



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

## PRESS STATEMENT

### **LIFTING OF MANDATORY REQUIREMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINATION CERTIFICATE AND OR NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR TEST RESULT FOR IN-COMING TRAVELLERS**

The Presidential Task Force on Corona virus and Cholera would like to inform the general public that with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, as soon as revised COVID-19 Rules and Regulations are duly gazetted, the following travel requirements related to COVID-19 control will apply:

1. A COVID-19 vaccination certificate or a negative COVID-19 PCR test result will no longer be a mandatory requirement for entry into Malawi for all incoming travellers.
2. All outgoing travellers will be responsible for checking and complying with entry requirements in the countries of their destination and or transit.

These adjustments have been made in light of the current markedly decreased COVID-19 situation in the country and globally; and the recent announcement by the World Health Organization that the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

The public is however advised that COVID-19 remains a public health threat and all countries, including Malawi, are expected to continue advocating for and applying necessary preventive and other control measures, such as COVID-19 vaccinations for high risk population groups. For this reason, COVID-19 vaccinations will continue to be offered at health facilities across the country, and all those aged 12 years and above are encouraged to get vaccinated at the earliest possible time to ensure that they are protected from developing severe disease and risk of hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

The Ministry of Health continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in the country and globally, and reserves the right to re-institute appropriate

COVID-19 control measures such as in the event of new significant increases in COVID-19 cases and deaths, and as disease situations and trends may dictate from time to time.

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