EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC) (MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY)(NORTH ANDROS, CENTRAL ANDROS AND CAT ISLAND LOCKDOWN) ORDER, 2021

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In exercise of the powers conferred by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Management and Recovery) Regulations, 2021, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation and duration.

(1) This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (Management and Recovery)(North Andros, Central Andros and Cat Island Lockdown) Order, 2021.

(2) This Order shall come into operation at 8:00 pm on Monday the 24th of May, 2021 and shall expire at 5:00 am on Tuesday the 8th day of June, 2021.

2. Application of Order.

This Order shall apply to North Andros, Central Andros and Cat Island.

3. Application of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (Management and Recovery) Order, 2021.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), and unless otherwise stated herein, the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Management and Recovery) Order, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as "the Management and Recovery Order"), shall not apply in respect of North Andros, Central Andros and Cat Island.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), orders —

(a) 4 (Physical distancing protocols);

(b) 5 (Requirement to wear face mask);

(c) 6 (Requirement to sanitise);

(d) 7 (Requirement to carry government issued identification);

(e) 14 (Provision of care in homes and residential care facilities);

(f) 18 (Restriction of travel from island prior to lockdown),

shall apply to North Andros, Central Andros and Cat Island.

4. Lockdown of North Andros, Central Andros and Cat Island.

A lockdown for the duration of fourteen days from the commencement of this Order is hereby imposed on North Andros, Central Andros and Cat Island.

5. Prohibition of commercial, religious and social activities.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the operation of any agency, business, undertaking or organisation for in person activities is prohibited.

(2) A hotel shall be permitted to operate provided that all guests remain on hotel premises.

6. North Andros and Central Andros: essential services.

(1) An agency or activity referred to in paragraph (2) shall be considered essential and shall be permitted in North Andros and Central Andros for the duration of this Order.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) —

(a) an essential agency includes —

(i) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;

(ii) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;

(iii) Bahamas Power and Light, for essential operations only;

(iv) the —

(A) Customs Department; and

(B) Department of Immigration,

for the purposes of performing border control duties in relation to the arrival of a vessel or carrier permitted under this Order to enter North Andros or Central Andros;

(v) any public clinic;

(vi) any designated vaccination site;

(b) an essential service includes —

(i) home visits by healthcare workers to members of the general public for the purposes of providing medical or therapeutic care;

(ii) the distribution by the Family Island Administrator or his designate to members of the general public of food and water on behalf of the Government or National Food Distribution Task Force;

(iii) security guard services;

(c) a grocer shall, immediately after the arrival of —

(a) the mailboat;

(b) the Seacorp,

be permitted to offload cargo brought by the mailboat or the Seacorp for the purposes of restocking his food store;

(d) a farmer shall be permitted to attend his farm for the watering of crops between the hours of 5:00 am and 9:00 am;

(e) an agent or employee of ScotiaBank (Bahamas) Ltd., shall be permitted to service a ScotiaBank automated banking machine; and

(f) a gas station may be permitted to operate on Fridays between the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm;

(g) the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC) shall be permitted to operate;

(h) construction on the Staniard Creek Bridge by the Emile Knowles Construction Company shall be permitted.

7. North Andros and Central Andros: restriction on movement.

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), no person other than a person employed by an essential agency or carrying out an essential service, shall be permitted to leave his residence.

(2) A person may leave his residence, upon approval of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, for the purpose of —

(a) seeking urgent medical care;

(b) an activity permitted by this Order; or

(c) attending an appointment at a designated vaccination site.

(3) Notwithstanding the lockdown imposed by order 4 —

(a) a grocer shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm for a two day period after the restocking of his grocery store in accordance with order 6(c);

(b) no more than one person from each household shall be permitted to shop at a grocer operating in accordance with paragraph (a).

(c) subsistence fishing, with no more than two persons in a vessel, shall be permitted;

(d) the harvesting crabs shall be permitted—

(i) between the hours of 8:00 pm and 5:00 am;

(ii) outside the hours in subparagraph (d)(i), on the approval of the Royal Bahamas Police Officer in Charge for North Andros or Central Andros.

(4) Every person carrying out an activity permitted under this Order shall do so in accordance with —

(a) the physical distancing protocol;

(b) the requirement to wear a mask;

(c) the santisation protocols,

of orders 4, 5 and 6, respectively, of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Management and Recovery) Order, 2021.

