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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In reference to the Cabinet Resolutions of 26 August 2020, and 'Guidelines for Hospitality Business reopening during COVID-19' issued in May 2020, the Rwanda Development Board would like to inform the public of the following tourism and Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions (MICE) guidelines:

- 1. Domestic and international tourism will continue, under prescribed safety guidelines.
- 2. Owners and managers of establishments are fully responsible for ensuring that users of their premises respect Ministry of Health guidelines at all times.
- 3. ALL bars, including those in restaurants and hotels, remain closed.
- 4. Restaurants and hotels can ONLY serve alcohol to seated guests with an order of food.
- 5. Adequate hand-washing facilities and/or sanitizers are to be availed at all entrances and within the premises.
- 6. Clients who are not wearing masks properly should not be admitted into the premises.
- 7. Staff must wear masks properly at all times while on duty and in public places.
- 8. Establishments must place clearly visible notices for all customers and staff on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, including frequent hand-washing and physical distancing practices.
- 9. Establishments must ensure at least 1.5 meters physical distancing between chairs and 2.5 meters between tables.
- 10. Visitors participating in domestic tourism activities outside Kigali must possess proof of a confirmed booking while departing Kigali and a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the visit.
- II. Privately hired vehicles transporting tourists are permitted to and from Kigali and must adhere to prescribed health and safety guidelines.
- 12. Applications for permission to host essential public events should be addressed to <a href="mailto:info@rcb.rw">info@rcb.rw</a> with a copy to the relevant local authority. Events are required to respect the 30% venue capacity. Only sit-down events and gatherings are permitted.
- 13. Organizers of approved essential events will ensure that all confirmed participants are tested for COVID-19, within 72 hours of attending the event, at their own cost.

All hospitality establishments must adhere to the health and safety directives issued by the Ministry of Health and RDB to curb the spread of COVID-19. Failure to do so, will result in the immediate shut down of the establishment.

Signed by,

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