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## EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 10) ORDER, 2020

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#### **OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

S.I. No. 50 of 2020

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

#### EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 2) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 10) 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 the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020, may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 10) Order, 2020.

#### 2. Amendment of order 7A of the principal Order.

Order 7A of the principal Order is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (2), by the deletion of the word "may" and the substitution of the word "shall"; and
- (b) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (2), of the following new paragraph (3)
  - "(3) Every exempted business and undertaking shall provide employees with face masks which are able to cover the nose and the mouth.".

#### 3. Insertion of new order 7C into the principal Order.

The principal order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 7B of the following new order -

#### "7C. Provision of care in homes and residential care facilities.

- (1) Any person who is
  - (a) conducting home visits for the purpose of providing medical, therapeutic or other patient care;
  - (b) providing care in a residential care establishment or facility,

must immediately report to the Chief Medical Officer and submit to the Chief Medical Officer –

- (i) a valid government issued identification;
- (ii) a current residential address, telephone number and other contact information;
- (iii) evidence of training and certification to provide medical or therapeutic care;
- (iv) details on care provided to and contact information for current patients or clients,

and undergo infection control protocol training provided by the Ministry of Health prior to providing any further care.

- (2) A person referred to in paragraph (1), may be required by the Chief Medical Officer to undergo Covid 19 testing from time to time.
- (3) Upon satisfaction of meeting the requirements of paragraph (1), the Ministry of Health may issue a letter authorising a person referred to under paragraph (1), to continue providing medical, therapeutic or other patient care during home visits or in a residential care establishment or facility.
- (4) No person shall permit a healthcare worker or caregiver to enter his residence or a residential care establishment facility unless that healthcare worker or caregiver produces a letter of authorisation issued by the Chief Medical Officer in accordance with paragraph (3).".

#### 4. Insertion of new order 11A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 11 of the following new order –

#### "11A. Restriction on Family Island airports.

For the purposes of preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of Covid 19, no aircraft shall be permitted to land or depart at any Family Island airport except –

- (a) a medical emergency flight;
- (b) for the transport of freight; and
- (c) any other flight,

as approved in writing by the Director of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority prior to departure from any airport.".

#### Made this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020

Signed HUBERT MINNIS Prime Minister