

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN UGANDA

29th March- 2020- The Ministry of Health confirms seven (7) new cases of COVID-19 in Uganda. This brings the total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country to 30.

The 7 new confirmed cases are all imported cases and 4 were under Institutional quarantine while 3 were under self-quarantine at the time of test. They presented with signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

The cases include:

1. A 30 year old Ugandan female, resident of Bunga, Kampala who arrived from Dubai, UAE on 18th March 2020.
2. A 26 year old Ugandan female, resident of Mutungo, Kampala who arrived from United Kingdom on 20th March 2020.
3. A 10 year old Ugandan male, resident of Bulenga village, Suubi who arrived from United Kingdom on 20th March 2020.
4. A 25 year old Ugandan female, resident of Kungu, Najjera arrived from United Kingdom on 20th March 2020.
5. A 59 year old Ugandan male, resident of Senero, Kalangala who arrived from United States of America on 12th March 2020.
6. A 33 year old Ugandan male, resident of Naluvale, Wakiso District who arrived from Dubai, UAE on 19th March 2020.
7. A 24 year old Ugandan female, resident of Gayaza, Wakiso who arrived from United Kingdom on 20th March 2020.

To date, a total of 1,001 are under follow up; 812 of these are under institutional quarantine while 189 are under self-quarantine. A total of 1,660 high risk travelers have completed their 14 days of follow up and have been issued with certificates of completion of the mandatory quarantine. A total of 497 contacts of confirmed cases are under follow up.



All the 30 confirmed COVID-19 cases are in stable condition at Mulago National Specialized Hospital, Entebbe Grade, Adjumani and Hoima Hospitals.

Contrary to the various social media reports, **Uganda has not registered any COVID-19 Death.**




COVID-19 presents with the following signs and symptoms; running nose (flu), cough, fever and difficulty in breathing. To report any suspected cases of COVID-19, call the Ministry of Health toll free lines on **919, 0800-100-066, 0800-203-033 or 0800-303-033.**

The Ministry continues to appeal to the general public to remain calm but vigilant and practice the preventive measures. Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand rub at least three times a day, maintain a social distance of at least 2 meters and if you have flu like symptoms, cover your nose and mouth with a mask.



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