8. North Andros and Central Andros: restriction on domestic and international travel.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), travel into or out of North Andros and Central Andros is prohibited.

(2) A person may travel into or out of North Andros and Central Andros —

(a) on the written approval of the Competent Authority;

(b) in respect of a medical emergency;

(c) for the transport of goods by the mailboat and carrier referred to in order 6;

(d) in respect of the provision of an essential service under order 6;

(e) where that person is an international tourist.

(3) Unless otherwise exempted by the Competent Authority in writing and subject to paragraph (4), a person travelling into North Andros and Central Andros shall comply with orders 16 – 28 of the Management and Recovery Order.

(4) A person who is not fully vaccinated and is travelling from North Andros or Central Andros through another island for the purpose of departing The Bahamas shall not be required to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test in order to depart North Andros or Central Andros provided that such transit through North Andros or Central Andros and departure from The Bahamas occur on the same day.

(5) For the purposes of this order —

(a) travel from North Andros or Central Andros to South Andros; or

(b) travel from South Andros to North Andros or Central Andros,

is prohibited in accordance with paragraph (1).

9. Cat Island: essential services.

(1) An agency or activity referred to in paragraph (2) shall be considered essential and shall be permitted in Cat Island for the duration of this Order.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) —

(a) an essential agency includes —

(i) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;

(ii) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;

(iii) Bahamas Power and Light, for essential operations only;

(iv) the —

(A) Customs Department; and

(B) Department of Immigration,

for the purposes of performing border control duties in relation to the arrival of a vessel or carrier permitted under this Order to enter Cat Island;

(v) any public clinic;

(vi) any designated vaccination site;

(b) an essential service includes —

(i) home visits by healthcare workers to members of the general public for the purposes of providing medical or therapeutic care;

(ii) the distribution by the Family Island Administrator or his designate to members of the general public of food and water on behalf of the Government or National Food Distribution Task Force;

(iii) security guard services;

(c) a grocer shall, immediately after the arrival of —

(a) the M/V Cape Mailboat;

(b) the Seacorp,

be permitted to offload cargo brought by the mailboat or the Seacorp for the purposes of restocking his food store;

(d) a farmer shall be permitted to attend his farm for the watering of crops between the hours of 5:00 am and 9:00 am;

(e) an agent or employee of the Bank of The Bahamas shall be permitted to service a Bank of The Bahamas automated banking machine;

(f) a gas station may be permitted to operate on Fridays between the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm;

(g) the delivery of water by Donald Newbold shall be permitted between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm; and

(h) construction of the water project by ISD Construction shall be permitted between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

10. Cat Island: restriction on movement.

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), no person other than a person employed by an essential agency or carrying out an essential service, shall be permitted to leave his residence.

(2) A person may leave his residence, upon approval of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, for the purpose of —

(a) seeking urgent medical care;

(b) an activity permitted by this Order; or

(c) attending an appointment at a designated vaccination site.

(3) Notwithstanding the lockdown imposed by order 4 —

(a) a grocer shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm for a two day period after the restocking of the grocery store in accordance with order 6(c);

(b) no more than one person from each household shall be permitted to shop at a grocer operating in accordance with paragraph (a);

(c) subsistence fishing, with no more than two persons in a vessel, shall be permitted.

(4) Every person carrying out an activity permitted under this Order shall do so in accordance with —

(a) the physical distancing protocol;

(b) the requirement to wear a mask;

(c) the santisation protocols,

of orders 4, 5 and 6, respectively, of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Management and Recovery) Order, 2021.

11. Cat Island: restriction on domestic and international travel.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), travel into or out of Cat Island is prohibited.

(2) A person may travel into or out of Cat Island —

(a) on the written approval of the Competent Authority;

(b) in respect of a medical emergency;

(c) for the transport of goods by the mailboat and carrier referred to in order 9;

(d) in respect of the provision of an essential service under order 6;

(e) where that person is an international tourist.

(3) Unless otherwise exempted by the Competent Authority in writing and subject to paragraph (4), a person travelling into Cat Island shall comply with orders 16 – 28 of the Management and Recovery Order.

(4) A person who is not fully vaccinated and is travelling from Cat Island through another island for the purpose of departing The Bahamas shall not be required to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test in order to depart Cat Island provided that such transit through Cat Island and departure from The Bahamas occur on the same day.

12. Offence.

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 such fine and imprisonment.

Made this 24th **day of** May **, 2021**

PRIME MINISTER