



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**STATEMENT BY THE HON. MINISTER OF WORKS AND
TRANSPORT AT THE JOINT PRESS BRIEFING ON OPENING
OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND REOPENING OF SCHOOLS**

AT

**THE UGANDA MEDIA CENTER
WEDNESDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2022**

BY

**GEN. KATUMBA WAMALA
MINISTER OF WORKS & TRANSPORT**

The Director of Basic Education, Ministry of Education and Sports;

The Director of Traffic, Uganda Police Force;

Leaders of Public Transport Operators;

The management of the Uganda Media Center;

All members of Media Houses present,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am here with Senior Officers from the Ministry of Education and Sports; the Uganda Police Force and leaders of public transport operators in the Country to give more guidance on the resumption of public transport and the reopening of schools.

As you are aware, H.E the President addressed the Nation on 31st December 2021 and made a number of directives on public transport and reopening of schools.

Specifically, H.E the President directed that the transport sector which had been operating at 50% should open fully but with the necessary SOPs such as the wearing of masks and full vaccination by both the crew and the passengers.

He also directed that Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary schools would be opened for learners starting with the 10th of January, 2022. He accordingly directed the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Ministry of Works and Transport to provide detailed plans for opening of the respective sectors.

At the beginning of the last lockdown when schools were directed to close abruptly, we were faced with a crisis due to the big number of students going home at the same time. A number of students were stranded in bus terminals and taxi parks with no buses or taxis to take them. Some unscrupulous individuals took advantage of the situation to overcharge and cheat the travelling students which worsened the situation.

My Ministry together with Ministry of Education and Sports, Uganda Police Force and the Anti- Corruption Unit of State House worked together with the private sector to

rectify the situation and ensure that all students got home safely. I thank everyone that was involved in that exercise.

When we got to know of the dates for reopening schools, all concerned parties felt that we needed to be better organized this time to prevent a recurrence of those unfortunate events.

We held a number of meetings with the relevant stakeholders including the Ministry of Education and Sports, the Uganda Police Force, KCCA, District Education Officers from Wakiso, Mpigi, Mukono and Kampala, Bus Operators, Taxi Operators and Coaster Operators and agreed on a plan to ensure that transportation of students to school would be efficient, safe and affordable.

I specifically held engagements with public transport operators and we agreed on the transport fares to be charged in this period. I will request them to give some details after my statement. All taxi stages and bus stages are required to display the agreed fares for their respective routes.

In order to ensure compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures, all taxis and buses are required to operate from the designated taxi parks or bus terminals. Any taxi or bus that is found parked or loading from the streets or outside the designated taxi parks or bus terminals will be impounded.

I also want to caution the travelling public to only board taxis, coasters or buses from the designated taxi parks or bus terminals. Please do not book a ticket or pay any money to anyone outside the designated taxi parks or bus terminals.

I have been informed that there are crooks that have put up booking offices outside bus terminals and taxi parks and are defrauding unsuspecting passengers. For instance, they charge a passenger going to Fort Portal 100,000 shillings, issue him or her a ticket, then take him to a bus that is not aware of the fraud where they pay the bus 30,000 shillings.

These crooks include Kasapuli and Rehema around the new taxi park; and Muko, Sewaya, Isma, Bruce and Malaya at Ham and former Qualicel. I have forwarded these names to Police for action.

I have also requested Police to increase deployment around the taxi parks and bus terminals to guide people that may be lost or need any help. The travelling public is encouraged to seek out the Police Officers if they need any help.

Although H.E the President allowed public transport to open fully, he directed they should follow Standard Operating Procedures. I therefore wish to give the following guidance:

1. Every crew member of a public service vehicle including the driver, conductor, turn man and any other crew member must be fully vaccinated and shall at all times carry a Vaccination Card while in the public service vehicle.
2. The crew of a public service vehicle shall ensure that only vaccinated people who have a Vaccination Card are allowed to board the vehicle.
3. All persons using public transport shall continue to comply with Standard Operating Procedures including wearing of masks and cleaning hands with an alcohol based sanitizer or water and soap.
4. Brokers/Touts are strictly forbidden inside or in the vicinity of any public transport terminal including taxi parks and bus terminals.

