



# **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **Executive Council**

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### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 2021**

#### **MAIN DECISIONS**

#### **The Executive Council met today under the Chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.**

1. The Executive Council has taken note of the amended Draft Rodrigues Response and Contingency Plan Against COVID-19, which was finalised jointly between the Commission for Health and the Ministry of Health and Wellness during their mission to Rodrigues from 14 to 18 October 2021.

In light of the resumption of commercial flights as from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, the protocol provides inter-alia for:

- (a) only vaccinated passengers, except for minors to travel to Rodrigues; and
- (b) different COVID-19 tests to be effected prior to departure.

Moreover, the Executive Council has taken note of arrangement being made at the level of the Health Services to make provision for the setting up of:

- (i) a dedicated operation block for patients positive to COVID-19;
- (ii) an isolation ward at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and La Ferme Area Health Centre for suspected patients of COVID-19; and

- (iii) an isolation ward in the paediatric ward at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for suspected cases or COVID-19 positive children requiring specialised treatment.

The Executive Council has further taken note of the detailed protocol in case of an epidemic outbreak of COVID-19 in Rodrigues.

- 2. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Trade, Commerce and Licensing streamlines the procedures for processing of applications for trade activities involving commercial leases for retailer of manufactured tobacco/ non-alcoholic beverages/pastries/ confectionery and cakes "Tabagie" and General Retailer.

Processing of application for industrial projects including high investment profile projects will also be reviewed so as to ease the way of doing business in Rodrigues.

- 3. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Education provides face masks to students of primary, secondary, Special Education Needs (SEN) schools, Le Chou Multipurpose Training Centre (MITD) and Centre de Formation Agricole Frère Remi for the period 3 November to 3 December 2021 as a COVID-19 prevention measure.
- 4. The Executive Council has taken note of the proposed amendments to be brought to the school calendar for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools in Rodrigues as from resumption of flights on 01 November 2021 with a view to reduce class size and enable physical distancing as far as practicable.

The proposed calendar will be applicable as from the first week of November up to end of the school term.

- 5. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Information and Communication Technology launches Requests for Proposal (RFP) to enlist the services of a Consultant/Consultancy Firm to develop a roadmap for ICT/BPO Sector in Rodrigues.
- 6. The Executive Council has taken note that Expressions of Interest will be launched for the rental of tuckshops at Pajerome, Mourouk and Pointe Cotton.

7. The Executive Council has taken note of the registration exercise of families on the National Database for Vulnerable Groups. As at 05 October 2021, 652 families in Rodrigues, earning less than Rs 10,500 have registered on the Social Register of Mauritius (SRM).

A second exercise to register households earning monthly income between Rs 10,500 and Rs 14,000 will be carried out from 20 October to 27 November 2021.

8. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Arts and Culture will hold a ceremony to pay tribute to Late Jean Claude Richemond FLORE on the ***Miray Rekonesans*** on Monday 25 October 2021 at 10.00 hours in front of the CELPAC at Port Mathurin.
9. The Executive Council has approved the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Rodrigues for the period 2021 to 2024.

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