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### HOW Covid-19 is being HANDLED IN IGANGA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, UGANDA

Uganda recorded its first case of Covid-19 a week ago. Today the official report puts the figure to 09. However, that is expected to rise due to the number of suspected cases which arrived at Entebbe International Airport from Dubai.

The President has put across a number measures to help mitigate the problem in the country. As a local government, we are following directives to help save our community from the pandemic.

1. **HAND WASHING:** All shops and official premises have been forced to have handwashing facilities. Customers are encouraged to wash their hands before entering the shops. All super markets and Fuel stations have been asked to keep mandatory hand washing gear at the entrance of their Premises.  
At the Municipal Council, a locally improvised Hand washing device has been placed at the entrance for guest to wash hand before entering the Municipal Council premises.  
Also, a Hand Sanitizer canister has been placed at the entrance for people to sanitize their hands of any possible germs they might have encountered along their way.
2. Discouragement of **ROADSIDE SELLERS.** All Roadside sellers have been dispersed and asked to go home. The few who have been allowed have been told to keep a distance of over 4 meters apart.



**SOURCE: Iganga Municipal Council.** *Improvised hand washing Devices and Sanitiser canister.*

3. Staff have been asked to stay at home. Only essential staff have been retained to handle critical issues. We retained the Health Workers, A small staff in Administration and enforcement.
4. We have enforced the Presidential directive of discouraging Public Transport of any kind. We have had a few attempts of resistance but they have been successfully dispersed by our enforcement team and Police.
5. Collective effort comprising of all Leaders in The District, Police, Intelligenece, Health and Municipal are working together and holding Consultative meetings frequently to refresh our efforts.