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## OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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

#### EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN) (NO. 2)

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. Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, 14<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) wholesale bakeries and water production companies;
  - (o) non-governmental organisations for home delivery of emergency food and medical supplies;
  - (p) a business licensed to provide security guard services;
  - (q) 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;
- (r) 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;
  - (s) 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
  - (t) 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 Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 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 bank or credit union;
  - (ii) between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. —

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<sup>1</sup>*SI. No. 21 of 2020.*

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- (aa) Fire Services;
  - (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
  - (11) 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 Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 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 and wholesale grocers and essential staff for the restocking of food stores on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
  - (d) grocery stores on all islands and cays, except New Providence and Bimini, shall open on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and
  - (e) irrigation personnel to water plants and trees between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

Effective Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 until Monday, 13<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(l)(m); and
  - (ii) every other business or undertaking including a business referred to in order 5(l)(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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020**

**Signed**  
**HUBERT MINNIS**  
**Prime Minister**

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<sup>2</sup>*SI. No. 27 of 2020.*

# **EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 2) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 7) ORDER, 2020**

## **Arrangement of Order**

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

### **EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 2) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 7) 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, which amends the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 (*S.I. No. 27 of 2020*), may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order, 2020.

**2. Amendment of order 5 of the principal Order.**

Order 5 of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (1) —

- (a) by the insertion immediately after subparagraph (a) of the following new subparagraph —  
"(aa) wholesale bakeries and water production companies;"
- (b) by the deletion and substitution of subparagraph (c) as follows —  
"(c) pharmacies from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;" and
- (c) by the insertion immediately after subparagraph (d) of the following new subparagraph —  
"(dd) gas stations in Abaco and Andros from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;"

**3. Insertion of new order 7A into the principal Order.**

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 7 of the following new Order —

**"7A. Requirement to wear mask.**

- (1) Every person who leaves his residence in accordance with the provisions of this Order and any exemption granted hereunder, shall wear a mask covering his nose and mouth while away from his residence.
- (2) An exempted business or undertaking may deny entry to any person not wearing a mask covering his nose and mouth."



**4. Amendment of order 11 of the principal Order.**

Order 11 is amended by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (b) as follows

"(b) interisland private commercial sea transport other than a ferry service —

- (i) Within a chain of islands which are a part of any family island;
- (ii) to and from Harbour Island for the delivery of pharmaceuticals ; and
- (iii) to and from Bimini for the transport of essential workers."

**5. Amendment of order 16 of the principal Order.**

Order 16 paragraph (2) of the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after subparagraph (i) of the following new subparagraph (j) —

- "(j) only construction companies carrying on —
- (i) hurricane relief reconstruction and restoration efforts in the islands of Grand Bahama, Abaco and their respective cays;
  - (ii) construction of the sea wall in Mangrove Cay, Andros; and
  - (iii) construction of the quarantine building in South Eleuthera."

**6. Extension of grocery store hours.**

Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of order 5, wholesale or retail grocery stores and Farmers' Markets may open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on —

- (a) Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2020; and
- (b) Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

**Made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020**

**Signed  
HUBERT MINNIS  
Prime Minister**