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S.I. 2020 No. 27

Emergency Management Act

CAP. 160A

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER, 2020

The Cabinet, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 28A(4) and (5) of the *Emergency Management Act*, makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2020*.

2. ***The Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (S.I. 2020 No. 16) hereinafter referred to as the principal Order, is amended by deleting paragraph 15(1) and substituting the following:***

"Curfew and physical distancing

15.(1) The Prime Minister may, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer, by virtue of this Order issue a directive requiring every person

(a) within any area specified in the directive to remain indoors between such hours as may be specified; or

(b) to observe such physical distancing and associated protocols in the interest of public health as may be specified

and any person who fails to comply with paragraph *(a)* or *(b)* is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both.".

3. ***The principal Order is amended by inserting therein immediately after paragraph 16 the following paragraph:***

"The Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit

16A.(1) For the purposes of this order, there is established a unit to be known as the "Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit" ("the Unit").

(2) The Unit shall monitor the conduct of individuals and the operation of businesses to ensure that the protocols specified in this order by the Prime Minister in relation to the conduct of individuals and businesses are observed by those individuals and by operators of businesses.

(3) Where any individual or operator of a business fails to comply with any instructions given by a member of the Unit or fails to comply with any protocol, that member may order the individual or operator to cease his conduct or the operation of his business, as the case may be.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (3), any person who fails to comply with any instruction given by a member of the Unit or who assaults or insults a member of the Unit in execution of his duty is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $50 000 dollars or imprisonment for a term of one year or both.".

Made by the Cabinet this 27th day of June, 2020.

CECILE HUMPHREY

Secretary to the Cabinet

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
PROTOCOLS DIRECTIVE, 2020

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person to observe such physical distancing and associated protocols in the interest of public health as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following Directive for the period from midnight on the 28th day of June, 2020 to midnight on the 7th day of August, 2020.

1. The curfew imposed by the Emergency Management (Covid-19) Curfew (No. 7) Directive, 2020 is hereby discontinued with effect from midnight on 28th day of June, 2020.

2. With effect from the 28th day of June, 2020 to midnight on the 7th day of August, 2020 every person and business establishment shall comply with this Directive.

3. With effect from 29th day of June, 2020, day care centres shall re-open and shall conduct business as they did on the day immediately preceding the 28th day of March, 2020.

4. The owner or operator of every business establishment shall

   (a) follow strict distancing protocols for staff and customers;

   (b) provide hand sanitising stations for staff and customers;

(c) restrict the number of persons within or outside that establishment at any one time in order to ensure that a distance of at least 6 feet is maintained between every person and also ensure that persons do not assemble otherwise than for the purpose of transacting business; and

(d) follow such other protocols that may be established by the Chief Medical Officer and the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit for the purpose.

5. (1) Every person is allowed to host or attend

(a) a private party;

(b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;

(c) a banquet, ball or reception;

(d) any social event;

(e) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be attended by no more than 500 people.

(3) The host of an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall

(a) provide hand sanitiser for all persons in attendance;

(b) comply with any instructions given by the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit; and

(c) ensure that physical distancing protocols are observed by all persons in attendance.

(4) A person who is attending an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall follow strict distancing protocols, wear a face mask and comply with any instructions given by the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit.

(5) Where an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is held there shall be a physical distance of at least one metre between every person attending the activity, unless the persons are members of the same household.

6. (1) Sports and competitive events are permitted to have spectators and there shall be a physical distance of at least one metre between every person attending the event, unless the persons are members of the same household.

(2) All spectators attending sports and competitive events shall wear face masks.

7. No person shall visit any place of quarantine or an isolation station.

8. No person shall visit a prisoner or a ward of a Government Industrial School, but for the avoidance of doubt may visit such a facility to transact business.

9. No more than one person at any time shall visit a patient in a hospital, nursing home, senior citizens' home and facilities for the treatment of persons with addiction or a dependency on drugs or a narcotic substance.

10. No person shall transmit a video recording or audio recording of any person or in any way make known to the public the identity of any person who is in quarantine or in an isolation station.

11. (1) From the 15th day of July, 2020 a person who wishes to host an activity referred to in paragraph 5(1) that exceeds 500 people shall first seek the permission of the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit.

(2) A person who is attending an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall follow strict distancing protocols and shall wear a face mask.

12. (1) From the 15th day of July, 2020 an owner or operator of a business that is regulated under the *Public Entertainments Act*, Cap. 85A who wishes to re-open and conduct business shall seek the permission of the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit who shall determine the maximum number of patrons that the business can accommodate and the conditions and protocols applicable thereto.

