



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

PRAYER HOUSES (CHURCHES AND MOSQUES)

The following measures are recommended for Prayer Houses (Churches and Mosques)

- ✓ Avoid over-crowding in Church, limit the number to less than a hundred people
- ✓ Stagger church services to carry few per session and if possible, gather in open air
- ✓ Maintain social distance of 1 meter apart when sitting in church
- ✓ Suspend large church, weddings and baptism gatherings
- ✓ Place handwashing facilities (Water and Soap) or Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer at strategic places
- ✓ Alternatively, 0.05 chlorinated water should be used for handwashing as this is cheaper and effective as we anticipate huge demand for hand sanitizers
- ✓ Encourage and teach children to do proper handwashing
- ✓ Notify medical authorities immediately if you come across a person with recent travel to COVID-19 affected countries
- ✓ Encourage members to use 'Chipatala cha pa fon'i' by calling 54747 for accurate health messages including on COVID 19

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated,

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