I have already agreed with the Director Traffic and Road Safety on how to enforce these guidelines to control the spread of COVID19.

I also call upon the public transport operators and the travelling public to adhere to the directives of H.E the President and the above guidelines to ensure that we stay healthy as we travel. COVID19 is still with us and we need to embrace the new normal.

I also urge all road users to be responsible on the road. Ensure that you get enough rest before embarking on a journey, do not speed beyond the prescribed limit and do not overtake recklessly. I encourage the passengers to speak up and report bad driving. I request the Director Traffic and Road Safety to ensure extra vigilance in this period.

As I conclude, I wish to remind the public transport operators, terminal/park management and the general public that the Country still faces terrorist threats and that public transport is a soft target for terrorist activities. You are required to take security precautions including checking all persons and luggage to be carried in public service

vehicles; conducting security checks at entrances to public transport terminals and alerting the Police of any suspicious activity.

I thank you.

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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

PRESS STATEMENT

02nd January 2022

**STAGGERED REPORTING OF LEARNERS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS
LOCATED IN KAMPALA, MUKONO, MPIGI, AND WAKISO DISTRICTS**

In his New Year's address to the nation on 31st December 2021, H.E. the President tasked the Ministry of Education and Sports to come up with a detailed plan to prevent and mitigate against road traffic congestion in the Kampala metropolitan area during Re-opening of Schools on Monday January 10th, 2022.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Education and Sports engaged stakeholders from KCCA, Wakiso, Mukono, and Mpigi, district local governments, Security, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Works and Transport among others. This; therefore, is to communicate to the public the re-opening plan for Boarding Students in Primary and Secondary Schools in the concerned Kampala metropolitan area.

- A) All learners in Day Schools shall report on Monday the 10th of January 2022 for Classes.
- B) All learners in Boarding Schools in the districts of Wakiso, Mpigi, Mukono, and Kampala shall follow a staggered reporting plan with effect from Monday, 10th January 2022.
- C) No, Boarding Students in the concerned districts shall report for School earlier than Monday the 10th of January 2022.

**Copy to all schools of the concerned learners
of introduction.*

D) Students in International Schools whether offering Day or Boarding School shall also comply with re-opening that is **NOT** any earlier than Monday the 10th of January 2022.

E) Boarding Students in Mpigi and Wakiso Districts:

Reporting Dates for Boarding Students	Category of Boarding Students expected to Report
Monday, 10 th January 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A-level students 2. Boarding pupils in Lower Primary
Wednesday, 12 th January 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O-Level students 2. Boarding pupils in P.5, P.6, and P.7

F) Boarding Students in Kampala and Mukono Districts:

Reporting Dates for Boarding Students	Category of Boarding Students expected to Report
Tuesday, 11 th January 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A-level students 2. Boarding pupils in Lower Primary
Thursday, 13 th January 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O-Level students 2. Boarding pupils in P.5, P.6, and P.7

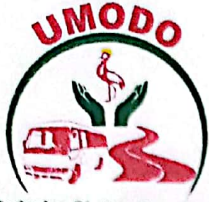
G) Schools which have already communicated to parents a staggered reporting plan that goes beyond 13th January 2022 may retain such a Plan provided no learners report before Monday the 10th of January 2022.

H) It is the responsibility of the learner's respective parents or guardians to ensure that the learner is provided with a mask to wear when travelling to school while using public transport means.

For any clarification on this Press Statement, please contact the Public Relations Office of the Ministry of Education and Sports.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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TRANSPORT FARE FEES SCHEDULED

