



MALAWI GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES IN PUBLIC PLACES



In light of the threat of Corona Virus Disease Pandemic (COVID 19) and subsequent declaration by His Excellency Prof Peter Mutharika, president of the Republic of Malawi that Malawi is in a state of disaster, the **MINISTRY OF HEALTH** would like to provide the following guidance to public settings

ROAD TRAFFIC & IMMIGRATION

The following measures are recommended for Road Traffic and Immigration Service Points

- ✓ Hand washing facilities (Water and soap) or alcohol-based hand sanitizers should be placed/mounted at strategic places
- ✓ 0.05% chlorinated water should be used for handwashing, this is cheaper and effective as we anticipate huge demand for hand sanitizers
- ✓ Have a security personnel to ensure that people are washing their hands with soap or sanitizing their hands using alcohol-based hand sanitizers before proceeding to the reception
- ✓ Everyone should be provided with a mask upon arrival at the reception
- ✓ Limit the number of clients entering the rooms, security personnel can help to control entry to avoid crowding
- ✓ Observe **COUGH ETIQUETTES** (cough or sneeze onto a tissue, sleeve or flexed elbow, throw the tissue in the trash bin and then wash hands).
- ✓ Limit the number in the waiting area; let others wait outside, use numbering system/ call system
- ✓ Quick screening for those with obvious flu signs, **provide them with surgical mask** to put on
- ✓ Ensure a social distance of at least 1 meter spacing is being observed on the queue
- ✓ Notify medical authorities immediately if you come across a person with recent travel to COVID-19 affected countries
- ✓ Use hand sanitizers or frequent hand washing with water and soap if involved in touching bank notes
- ✓ Staff to stay at home if they have fever and flu like symptoms. Call medical people if you suspect a corona Virus patient
- ✓ Use 'Chipatala cha pa Foni' by calling 54747 for health messages including COVID-19

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated,

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