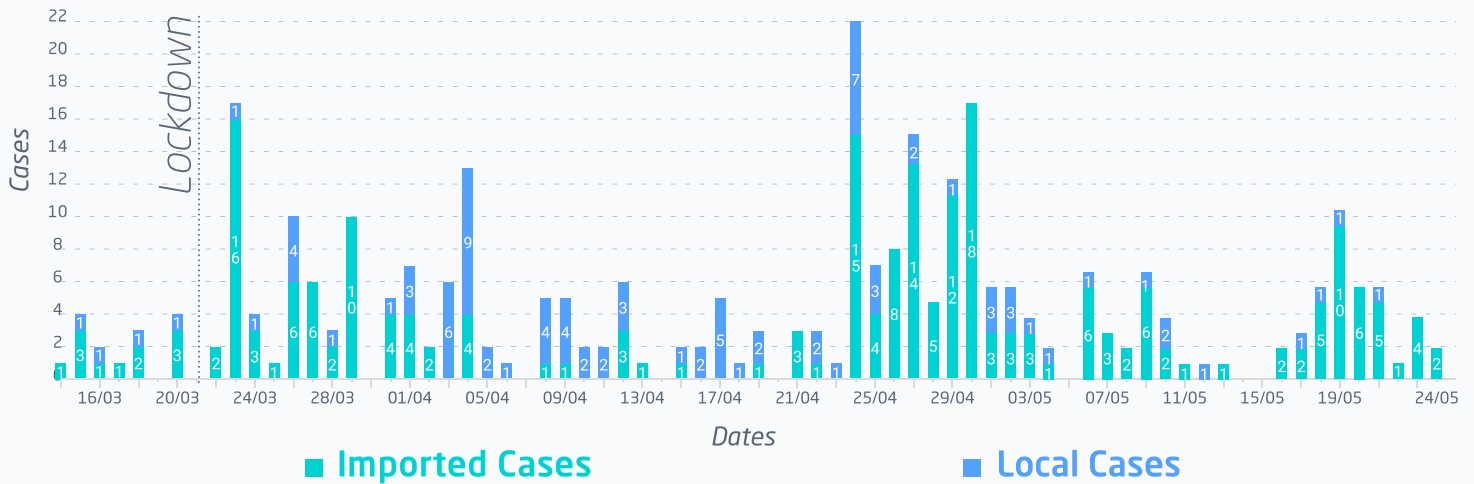




WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGY BULLETIN

18 May, 2020 to 24 May, 2020



WEEKLY SUMMARY STATISTICS

Confirmed cases			Cases discharged		Deaths	Contacts	
New	Total	Active	New	Total	Total	Follow-up	Cleared
36	328	91	40	237	0	644	3,498

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the week of 18/05-24/05, 36 additional cases were confirmed and 40 were discharged from treatment centers – no deaths due to COVID19 has been reported so far.
- Following case investigations that revealed possible linkage between infection and certain workplaces and associated occupations, testing for COVID-19 to determine infection rates in high-risk occupational groups in Kigali city and at border points will resume from 26th to 28th, May 2020.
- High-tech robots are now being used at treatment centers to administer temperature checks, monitor patient status, and keep medical records of COVID-19 patients. The use of Robots will help minimize risk of infections among health care workers.
- The Rwanda Minister of Health, and the RBC Director General had a bilateral call with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director, and CDC-Rwanda Global Health Security Director to exchange science and knowledge related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Following these discussions, Dr. Redfield congratulated Rwanda on their systematic and effective COVID-19 response and committed to continue the collaboration and support to boost the capacity for infectious disease prevention and response.
- Guidelines issued by the Cabinet of Ministers for COVID-19 containment after the strict lockdown remain effective until May 31st, 2020. Masks must always be worn in public and resumed services must adhere to the guidelines from the Ministry of Health (hand hygiene, wearing a mask, and social distancing).
- Active surveillance and containment measures for isolating suspected cases and treating confirmed cases will continue to be implemented (case finding, quarantine, decontamination and isolation for treatment)