KAMPALA	EASTERN ROUTE	FARE FEES
	JINJA CITY	10,000/=
	IGANGA	13,000/=
	BUSEMBATYA	20,000/=
	NAMUTUMBA	20,000/=
	BUKEDEYA	25,000/=
	MBALE CITY	25,000/=
KAMPALA	BUGIRI	16,000/=
JINJA	BUGEMBE	1,000/=
	NAMULESA	1,500/=
	NAKABANGO	1,500/=
	BUWENGE	8,000/=
	KAMULI	8,000/=
KAMPALA	MASAKA CITY	14,000/=
	KALISIZO KYOTERA	18,000/=
	RAKAI	20,000/=
	RWAMAGWA	25,000/=
	MUTUKULA	25,000/=
KAMPALA	MBARARA CITY	25,000/=
	LYANTONDE	20,000/=
	KYAZANGA	20,000/=
	MBIRIZI	20,000/=
	KINONI	17,000/=
KAMPALA	KAYUNGA – BUGERERE	7,000/=
	NAGALAMA	5,000/=
	NAKIFUMA	5,000/=
KAMPALA	KABALE BUSEGA	2,000/=

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TAXI FARES BEFORE COVID, DURING COVID AND AFTER OPENING OF THE INDUSTRY TO CARRY FULL CAPACITY

NO.	STAGE	BEFORE COVID	CARRYING HALF CAPACITY	BACK TO FULL CAPACITY
1.	Nsangi	2,500	4,500	3,000
2.	Mpigi	4,500	7,000	5,000
3.	Masaka	14,000	25,000	15,000
4.	Nansana	2,000	4,000	2,500
5.	Kakiri	3,000	5,000	3,500
6.	Busunju	5,000	9,000	6,000
7.	Kasubi	1,000	2,000	1,500
8.	Kayunga	7,000	12,000	8,000
9.	Nakifuma	5,000	10,000	6,000
10.	Kangulumira	8,000	14,000	10,000
11.	Luweero	6,000	11,000	7,000
12.	Nakasongola	10,000	20,000	13,000
13.	Mbarara	25,000	35,000	30,000
14.	Hoima	15,000	25,000	20,000
15.	Mityana	7,000	14,000	8,000
16.	Mubende	14,000	24,000	15,000
17.	Bweyogerere	2,000	3,000	2,000
18.	Kawempe	2,000	3,000	2,000
19.	Matugga	2,500	5,000	3,000
20.	Mukono	3,000	5,000	4,000
21.	Luzira	1,000	3,000	1,500
22.	Jinja	8,000	15,000	10,000
23.	Iganga	11,000	20,000	13,000
24.	Kamuli	13,000	25,000	15,000
25.	Mbale	18,000	30,000	20,000
26.	Pallisa	15,000	25,000	18,000
27.	Tororo	18,000	30,000	20,000
28.	Entebbe	3,500	6,000	4,000

As taxi operators, we are grateful that H.E. the President allowed us to operate carrying full capacity of passengers as earlier. We reiterate our commitment to abide by the guidelines given regarding observing SOPs.

In the transport sector, over 90% drivers and conductors are vaccinated. We are going to ensure that the remaining percentage will be vaccinated before the opening of schools on 10th January, 2022.

Regarding passengers moving with their vaccination cards, we request the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Works and Transport to come up with a system of identifying the genuine vaccination cards presented by our passengers. We also call upon our travelling passengers to ensure they get vaccinated.

We call upon our drivers and conductors to ensure they have sanitizers in their vehicles and use it as required. They should also ensure all passengers in the vehicles properly put on their masks.

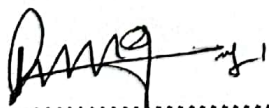
We have reduced on the fares because we are now carrying full capacity. However, due to the increase in fuel prices, we are compelled to increase a little in the fares to commensurate with the fuel prices and all stages are advised to stick to the agreed on prices. We shall ensure school going children are safely transported to their destinations.

We want to appreciate the Ministry of Education and Sports for the phased programme of children returning to school to avoid congestion.

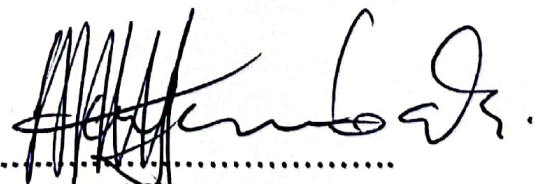
We appeal to parents to escort their children to school. They should board vehicles from designated places (parks) to avoid being conned. All stages have guides to assist in case of any problem. We also request parents to clearly label their children's property with a telephone number for easy identification in case of any loss. We have a claims office at Nalubwama Arcade where we keep all lost property. If the properties are clearly labeled, we can easily trace the owners.

