

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## REOPENING OF MASSAGE THERAPIES IN RWANDA

As the Government of Rwanda continues to revive business activities to recover from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) is pleased to inform the general public that **massage therapies** are open.

To ensure consistency in keeping clients, employees and everyone else safe from COVID-19, the following guidelines must be followed by the operators of massage therapies both within hospitality establishments as well as standalone massage facilities:

- i. Ensure hand-washing facilities are availed;
- ii. Institute thorough cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing protocols in massage rooms as well as any communal areas, including any objects that come into contact with clients;
- iii. Massage therapists and clients must wear masks at all times;
- iv. Consider booking practices and make any changes to allow for sanitization procedures and recognizing social distancing recommendations that may limit the number of people in one space. Walk-ins should be discouraged;
- v. Ensure a 15-minutes spacing time between appointments to allow for adequate time to clean and minimize physical contact between people in reception areas;
- vi. Post clear signage in waiting rooms, common areas and restrooms to emphasize social distancing, handwashing, and any protective equipment expected from clients;
- vii. Encourage use of electronic payments such as mobile money, bank transfers or other electronic means.

Done at Kigali,

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