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**OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

S.I. No. 42 of 2020

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020**

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 2)  
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 8) ORDER, 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, **I HEREBY** make the following Order –

**1. Citation.**

This Order which amends Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 2020.

**2. Amendment of Order 4 of S.I. No. 27 of 2020.**

Order 4 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 is repealed and replaced as follows –

**“4. Public Service.**

- (1) All persons employed within the public service, unless specifically designated as essential workers in Order 7 or designated by the permanent secretary of any Ministry as essential workers, shall work remotely from home.
- (2) All persons employed within the public service who are so designated as essential workers by the permanent secretary of the respective Ministry shall report to their place of work.”

**Made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020**

**Signed  
HUBERT MINNIS  
Prime Minister**

# EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN) (NO. 3) ORDER, 2020

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**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020**

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN) (NO. 3)  
ORDER, 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, **I HEREBY** make the following Order for every island and cay in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas –

**1. Citation.**

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (Lockdown) (No. 2) Order, 2020.

**2. Lockdown.**

(1) Effective 9:00 p.m. Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 until 5:00 a.m. Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, every business, establishment or undertaking, other than the following, shall remain closed –

- (a) The Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (b) The Rand Memorial Hospital;
- (c) Doctors Hospital (Shirley Street and Blake Road);
- (d) any hotel with guests;
- (e) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
- (f) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;
- (g) Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT);
- (h) The Department of Correctional Services;
- (i) The Department of Immigration;
- (j) The Customs Department;
- (k) the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (air traffic controllers);
- (l) The Ministry of the Environment and Housing;
- (m) waste disposal and sanitation services;
- (n) non-governmental organisations for home delivery of emergency food and medical supplies;
- (o) a business licensed to provide security guard services;
- (p) essential workers, including contractors or subcontractors, in any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications sector, including the print and electronic news media;

- (q) ports of entry, container ports, freight forwarders and private terminals for the conduct, where applicable, of basic port maintenance services (inclusive of garbage removal), domestic trade, imports and exports of containerised freight, and the import, treatment, bunkering and export of oil products;
  - (r) any public or privately owned terminal and ancillary or support services for the receipt of imported wholesale petroleum products for domestic consumption, for the purpose of the storage and onward delivery of the same to any public or private entity for utility or retail distribution throughout The Bahamas over land or by barges; and
  - (s) PharmChem Technologies G.B. Ltd.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a healthcare worker may conduct home visits to members of the general public for the purpose of providing medical or therapeutic care.
- (3) No person, except an essential worker for a business or establishment listed in paragraph (1), shall leave his place of residence for any purpose whatsoever, other than for the purpose of seeking urgent medical care at a hospital specified in paragraph (1).
- (4) Any person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for a term not exceeding eighteen months or to both in accordance with regulation 23 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020<sup>1</sup>.

### **3. Opening of grocery store and pharmacy.**

Notwithstanding Order 2 –

- (a) grocery stores shall open on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and shall only allow entrance, upon presentation of employment identification, to the persons employed in the following services and undertakings –
  - (i) between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. –
    - (aa) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
    - (bb) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;
    - (cc) healthcare workers; and
    - (dd) essential workers in any clearing bank, credit union and the financial services sector, generally;
  - (ii) between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. –
    - (aa) Fire Services;

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<sup>1</sup>*S.I. No. 21 of 2020.*

- (bb) the Department of Correctional Services;
  - (cc) the National Insurance Board;
  - (dd) the Department of Social Services;
  - (ee) the Ministry of the Environment and Housing;
  - (ff) the Department of Immigration;
  - (gg) the Customs Department;
  - (hh) the Registrar General's Department;
  - (ii) the Magistrate Court and Supreme Court (essential workers);
  - (jj) waste disposal and sanitation services;
  - (kk) wholesale grocers; and
  - (ll) any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications, including the print and electronic news media (essential workers);
- (b) pharmacies shall open on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and shall only allow entrance, upon presentation of employment identification, to the persons referred to in subparagraphs (a)(i) and (ii);
  - (c) grocery stores, wholesale grocers, wholesale bakeries and water production companies shall be permitted to open for the restocking of food and water;
  - (d) suppliers of propane cooking gas shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and
  - (e) irrigation personnel shall be permitted to water plants and trees between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

#### **4. Grand Bahama.**

Effective Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 until Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, notwithstanding Order 2, the following businesses, undertakings, services and activities on the island of Grand Bahama shall continue in operation -

- (a) non-governmental organisations for the production and provision of water;
- (b) water depots;
- (c) waste disposal and sanitation services;
- (d) gas stations, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.;
- (e) construction of the Covid 19 Treatment Unit at the Rand Memorial Hospital; and
- (f) well drilling by Waugh Construction.

**5. Abaco.**

Notwithstanding Order 2 –

- (a) gas stations on the island of Abaco shall be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of refuelling generators; and
- (b) non-governmental organisations for the production and provision of water.

**6. Event of emergency.**

In the event of an emergency, a person shall seek the permission of the Commissioner of Police to leave his place of residence by calling 311 or the nearest police station.

**7. Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020.**

For the avoidance of doubt –

- (a) this Order shall apply to –
  - (i) every business or undertaking (including exempted businesses and undertakings) granted an exemption by the Competent Authority pursuant to Order 5(1)(m); and
  - (ii) every other business or undertaking including a business referred to in Order 5(1)(gg);
- (b) the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 as amended from time to time, shall continue to have effect subject to this Order; and
- (c) the physical distancing protocols and requirement to wear a mask provided in the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020<sup>2</sup>, shall apply to Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**Made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020**

**Signed  
HUBERT MINNIS  
Prime Minister**

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<sup>2</sup>*S.I. No. 27 of 2020.*