

Presidential Directives on COVID, March 25th 2020

1. With immediate effect, the government is suspending public transport for 14 days. This directive affects taxis, coasters, minibuses, buses, all passenger trains, tukutukus (tricycles) and bodabodas carrying passengers.
2. Only private vehicles are allowed to operate and these should not have more than three passengers, including the driver, at any single time.
3. Hospital ambulances, vehicles belonging to the security forces and some key government institutions doing essential work, plus those offering sanitary services are also exempt of this suspension.
4. With immediate effect, markets should only be used for sale of foodstuffs. We are talking about items like matooke, sweet potatoes, cassava, rice, beans, cowpeas, beef, chicken, vegetables, etc. Trading of non-food items in the markets is suspended immediately.
5. I have also directed government ministries, agencies and departments to work out plans where only essential staff report for duty in the offices. The non-essential staff should work from home
6. I am directing that all government vehicles at the district be surrendered to a pool to be overseen by the district health officer with support of the police and army. The government will also make fuel available for these operations. Only the police and army cars are exempt from this mandatory pool arrangement.