



## **PUBLIC STATEMENT ON OPENING PARKS**

**Kampala September 03, 2020**, The Management of Uganda Wildlife Authority wishes to inform the public that after consultations with various stakeholders and putting in place standard operating procedures for the containment of the possible spread of COVID-19 in our protected areas, all the parks are now open for tourism.

The head office in Kampala is also open to the public who require any of our services. All tourism activities within the protected areas shall be undertaken in a manner that ensures all guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and the directives by His Excellency the President are adhered to. These include but not limited to:

- i) Mandatory temperature screening using non-contact infra-red thermometers at the key tourism gates of the different protected areas.
- ii) Mandatory hand washing / sanitizing at the entrances of all UWA premises and protected areas.
- iii) Wearing a face mask while inside the protected area
- iv) Observing social distance
- v) All tourists going for primate tracking activities should carry at least two N95 masks or surgical masks or double layered cloth masks with filters.
- vi) Government guidelines of carrying half capacity in order observe social distance shall apply to the use of vehicles and boats in the parks. These include concessionaire delivery vehicles.
- vii) Saloon car vehicles shall not be permitted to carry out game drives activities in the protected areas.
- viii) Visitors going to the parks are encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer.

We have trained our staff and provided them with appropriate wear to protect them and the visitors from any possible infection. Staff on duty shall sensitize the visitors on the general government approved COVID-19 operational guidelines including the ones developed and approved by UWA management.

Detailed standard operating procedures will be made available for download on our website [www.ugandawildlife.org](http://www.ugandawildlife.org).

The safety of our staff and visitors is important to us and we shall continue to operate while exercising a high degree of caution to ensure the safety of persons is not compromised. As we welcome our visitors back into the protected areas, we continue to advise visit to take personal precaution to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

#### **MANAGEMENT**

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