locator Form may be required to pay again at arrival and claim a refund for any previous payment made.**

- g.** Travelers who have not received full vaccination will be required to wait 24 hours in a designated transit hotel while waiting for their COVID-19 test results taken upon arrival.
- h.** All COVID-19 prevention measures announced by the Ministry of Health must be respected during waiting period ([Link of the designated hotels](#)).
- i.** The Government of Rwanda has negotiated special rates at designated transit hotels for the 24 hours waiting period. Should a guest wish to remain in the hotel after receiving negative test results, they are welcome to extend their stay at the hotel's applicable rates.

DESIGNATED HOTELS AND/OR AT HOME

Once at the hotel or at home, the process is as following:

1. Test results 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 24hrs from the time a sample is collected. If the results are not out and you are beyond 24 hours, please contact the hotel reception or RBC Medical Team on Duty at Airport 24/7: (+250) 781415724 for quick follow up.
2. If a traveler test positive for COVID-19 (even if asymptomatic) while in Rwanda, they will be treated as indicated in the National Covid-19 Management Guidelines until they have fully recovered, at their own cost. All travelers are encouraged to have international travel insurance.

DEPARTURE:

- All travelers departing from Rwanda must test negative for COVID-19. The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) performed within **72 hours before departure** performed by the Rwanda Biomedical Center/National Reference Laboratory, Provincial or District Hospitals. Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs), are not accepted. **COVID-19 test is not mandatory for accompanied children under 5 years.** All travelers are encouraged to book and pay for their tests at least 2 days prior to departure through the online platform available on www.rbc.gov.rw
- Travelers are advised to check with airlines about the COVID-19 requirements of the final destination and/or transit countries.
- Travelers are not allowed to go to the airport without negative COVID-19 PCR test results, if the results are not yet out within 48 hours as mentioned above, please contact LAB HELP DESK on (+250) 787243836 or (+250) 787793446 or (+250) 784026239.
- 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 until they have fully recovered, **at their own cost.** All travelers are encouraged to have international travel insurance.

REMINDER

The preventive measures announced by the Ministry of Health must be observed by all, especially frequent hand-washing, proper wearing of face masks in public, 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.