

CORONAVIRUS

AMREF Flying Doctors Update

Following the outbreak of the Corona virus in China earlier this year and the subsequent presidential directive issued last week on 15th March 2020, please see below a further update, items 6-8, from the government of Kenya with the following implications:

1. Travel for all passengers coming into Kenya from any country with reported Corona virus (COVID-19) cases is suspended.
2. Only Kenyan Citizens and any foreigners with valid residence permits will be allowed to enter Kenya provided they proceed on self-quarantine or to a government designated quarantine facility.
3. Directives 1 and 2 will remain in effect for the next 30 days or as varied by the National Emergency Response Committee.
4. All persons who have come into Kenya in the last 14 days must self-quarantine and take themselves to the nearest health facility if they exhibit symptoms such as cough or fever.
5. All Passengers will be subjected to physical and temperature screening upon arrival at JKIA and any other port of entry.
6. All international flights are suspended effective Wednesday March 25th, 2020 at midnight with the exception of cargo flights whose crew must observe strict guidelines. Those coming into the country between now & Wednesday will undergo mandatory quarantine at a government designated facility at their own expense.
7. Countries wishing to evacuate their nationals must make their arrangements to do so within this period. Kenyans who are currently in foreign countries, and will not have come back within the period are advised to observe the guidelines issued in the respective countries wherever they are.
8. Whereas we had allowed Kenyans and foreigners with valid residence permits to come in to the country, we have observed that there are those who are not observing the self-quarantine protocol. Consequently, NERC has decided that all persons who violate the self-quarantine requirement will be forcefully quarantined for a full period of 14 days at their cost, and thereafter arrested and charged under the Public Health Act.

An array of other social distancing measures have also been effected including but not limited to closure of bars/ pubs, suspension of all religious gatherings and a raft of measures affecting public transport.

AMREF Flying Doctors number one priority remains the safety of our clients, employees and their families. We operate with strict infection control and prevention protocols and continue to monitor the outbreak and updates on latest control guidelines. We have reinforced our procedures in line with the latest World Health Organisation guidelines for medical service providers as well as for places of work.

In compliance with these directives and cognisant of the challenges in transferring COVID-19 suspected or confirmed cases, AMREF Flying Doctors is working with the Kenyan government on how best to offer medical evacuation services when needed. Public health priorities are to treat the affected where they are and to limit their movement in order to contain the spread of the illness.

Any Maisha member exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is encouraged to stay at home or self-isolate in line with the latest guidelines and to contact the local health authorities for further advice. Flight operations for non-Covid cases will continue provided they meet the government's requirements.

Please direct any specific inquiries or concerns to the following contacts:

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Your cooperation is appreciated.