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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

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**LOCKDOWN
& 24HR CURFEW**

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Lockdown

Wednesday 8 April 9 p.m. - Tuesday 14 April 5 a.m.

Every weekend beginning Fridays 9 p.m. - Mondays 5 a.m. (starting 17 April)

- Under lockdown conditions, you may not leave the confines of your property, unless there is an emergency, you are an essential worker or have been specifically exempted.
- Outdoor exercise may only be taken within the confines of your property.

Across the country, all services are closed except for:

- The Princess Margaret Hospital
- The Rand Memorial Hospital
- Doctors Hospital (Shirley Street, Blake Road)
- Any hotel with guests
- The Royal Bahamas Police Force
- The Royal Bahamas Defence Force
- Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT)
- The Department of Correctional Services
- The Department of Immigration
- The Customs Department
- The Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (air traffic controllers)
- The Ministry of the Environment and Housing
- Waste disposal and sanitation services
- Wholesale bakeries and water production companies
- NGOs for home delivery of emergency food and medical supplies
- Healthcare workers conducting home visits to provide medical or therapeutic care
- Businesses licensed to provide security guard services
- Essential workers including contractors and subcontractors in any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications sector, including print and electronic media
- PharmChem Technologies G.B. Limited
- Ports of entry, container ports, freight forwarders and private terminals for the conduct of basic port maintenance services (including garbage removal), domestic trade, imports and exports of containerized freight, and the import, treatment, bunkering and export of oil products
- 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
- Irrigation personnel to water plants and trees between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to the above, the following applies to Grand Bahama. Effective 8 April 2020, until 13 April 2020 the following entities may continue operation:

- NGOs for the production and provision of water
- Water depots
- Waste disposal and sanitation services
- Gas stations between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Construction of the Covid-19 Treatment Unit at the Rand Memorial Hospital
- Well drilling by Waugh Construction

Abaco

- Under the lockdown period gas stations on the island of Abaco may open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow the refueling of generators
- NGOs for the production and provision of water

Family Islands

Grocery stores on all islands and cays, **EXCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE AND BIMINI**, may open on 9 April from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Saturday 11 April 2020, grocery stores and wholesale grocers and essential staff may open for the restocking of stores from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone leaving home should wear a mask covering nose and mouth. Businesses may deny entry to anyone not wearing a mask. Physical distancing practices, keeping a minimum of at least 6ft from those around you, must be observed AT ALL TIMES.

Any exceptions to curfew or lockdown periods must be approved by the Commissioner of Police. The Royal Bahamas Police Force has a Covid-19 Command Centre number to call for shutdown and curfew-related inquiries. You are asked to call 311.

For those with Covid-19 emergency and health-related questions, please call 511. Please have your NIB number available when you call this line.

For those seeking general (non-emergency) information not related to health about Covid-19, please call 411.

For all other health emergencies and life-threatening conditions, please call 911.

24-hour Curfew

Monday 6 April 5 a.m. - Wednesday 8 April 9 p.m.

Tuesday 14 April 5 a.m. - Friday 17 April 9 p.m.

Mondays 5 a.m. - Fridays 9 p.m. (starting 20 April)

- You may only leave your home to buy essential items such as groceries, water, gas or pharmaceutical products or in the event of an emergency
- Food shopping must be carried out according to the schedule released by the Office of the Prime Minister. Physical distancing practices, keeping a minimum of at least 6ft from those around you, must be observed AT ALL TIMES.
- Everyone leaving home should wear a mask covering nose and mouth. Businesses may deny entry to anyone not wearing a mask.
- Essential workers and businesses are exempted as outlined in the Special Emergency Powers 2020.
- Outdoor exercise is allowed within your property or on the roadways in your immediate neighborhood. Exercise may be taken, either alone or together with family members living under the same roof. This may be done between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. for an hour and a half.

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