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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