Wishing all parents well as they safely take their children back to school.

For God and my country.



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WESTREN REGION REVISED BUS FARES FOR DIFFERENT ROUTES EFFECTIVE 01/JAN/2022		
TOWN/ROUTE	PREVIOUS FARES AT 50% CAPACITY	NEW FARES AT 100% CAPACITY
KLA-MASAKA	20,000	15,000
KLA - MBARARA	40,000	30,000
KLA - NTUNGAMO	50,000	35,000
KLA - RUKUNGIRI	60,000	40,000
KLA - KABALE	70,000	45,000
KLA - KISORO	80,000	50,000
KLA - KANUNGU	70,000	45,000
KLA - ISHAKA	50,000	35,000
KLA - KASESE	60,000	40,000
KLA - HOIMA	30,000	25,000
KLA - WANSEKO	40,000	30,000
KLA - KYANGWALI	50,000	35,000
KLA - MASINDI	30,000	25,000
KLA - FORTPORTAL	50,000	35,000
KLA - KAGADI	35,000	30,000
KLA - MUTUKULA	35,000	28,000
KLA - KISIIZI	70,000	45,000
KLA - IBANDA	50,000	35,000
KLA - KAMWENGE	60,000	40,000
KLA - BUNDIBUGYO	60,000	40,000
KLA - BWERA	65,000	45,000

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EASTERN REGION REVISED BUS FARES FOR DIFFERENT ROUTES EFFECTIVE 01/JAN/2022		
TOWN/ROUTE	PREVIOUS FARES AT 50% CAPACITY	NEW FARES AT 100% CAPACITY
KLA-JINJA	20,000	15,000
KLA - IGANGA	30,000	20,000
KLA - MBALE	40,000	30,000
KLA - KACHUMBALA	40,000	30,000
KLA -BUKEDEA	45,000	35,000
KLA - KUMI	45,000	35,000
KLA - SOROTI	50,000	35,000
KLA - SERERE	60,000	45,000
KLA - KATAKWI	60,000	40,000
KLA -IRIIRI	70,000	45,000
KLA - MATANY	80,000	50,000
KLA - MOROTO	100,000	60,000
KLA - AMURIA	70,000	45,000
KLA - ABIM	100,000	60,000
KLA - KOTIDO	120,000	70,000
KLA - KABONG	130,000	75,000
KLA - KARENGA	140,000	80,000
KLA - OCHERO	90,000	55,000



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NORTHERN REGION REVISED BUS FARES FOR DIFFERENT ROUTES EFFECTIVE 01/JAN/2022		
TOWN/ROUTE	PREVIOUS FARES AT 50% CAPACITY	NEW FARES AT 100% CAPACITY
KLA - MIGERA	35,000	20,000
KLA - KIGUMBA	45,000	30,000
KLA - BWEYALE	45,000	30,000
KLA - KARUMA	45,000	30,000
KLA - KAMDINI CORNER	45,000	30,000
KLA - GULU	50,000	35,000
KLA - KITGUM	65,000	40,000
KLA - LUKUNG	75,000	45,000
KLA - PALABEK	85,000	50,000
KLA - PALODA	85,000	50,000
KLA - OROM	85,000	50,000
KLA - KARENGA	95,000	55,000
KLA - AGORO	75,000	45,000
KLA - ABIM	75,000	45,000
KLA - PADER	75,000	45,000
KLA - LIRA	50,000	35,000
KLA - ADUKU	55,000	40,000
KLA - APACH	65,000	45,000
KLA - ELEGU	75,000	50,000
KLA - MOYO	75,000	50,000
KLA - ARUA	75,000	45,000
KLA - KOBOKO	85,000	50,000
KLA - YUMBE	95,000	55,000
KLA - PAKWACH	60,000	40,000
KLA - PAIDA	65,000	43,000
KLA - NEBBI	65,000	40,000
KLA - NWOYA	55,000	35,000
KLA - AMURU	55,000	40,000
KLA - KALONGO	85,000	50,000
KLA - ADJUMANI	65,000	45,000
KLA - KOTIDO	85,000	50,000

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