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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. 8/2022**

**SL No. 19 of 2022**

[Regulation 25]

**PROHIBITION OF MASS GATHERINGS AND RESTRICTED MOVEMENTS**

**PURSUANT** to the powers vested in me under Regulation 25, **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 21 July 2022 until it is revoked:

(1) This Order shall be **STEP 2** towards easing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

(2) The following activities are prohibited:

(a) the operation of pre-schools and primary schools from Year 1 to Year 5;

(b) 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;

(c) contact sports and gatherings in relation to such sports, as follows:

(i) football;

(ii) rugby;

(iii) basketball;

(iv) volleyball;

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- (v) karate;
- (vi) judo;
- (d) consumption of any alcohol, or beverage at a bar which includes kava bars;
- (e) any gathering in private residences of more than 5 visitors who do not reside at such private residences and does not include persons who reside at the private residences; and
- (f) any social gatherings:
  - (i) in public places of more than 20 people for outdoor social gathering or picnic at a public place or on the sea side; and
  - (ii) at private residences of more than 20 people for outdoor social gathering at celebrations or functions including birthdays or engagements, excluding the people from the household hosting such celebrations or functions.
- (3) The following activities are not prohibited but are subject to restrictions:
  - (a) schools providing education for Year 6 to Year 12, classes commence on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Term 3);
  - (b) for schools providing education for Year 6 to Year 12 and institutions providing tertiary education, all students, teachers and support workers shall:
    - (i) wear face masks; and
    - (ii) 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) and waiting for the first dose of the vaccine;
  - (c) 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 Church related services; and
    - (iii) all people attending shall maintain a physical distance of 2 meters apart with a maximum of 50 people in any service or a lesser number if necessary to maintain the physical distance of 2 meters apart requirement;
    - (iv) for funerals, a maximum of 50 people who do not reside at the deceased's residence and the officiators of the service may attend together with people who reside at the deceased's residence;

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- (v) for weddings, a maximum of 50 people who do not reside at the bride's and groom's residence and the officiators of the service may attend together with people who reside at the bride's and groom's residence; and
- (vi) the Church shall register all names and contact numbers of attendees of all services;
- (d) for Health Services:
  - (i) any person entering the hospital grounds including the Republic of Nauru Hospital and the Naeoro Public Health Centre shall only do so for the following approved purposes and shall undergo Coronavirus (COVID-19) screening before accessing such services:
    - (A) critical and urgent medical care need;
    - (B) non-urgent care where capacity permits;
    - (C) general outpatient services where capacity permits; and
    - (D) specialist clinics where capacity permits; and
  - (ii) the Republic of Nauru Hospital and the Naeoro Public Health Centre shall ensure that COVID-19 wards and other zones within the Hospital and Centre respectively, are separated;
- (e) for non-contact sports and physical activities, any person participating shall ensure that physical distance of 2 meters apart from another person is maintained;
- (f) for dining in restaurants, the person in control of the restaurant shall ensure:
  - (i) that all patrons and employees wear face masks, unless eating or drinking;
  - (ii) to maintain the physical distance of 2 meters apart for patrons who are dining in the restaurant;
  - (iii) the maximum capacity of patrons allowed into a restaurant must not exceed 20 people, or a lesser number if necessary to maintain the physical distance of 2 meters apart requirement; and
  - (iv) alcohol is not served or sold;
- (g) non-essential work and non-essential businesses may open, where:
  - (i) the employers are able to ensure that the physical distance of 2 meters apart for employees (and for customers where applicable) is maintained; and
  - (ii) health and safety measures are put in place including ensuring face masks are worn by employees (and customers where applicable) and sanitisers or other cleaning agents are provided to all employees (and customers where applicable); and
- (h) the following are '*essential services*' which shall continue to operate but subject to restrictions as in paragraph (g) (i) and (ii) above:

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

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

- (a) people should not leave home unless it is for a necessary purpose in order to protect people in the household; and
- (b) a person who leaves his or her home for a necessary purpose shall ensure to wear a face mask;

(5) 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.

(6) The *National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020 Order No. 7/2022 – Prohibition of Mass Gatherings and Restricted Movements* notified in the Gazette on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 is revoked.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

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