Health Alert – U.S. Embassy Kampala (March 21, 2020)

Location: Uganda

Event:

There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in Uganda.

The Government of Uganda has announced the closure of Entebbe International Airport, to be effective at 12am March 23 (midnight the night of March 22), as well as the closure of all land borders. No individual will be allowed to enter Uganda by air, land or water except for specific cargo vehicles which must follow strict Ministry of Health procedures. U.S. citizens who are considering returning to the United States are urged to work with their airlines to make travel arrangements while flights are still available. If you have exhausted efforts to make arrangements with an airline for departure and you still want to depart, please contact us at our email address. Visit Uganda’s Ministry of Health website for additional information on these new measures.

The Government of Uganda has implemented measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. Schools and universities are closed until April 20, and sporting events, religious gatherings, festivals, and large gatherings have been banned until April 20.

Effective March 18, U.S. Embassy Kampala has suspended routine consular services. For emergency American Citizens Services, including emergency passports, please visit our website for additional information.

The Department of State has issued a Global Level 4 Health Advisory for COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 2 Global COVID-19 Outbreak Notice.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak the Peace Corps authorized a worldwide evacuation of all Volunteers including Uganda. All 136 volunteers have departed the country.

On March 14, the Department of State authorized the departure of US personnel and family members who have been medically determined to be at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19.

Actions to Take:

- Consult the CDC website for the most up-to-date information.
- For the most recent information on what you can do to reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19, please see the CDC’s latest recommendations.
- Visit the COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov for the latest information.
- Check with your airlines, cruise lines, or travel operators regarding any updated information about your travel plans and/or restrictions.
- Visit our Embassy webpage on COVID-19 for information on conditions in Uganda.
- Visit the Department of Homeland Security’s website on the latest travel restrictions to the United States.

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