



## REPUBLIC OF RWANDA MINISTRY OF HEALTH

### Update on COVID-19 Coronavirus

16 March 2020 — Two (2) additional coronavirus cases were identified through positive tests today, bringing the confirmed total to seven (7).

- A Rwandan woman, 32, whose husband is a confirmed coronavirus patient with recent travel history in Fiji, USA and Qatar.
- A German man, 61, who arrived in Rwanda on 13 March 2020 from Germany via Istanbul without symptoms. He developed a cough and went to a health facility on 15 March 2020.

All confirmed coronavirus patients remain under treatment in stable condition, isolated from other patients. The tracing of all contacts has been conducted for further management.

Heightened vigilance is required from all residents of Rwanda. Continue to observe the instructions of health authorities, **particularly washing hands regularly, avoiding large gatherings, and limiting unnecessary movements**. Note that face masks do not provide protection against coronavirus and should only be used by patients and those in direct contact with patients. The initial two week period of closure for schools and places of worship may be renewed based on circumstances.

The key symptoms of coronavirus are dry cough, shortness of breath, and fever. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should call the toll-free number 114 or contact a medical professional.



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