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 state of disaster, the MINISTRY OF HEALTH would like to provide the following guidance to public settings.

PUBLIC BUSES AND MINIBUSES

- The following measures are recommended for Public Buses and Minibuses

- Strictly adhere to the sitting capacity and other guidance from Ministry of Transport
- Provide Alcohol-based hand sanitizers in the bus for passengers to sanitize their hands regularly
- Ensure adequate ventilation
- Those with flu and cough should be provided with face masks
- 0.05% chlorinated water should be used for hand washing, this is cheaper and effective as we anticipate huge demand for hand sanitizers if applicable in buses when boarding the bus
- Disinfect the bus when it reaches the final destination and before the next trip
- Observe COUGH ETIQUETTES (cough or sneeze onto a tissue, sleeve or flexed elbow, throw the tissue in the trash bin then wash hands).
- Notify medical authorities immediately if you come across a passenger recently returning from COVID-19 affected countries
- Driver/conductor and other bus staff should stay at home when sick
- Call medical people if you suspect a corona Virus patient
- Use ‘Chipatala cha pa Foni’ by calling 54747 for health messages including COVID-19
- Road Traffic Police will enforce adherence

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated

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