

Presidential Directives 18th March 2020

1. It is wise that we temporarily remove these concentration points by closing all the Primary and Secondary schools as well as all the Universities and Tertiary Institutions for one month, starting with Friday, the 20th of March, 2020, starting at mid-day.
2. In the interests of our people's health, religious gatherings should be suspended for a month with immediate effect. Praying can be done in homes. The Religious leaders can use the TVs, Radios stations to continue preaching.
3. Then the next category of mass meetings are the political or cultural – Public rallies, conferences, elections, etc. All these are hereby forbidden for 32 days with immediate effect.
4. We, with immediate effect, ban all out-bound movement by Ugandans to or through category one countries, again, for 32 days. Foreigners going to those countries are free to do so provided they do not intend to come back within the prohibited time.
5. Ugandans coming back from category one countries will be put in a mandatory quarantine in a designated place but they will pay the cost for their institutional quarantine – food, etc.
6. Factories, hotels, large plantations, markets, taxi-parks, etc. should continue functioning but with SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) put out by the Ministry of Health. The Ministry will publish the detailed SOPs as part of the Statutory Instrument to be signed by the Minister of Health with immediate effect.
7. It is, therefore, decided that the hexagonal, Ugandan style weddings should be postponed for 32 days from today. If, however, the couples intending to marry are really in a hurry, they could go for a purely scientific wedding, only involving the core stakeholders who are as long as the number is less than 10 people.
8. We recommend that burials are done by the relatives who are nearby. They should be the ones to Kuziika (to bury). . If the deceased is, however, suspected of dying from the corona-virus, the State will take over.
9. **Monthly and rotational markets should be suspended for 32 days.**
10. Public transport will continue, however with strict guidelines from the ministry of health. However, in the event of an outbreak in a given

locality, public transport in that area will be forbidden and the area will be isolated.

11. Merry making places like the discos, the dances, bars, sports, music shows, cinemas and concerts should be suspended for one month.
12. Anybody with a cough or cold should not go into public. You should self-isolate yourself or be isolated by force, if you are not responsible enough to govern yourself for the general good. Hygiene basics should also be followed; washing hands with soap, cleaning surfaces, use of sanitizers etc.
13. Apart from ensuring a balanced diet which the District Medical Officers, through fortnightly addresses to all of you, should inform you about, in the particular fight against this virus, there is the need to take in good quantities of Vitamin C, through eating oranges and lemon and also eating ripe bananas to get folic acid and Vitamins B6.