

URGENT MEDIA ADVISORY

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SPECIAL MEDIA PASSES FOR CRITICAL NON-JOURNALISTIC STAFF

Further to the Public Order Number 1 of the National Security Council as delivered by H. E. President Uhuru Kenyatta on 25th March, 2020, announcing a nationwide 7pm to 5am curfew for all non-essential service providers, the Media Council of Kenya (MCK) notes that media has been classified as an essential service.

Accordingly, the MCK will provide **temporary special media passes (SMPs)** to non-journalistic staff critical to the normal operation of media houses. Such staff would include those in non-editorial departments such as the finance, operations, human resources, marketing and the CEOs themselves.

In order to facilitate this, in these extenuating circumstances, the Media Council of Kenya will waive the biometric data requirement, and instead require all CEOs of media houses or their authorized representatives, to furnish the MCK with a list of the said staff, containing the following details:

- Full Name of the Staff (First Name and Surname)
- Job Title
- Name of the Media House
- National Identity or Passport Number
- A Passport Size Photo

This information should be relayed to the MCK Accreditation Service strictly via e-mail on accreditation@mediacouncil.or.ke, or call the accreditation Manager, Dinah Ondari on **0724114843** for alternative means of delivery. Special accreditation is available on **26th and 27th March, 2020**.

Similarly, editors are advised to send details of their editorial staff who may not have been accredited thus far, so as to facilitate temporary special media passes for them.

Meanwhile, all accredited journalists and media practitioners are advised to **carry their press cards with them at all times** to facilitate easy identification by State security agencies enforcing the National Security Council order.

The following MCK and GOK officers will be available for any assistance throughout the curfew period:
Please call or text them in case of any problems.

| NAME | POSITION | CELL NUMBER |
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| Mr. David Omwoyo | Chief Executive Officer - MCK | 0710 783 020 |
| Mr Charles Owino | National Police Service Spokesman | 0722 412 734 |
| Col. (Rtd.) Cyrus Oguna | Government Spokesman | 0723 111 234 |
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Chief Executive Officer & Secretary to the Council

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