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National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016

National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020

Order No. 7/2022

SL No. 18 of 2022

[Regulations 25 and 26]

PROHIBITION OF MASS GATHERINGS AND RESTRICTED MOVEMENTS

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under Regulations 25 and 26, **I, Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, M.P.**, Minister for National Emergency Services, do hereby issue this **ORDER** for the purpose of easing the previous restrictions put in place towards minimising the impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), commencing from 12.00am on 14th July 2022 and shall cease to have effect after 7 days, unless it is extended:

- (1) This Order shall be **STEP 1** towards easing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.
- (2) The following activities are prohibited:
 - (a) the operation of schools for primary and secondary education;
 - (b) non-essential work and non-essential business activities, except measures put in place by employers for employees to continue work from home;
 - (c) any gambling or gaming activity regulated under the *Gaming Act 2011* inclusive of:
 - (i) bingo at any location whether at residences or ovals;
 - (ii) betting; or
 - (iii) gaming machines at any premises;
 - (d) fundraising activities inclusive of selling any:
 - (i) goods or food beside roads or footpaths; or
 - (ii) goods or food at a market place or area;
 - (e) contact sports and gatherings in relation to such sports, as follows:
 - (i) football;
 - (ii) rugby;
 - (iii) basketball;

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- (iv) volleyball;
- (v) karate; and
- (vi) judo;

(f) market days;

(g) consumption of food, beverage and alcohol at a restaurant;

(h) consumption of any alcohol or beverage at a bar which includes kava bars;

(i) any social gathering whether in public or private residences of 3 or more persons, except for gathering in a private residence comprising of persons who reside at that residence or persons providing care and essential services;

(j) any gathering or picnic at a public place or on the sea side of 3 or more persons; and

(k) celebrations or functions including birthdays, engagements and weddings that are held either in private residences or in a public place.

(3) In relation to the activities that are not prohibited, the following restrictions apply:

(a) for tertiary education:

- (i) the University of the South Pacific and Technical and Vocational Training institutions, may commence operations from 18th July 2022; and
- (ii) all students, teachers and support workers shall wear face masks and show proof of having received the first Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine or provide a Certificate of Recovery from Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Naoero Public Health Centre if a person had contracted Coronavirus (COVID-19);

(b) for Church services:

- (i) all people who attend shall wear face masks;
- (ii) shall be held in well ventilated venues with windows that are open during any service;
- (iii) people attending shall maintain a physical distance of 2 meters apart with a maximum of only 30 people in any service;
- (iv) for funerals, a maximum of 30 people that do not reside at the deceased's residence may attend together with people that reside at the deceased's residence; and
- (v) the Church shall register all names and contact numbers of attendees of all services; and

(c) for non-contact sports and physical activities, any person participating shall ensure that physical distance of 2 meters apart from another person is maintained.

(4) The following restrictions to movement apply within Nauru:

(a) a person shall not leave his or her home unless:

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- (i) he or she is buying necessary goods or services;
- (ii) he or she is seeking medical care or to be tested for Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- (iii) he or she is providing care and support to others; or
- (iv) he or she is attending to essential work, education, church or exercise; and
- (v) he or she wears a face mask; and

(b) any person entering the hospital grounds including the Republic of Nauru Hospital and the Naoero Public Health Centre shall only do so for the following approved purposes and shall undergo Coronavirus (COVID-19) screening before accessing such services:

- (i) critical and urgent medical care need;
- (ii) limited general outpatient services; and
- (iii) specialist clinics.

(5) In this Order, '*essential services*':

(a) means:

- (i) Department of Health and Medical Services;
- (ii) Nauru Police Force;
- (iii) Nauru Utilities Corporation;
- (iv) Bendigo Bank;
- (v) Digicel (Nauru) Corporation;
- (vi) Egigu Supermarket Corporation;
- (vii) Capelle and Partner;
- (viii) Government Departments approved by the National Coronavirus Taskforce; and
- (ix) Businesses approved by the National Coronavirus Taskforce; and

(b) excludes non-essential work and non-essential businesses.

(6) A person who fails to comply with this Order, commits a strict liability offence under Regulation 25 of the *National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (Covid-19)) Regulations 2020* and is liable to a fixed penalty of \$1,000, and in default of payment, shall also be liable for other penalties and fines or imprisonment.

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(7) *The National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020 Order No. 4/2022 – Prohibition of Mass Gatherings* notified in the Gazette on 5th July 2022 is revoked.

Dated this 13th day of July 2022.

HON. LIONEL ROUWEN AINGIMEA, M.P.
MINISTER FOR NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES
