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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC) (MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY) REGULATIONS, 2021

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC) (MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY)(NO.2) (AMENDMENT) (NO.4) ORDER, 2021

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

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (Management and Recovery)(No.2) (Amendment) (No.4) Order, 2021.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on Monday, the 26th July, 2021, at 5:00 am.

2. Amendment of order 26 of the principal Order.

Paragraph (2) of order 26 of the principal Order is amended by the repeal and replacement of subparagraph (c) as follows—

"(c) travelling from any island, except New Providence, Grand Bahama North and South Eleuthera (including Harbour Island) to any other island;".

3. Amendment of order 38 of the principal Order.

Order 38 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (1) as follows—

"(1) A person may host or attend a social gathering at a private residence or facilty of not more than five persons provided all attendees are fully vaccinated.".

4. Insertion of new order 38A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 38 of the following—

"38A. Political activities.

A person is permitted to participate in political campaigning in a group of not more than five persons provided that all persons are fully vaccinated.".

5. Amendment of order 42 of the principal Order.

Order 42 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of the words "12:00 am" and the substitution of the words "10:00 pm".

6. Insertion of new orders 42A to 42C of the principal Order.

The prinicpal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 42 of the following new orders—

"42A. Restaurants in Grand Bahama.

- (1) A restaurant situate in Grand Bahama may operate between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm utilising
 - (a) curbside pickup or delivery;
 - (b) drive thru;
 - (c) take away; or
 - (d) outdoor dining.
- (2) A restaurant may operate utilising indoor dining provided that—
 - (a) all patrons dining inside are fully vaccinated and provide documentary evidence of such vaccination; and
 - (b) the restaurant does not utilize more than thirty-three percent of its occupancy capacity.
- (3) No person shall loiter in a group, or otherwise outside a restaurant or at the Fish Fry.
- (4) A restaurant permitted to operate under this order shall ensure that all employees and patrons adhere to the COVID 19 protocols.
- (5) For the avoidance of doubt, this order does not affect the operation of restaurants within a hotel.

42B. Religious instruction for Grand Bahama.

A worship service may be conducted daily for the maximum duration of one hour provided that it is —

- (a) limited to thirty-three percent of the occupancy of the facility where it is being conducted; and
- (b) conducted in accordance with the protocols established by The Bahamas Christian Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.

42C. Spas in Grand Bahama.

The operation of a spa including the provision of massages, waxing threading and facials, is prohibited.".

7. Amendment of order 43 of the principal Order.

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Order 43 of the pricipal Order are deleted and substituted as follows—

- (1) A wedding may be held in a church, a facility, or outdoors provided that
 - (a) the number of attendees excluding the officiant shall be limited to not more than thirty persons; and
 - (b) all attendees wear masks in accordance with order 5.
- (2) A person may host or attend a wedding reception provided that—
 - (a) the wedding reception is held outdoors; and
 - (b) there are no more than 30 attendees.".

8. Repeal and replacement of order 44 of the principal Order.

Order 44 of the principal Order is repealed and replaced as follows—

"44. Funerals burials and repasts for Grand Bahama.

- (1) No funeral or cremation service shall be held in any church or other religious facility.
- (2) A funeral or burial service may be conducted at a graveside provided that the number of attendees shall be limited to not more than thirty persons exclusive of the officiant and funeral service workers.
- (3) A cremation service may be conducted outdoors only and shall be limited to not more than thirty persons exclusive of the officiant and funeral service workers.
- (4) No person may host or attend a repast.".

9. Insertion of new orders 44A to 44D into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 44 of the following new orders—

"44A.Recreational sporting activity and exercise in Grand Bahama.

- (1) No person shall engage in any recreation sporting activity.
- (2) A person may engage in exercise in a group provided that the group shall be limited to not more than ten persons.
- (3) A professional athlete is permitted to train.

44B. Cinema in Grand Bahama.

The number of attendees for the operation of an indoor cinema is restricted to thirty-three percent of the capacity of that cinema.

44C. Gyms in Grand Bahama.

A gym shall be permitted to operate provided that the number of attendees shall be limited to thirty-three percent of the capacity of that gym.

44D. Summer camps and similar activities in Grand Bahama.

No person shall host or attend a summer camp court.".

10. Amendment of order 45 of the principal Order.

Order 45 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of the word "fifteen" and the substitution of the word "five".

11. Amendment of order 55 of the principal Order.

Paragraph (1) of order 55 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion and substitution of subparagraph (a) as follows—

"(a) a bar, night club, and any cultural or entertainment facility;".

12. Amendment of order 64 of the principal Order.

Order 64 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (2) as follows—

"(2) A person may host or attend a social gathering at a private residence or facilty of not more than five persons provided all attendees are fully vaccinated.".

13. Insertion of a new 64A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 64 of the following new order—

"64A. Political activities.

A person is permitted to participate in political campaigning in a group of not more than five persons provided that all persons are fully vaccinated.".

14. Amendment of order 69 of the principal Order.

Order 69 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of the words "11:00 pm" and the substitution of the words "10:00 pm".

15. Repeal and Replacement of order 71 of the principal Order.

Order 71 of the principal Order is repealed and replaced as follows—

"71. Permitted activities in New Providence.

- (1) A business referred to in order (2) situate on New Providence, may operate Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- (2) A private medical facility, may operate daily
 - (i) between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm;
 - (ii) between the hours of 9:00 pm and 5:00 am for the provision of emergency care only.
- (3) A business referred to in order (5) situate on New Providence, may operate on Sundays between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm.".

16. Insertion of new orders 71A to 71H into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 71 of the following new orders—

"71A. Religious instruction for New Providence.

A worship service may be conducted daily for the maximum duration of one hour provided that it is —

- (a) limited to thirty-three percent of the occupancy of the facility where it is being conducted; and
- (b) conducted in accordance with the protocols established by The Bahamas Christian Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.

71B. Funerals, burials and repasts for New Providence.

- (1) No funeral or cremation service shall be held in any church or other religious facility in the island of New Providence.
- (2) A funeral or burial service in the island of New Providence may be conducted at a graveside provided the number of attendees shall be limited to not more than thirty persons exclusive of the officiant and funeral service workers.
- (3) A cremation service may be conducted outdoors only and shall be limited to not more than thirty persons exclusive of the officiant and funeral service workers.
- (4) No person may host or attend a repast.

71C. Weddings for the islands of New Providence.

- (1) A wedding may be held in a church a facility or outdoors provided that
 - (a) the number of attendees excluding the officiant shall be limited to not more than thirty persons; and
 - (b) all attendees wear masks in accordance with order 5.
- (2) A person may host or attend a wedding reception provided that—
 - (a) the wedding reception is held outdoors; and
 - (b) there are no more than 30 attendees.

71D. Recreational sporting activity and exercise in New Providence.

- (1) No person shall engage in any recreation sporting activity.
- (2) A person may engage in exercise in a group provided that the group shall be limited to not more than ten persons.
- (3) A professional athlete is permitted to train.

71E. Gyms in New Providence.

A gym shall be permitted to operate provided that the number of attendees shall be limited to thirty-three percent of the capacity of that gym.

71F. Summer camps and similar activities in New Providence. No person shall host or attend a summer camp.

71G. Beaches and parks in New Providence.

All public and private beaches and parks shall be open provided that there shall be no greater than five persons in a group.

71H. Cinema in New Providence.

The number of attendees for the operation of an indoor cinema is restricted to thirty-three percent of the capacity of that cinema.

17. Repeal and replacement of order 72 of the principal Order.

Order 72 of the principal Order is repealed and replaced as follows —

"72. Restaurants in New Providence.

- (1) A restaurant situate in New Providence may operate between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm utilising
 - (a) curbside pickup or delivery;
 - (b) drive thru;
 - (c) take away; or
 - (d) outdoor dining.
- (2) A restaurant may operate utilising indoor dining provided that—

- (a) all patrons dining inside are fully vaccinated and provide documentary evidence of such vaccination; and
- (b) the restaurant does not utilize more than thirty-three percent of its occupancy capacity.
- (3) No person shall loiter in a group or otherwise outside a restaurant or at the Fish Fry.
- (4) A restaurant permitted to operate under this order shall ensure that all employees and patrons adhere to the COVID 19 protocols.
- (5) For the avoidance of doubt this order does not affect the operation of restaurants within a hotel.".

18. Insertion of new order 73A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 73, of the following new order —

"73A. Curfew for North and South Eleuthera including Harbour Island.

A curfew is hereby imposed for the islands of North and South Eleuthera (including Harbour Island), extending Monday through Sunday between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am.".

Made this grade day of July

, 2021

PRIME MINISTER