(2) A person who is attending a place of public entertainment shall wear a face mask.

13. With effect from 1st day of July, 2020 to 7th day of August, 2020 every public service vehicle

(a) is permitted to carry its authorised number of sitting passengers and half of its authorised number of standing passengers;

(b) the driver, conductor and passengers on such vehicles shall wear face masks throughout the journey;

(c) except for inclement weather, the windows in such vehicles shall remain open throughout the journey;

(d) shall be sanitized after putting down passengers and before taking up new passengers at the following motor omnibus terminals:

(i) Princess Alice;

(ii) Fairchild Street;

(iii) Constitution Road; and

(iv) Speightstown.

14. Notwithstanding any provision of this Directive, the Prime Minister or Attorney General acting on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may direct any business, or organisation or sector thereof to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.

15. The owner or operator of any business, or organisation or event who fails to comply with this Directive is liable to be ordered to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.

16. A person who contravenes this Directive without reasonable explanation, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16).

17. This Directive shall come into effect on the 29th day of June, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 27th day of June, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY
Prime Minister

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
CHURCHES (NO. 3) DIRECTIVE, 2020

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person to observe such physical distancing and associated protocls in the interest of public health as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following Directive.

1. This Directive shall be read and construed as one with the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Protocols Directive, 2020*.

2. This Directive applies to all

   (a) religious institutions however denominated and "church" shall be construed accordingly; and

   (b) funeral services and wedding ceremonies.

3. All officiants however styled and all other persons, whilst within the precincts of a church shall comply with the following protocols:

   (a) face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church, except a person who is officiating, preaching, singing, reading, praying or playing a wind instrument;

(b) there shall be a physical distance of at least one metre between all persons on church premises and attending church, including between worshippers and officiants;

(c) members of the same household may sit together;

(d) sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits of every church and such stations shall be manned by ushers or other persons who are administering sanitiser to the hands of worshippers;

(e) all worshippers and officiants shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church;

(f) the temperature of each worshipper and officiant shall be taken before entering the church using a contactless thermometer;

(g) a person whose temperature exceeds 37.5° C may be allowed to rest in an area designated for such purpose and have their temperature taken again after a period of time;

(h) a person who is coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibits any flu-like symptoms or who after having their temperature taken for a second time still registers a temperature that exceeds 37.5°C shall not be allowed to enter the church;

(i) air-conditioning may be used provided that some windows and doors are kept open or an air intake and extractor system used to allow for air transfer and air flow;

(j) where possible microphones and cameras shall be manned by designated persons;

(k) no hymnals or Bibles shall be distributed to worshippers but worshippers may take their own from home;

(l) where prayer mats are used, worshippers shall take their own mats;

(m) offerings shall be collected by use of fixed containers located at strategic points in the church and physical distancing protocols must be complied with when worshippers are placing offerings in the containers;

(n) children's face-to-face programmes (e.g. Sunday School) may be conducted provided that the protocols that are in effect in nurseries and schools are adhered to;

(o) ordinances, sacraments and rituals of the faith may be conducted, provided there is no physical contact, except between members of the same household;

(p) the sacrament of baptism by immersion is permitted provided gloves are worn by the officiant;

(q) persons engaged in choir or group practice or performance for or at worship or prayers shall adhere to the physical distancing protocol;

(r) signage shall be placed in conspicuous locations outside and within every church and the officiant shall make announcements explaining the protocols to be followed before the commencement of every service;

(s) where multiple services are held on the same day, adequate time shall be allowed between services for sanitisation of all internal and external bathrooms and fixtures and equipment in high traffic areas;

(t) all bathrooms must be equipped with sufficient soap and paper towels or contactless hand dryers;

(u) areas used by persons who become ill shall be thoroughly sanitised before use by others;

(v) where possible volunteer health personnel should be present at services;

(w) outdoor services are allowed and those present shall adhere to the physical distancing protocols;

(x) drive-in services are allowed and those present shall adhere to the physical distancing protocols and persons of the same household can be in the same vehicle;

(y) church offices may open to facilitate the work of the church and air-conditioning may be used; and

(z) every effort shall be made to limit the number of people present in the church office at any one time and masks shall be worn and physical distancing protocols shall be observed.

4. A person who contravenes this Directive without reasonable explanation, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both, pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16).

5. This Directive shall come into effect on the 29th day of June, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 27th day of June, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY
Prime Minister

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