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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN) ORDER, 2020

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

S. I. No. 34 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN)
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) Order, 2020.

2. Lockdown.

Effective 8:00 p.m. Friday, 3rd April, 2020, every business, establishment or undertaking, shall remain closed until 5:00 a.m. Monday, 6th April, 2020 other than

- (1)
 - (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) Water and Sewerage Corporation (essential support);
 - (j) Bahamas Power and Light Company (essential support);
 - (k) a business licensed to provide security guard services.
- (2) 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).
- (3) 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, 2020¹.

3. 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.

4. 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);
 - (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.

Made this 1st day of April, 2020

**Signed
HUBERT MINNIS
Prime Minister**

S.I. No. 21 of 2020.
