

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 4)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER, 2020**

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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 4) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) 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 of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 4) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2020.
- (2) This Order shall come into operation on Monday the 8th day of June, 2020.

2. Revocation and replacement of order 4 of the principal Order.

Order 4 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“4. Operation of businesses and institutions.

- (1) Subject to this order, any establishment or business is permitted to operate hours between the hours of 5:00 am to 7:00 pm daily.
- (2) Any institution or agency is permitted to operate between the hours of 5:00 am and 7:00 pm including the following institutions or agencies —
 - (a) church administrative offices;
 - (b) the Judiciary;
 - (c) regulatory agencies of the Government;
 - (d) non-profit and civic organizations, utilizing only essential persons;
 - (e) AUTEK Naval Base, OPBAT, Customs and Border Protection may continue operations as normal;
 - (f) Consular offices, diplomatic security agents, embassy and security personnel.
- (3) Fishing with more than two persons aboard a vessel, shall be permitted.

- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, every establishment or business situate in any Family Island listed in the *Second Schedule* is permitted to open.
- (5) An agency, business, establishment or institution may continue operations by allowing its employees to work remotely from home utilizing virtual means.
- (6) Every establishment or business permitted to operate under this Order shall do so subject to orders 5 and 7.”.

3. Insertion of new order 4A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 4 of the following new order —

“4A. Restricted businesses.

- (1) This order shall apply to Bimini, Grand Bahama, New Providence and Paradise Island.
- (2) A restaurant may resume operations between the hours of 5:00 am and 7:00 pm daily provided that restaurant is providing service by —
 - (a) curbside pickup or delivery;
 - (b) drive thru; or
 - (c) take away.
- (3) Effective Friday 12th June, 2020, a restaurant may offer outdoor dining.
- (4) Effective Friday 12th June, 2020, restaurants located at Arawak Cay and Potter's Cay Dock may resume operations in accordance with paragraph (3).
- (5) Effective, Monday 15th June, 2020, a hair salon or barbershop may resume operations between the hours of 5:00 am and 7:00 pm daily, subject to being certified by the Ministry of Health to resume work.
- (6) For the avoidance of doubt, bars, discotheques, gyms, spas, cinemas, cultural and entertainment facilities shall remain closed.”.

4. Revocation and replacement of order 10 of the principal Order.

Order 10 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“10. Schools and other educational institutions.

- (1) All schools and educational institutions, unless permitted to open under paragraphs (3) or (4), shall remain closed.

- (2) Paragraph (1) does not prohibit schools and educational institutions from operating by electronic or virtual means.
- (3) Preschools and infant daycare centres on any island in the *Second Schedule* are permitted to open provided that —
 - (a) all employees wear face masks;
 - (b) the premises are sanitised; and
 - (c) the preschool or infant daycare centre adheres to any guidelines or notices issued by the Competent Authority or the Ministry of Education.
- (4) Effective Wednesday 10th June, 2020, any school at which a national exam is being hosted shall be permitted to open for the purposes of making the necessary preparations for the sitting and administration of that national exam provided that —
 - (a) all persons in attendance at that school wear face masks in accordance with order 7;
 - (b) the premises are sanitised; and
 - (c) the physical distancing protocols under order 5 and any guidelines or notices issued by the Competent Authority or the Ministry of Education are adhered to.”.

5. Revocation and replacement of order 14 of the principal Order.

Order 14 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“14. Domestic travel.

- (1) A person may travel by aircraft, passenger ferry or mailboat from any Family Island to another Family Island in accordance with any notice or announcement made by the Competent Authority.
- (2) All passengers travelling inter island shall be required to wear face masks in accordance with order 7.
- (3) The operator of any aircraft, passenger ferry or mailboat carrying persons inter island shall deny the boarding of any person who is not wearing a face mask.”.

6. Revocation of order 15 of the principal Order.

Order 15 of the principal Order is revoked.

7. Amendment of order 16 of the principal Order.

Order 16 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (3) as follows —

“(3) All public beaches and parks shall be permitted to open except those situate in the islands of —

- (a) Bimini;
- (b) Grand Bahama;
- (c) New Providence; and
- (d) Paradise Island.”.

8. Amendment of First Schedule to the principal Order.

(1) The First Schedule to the principal Order is amended —

- (a) by the deletion of Part A; and
- (b) in Part E, by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (6) as follows —

“(6) Every person returning to The Bahamas shall be subject to monitoring by the Ministry of Health.”.

(2) Paragraph (1)(b) shall come into operation on Monday 15th June, 2020.

9. Amendment of Second Schedule to the principal Order.

The Second Schedule to the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after “San Salvador” of the following —

“Eleuthera
Exuma
San Salvador”.

Made this 9th day of June, 2020



PRIME MINISTER