

[Legal Notice: 19]

**EMERGENCY POWERS ACT**

(Cap. 11)

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021**

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (HONIARA EMERGENCY ZONE)  
(REQUIREMENTS) (NO. 2) ORDER 2022**

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under regulation 15(1)(b) and (c) of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021* (Legal Notice No. 318 of 2021), make the following Order:

**1 Citation**

This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Honiara Emergency Zone) (Requirements) (No. 2) Order 2022*.

**2 Commencement**

This Order commences on the day it is published in the *Gazette*.

**3 Definitions**

In this Order:

“**business**” means a business that is required to hold a licence or permit issued by the Honiara City Council or Guadalcanal Provincial Government authorising the conduct of the business;

“**emergency zone**” means the emergency zone declared for Honiara by Legal Notice No. 34 of 2020 (as amended by Legal Notice No. 54 of 2020), being the area bounded by a line with the coordinates specified in Part A of the Schedule and indicated by the red line on the map in Part B of the Schedule;

“**photo identification**”, of a person, means a valid document with a photograph that provides evidence of the person’s name, age and likeness;

“**place of residence**”, of a person means the location or place in the emergency zone where the person resides or regularly lives, or is temporarily accommodated, and includes a building, yard, garden, habitable structure and vessel;

“**requirement**” means an action, procedure or measure specified in paragraph 5, 6, 7 or 8 which a person must take or comply with;

“**social distancing**”, by a person, means maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres away from another person who does not reside at the same place of residence;

“*vaccinated against COVID-19*” means having been given:

- (a) the required number of doses of a vaccine prescribed by the World Health Organisation to provide primary vaccination, and produce immunity, against COVID-19; and
- (b) periodical booster doses of the vaccine;

“*vaccination certificate*”, of a person, means a vaccination certificate verifying the person has been given two or more doses of a vaccine that specifies the following:

- (a) the full name of the person;
- (b) the dates when the person is given each dose of a vaccine;
- (c) the name and batch number of each dose of a vaccine given to the person;
- (d) either the signature of the person who administered each dose of the vaccine or identification of the body or authority which was responsible for administering each dose of the vaccine;

“*vaccine*” means:

- (a) a vaccine approved by the World Health Organisation as a vaccine that produces immunity and protects against COVID-19; or
- (b) another vaccine approved by Cabinet, on the recommendation of the National Medicines and Therapeutics Committee of the Solomon Islands, for use in Solomon Islands against COVID-19.

#### **4 Application of Order**

- (1) This Order applies on and from the date of its publication in the Gazette until it is revoked.
- (2) A person in the emergency zone must comply with the requirements while this Order is in force.

#### **5 Requirements for persons**

- (1) A person in the emergency zone:
  - (a) must not leave or be away from his or her place of residence unless the person wears a face mask; and
  - (b) must continue to wear a face mask for the whole of the time he or she is away from his or her place of residence; and
  - (c) if the person is away from his or her place of residence, must:
    - (i) practice social distancing; and
    - (ii) wash his or her hands frequently; and
    - (iii) use hand sanitizer frequently.
- (2) A person in the emergency zone must not:
  - (a) hold or attend a social gathering of more than 5 persons; or

- (b) be in a public place if there are more than 5 persons in the public place.
- (3) A person in the emergency zone must comply with paragraphs 6 to 8.

## **6 Requirements for public places**

- (1) A person in the emergency zone may be at a public place in the emergency zone if there are not more than 5 persons at the public place.
- (2) All casinos in the emergency zone must be closed, and remain closed, and no business operations may be conducted at those casinos.
- (3) All churches in the emergency zone must be closed.
- (4) In the emergency zone, all restaurants, bars, night clubs, kai bars, kava bars, fast food bars, food court eating outlets, cafes and parts of a premises accessed by the public to be served and to consume food or alcoholic beverages on the premises, must be closed, and remain closed, and no food or drinks may be served or consumed by members of the public on those premises.
- (5) However, a restaurant or bar in the emergency zone that is part of a hotel may serve guests accommodated at the hotel, and those guests may be served and consume food or drinks at the restaurant or bar if they:
  - (a) sanitise their hands at the entrance of the restaurant or bar; and
  - (b) enter, move about and leave the restaurant or bar wearing a face mask (but may remove it while seated at the restaurant or bar).

## **7 Requirements for businesses**

- (1) Subject to this paragraph, a business in the emergency zone may be open and operate.
- (2) The operator or an employee of a business that is open must not be present on the business premises unless he or she:
  - (a) is vaccinated against COVID-19; and
  - (b) wears a face mask at all times while on the business premises.
- (3) The operator of a business in the emergency zone that is open must provide hand sanitiser at each entrance into and exit from the business premises for use by persons entering and leaving the premises.
- (4) A person must not enter and be on the premises of a business in the emergency zone unless he or she:
  - (a) wears a face mask all of the time he or she is on the premises; and
  - (b) sanitises his or her hands at the entrance to and exit from the premises.
- (5) A person aged 12 years or more must not enter and be on the premises of a business in the emergency zone that is open unless he or she:

- (a) is vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- (b) before entering the premises, shows the operator or an employee of the business his or her vaccination certificate and photo identification.

## **8 Requirements for Government offices and facilities**

- (1) A person who enters and remains on premises where the Government conducts its business or provides services (whether the person works at the premises or attends at the premises to receive a service) must wear a face mask for all of the time he or she is on the premises.
- (2) A person must not work at premises where the Government conducts its business or its services are provided unless he or she:
  - (a) is vaccinated against COVID-19; and
  - (b) provides the details of his or her vaccination certificate to the human resource management division of the government department, unit, agency or facility where he or she works.

## **9 Requirements for buses and taxis**

- (1) A person must not drive or be in a taxi in the emergency zone if there are more than 4 persons in the taxi.
- (2) A person must not drive or be on a bus in the emergency zone if there are more than 2 persons sitting in each row of seats on the bus.
- (3) The conductor on a bus must be seated while the bus is moving.
- (4) A person aged 12 years or more in the emergency zone must not be on a bus or in a taxi unless the person is:
  - (a) wearing a face mask; and
  - (b) vaccinated against COVID-19 and carries on the person his or her vaccination certificate.
- (5) A person aged 12 years or more in the emergency zone must, before getting into a taxi or bus, show the driver of the taxi or the conductor on the bus his or her vaccination certificate and photo identification.

## **10 Requirements for betel-nut stalls**

A person in the emergency zone must not operate a betel-nut stall in a public place or at his or her place or residence or other private property.

## **11 Revocation**

The *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Honiara Emergency Zone) (Requirements) Order 2022* (Legal Notice No. 17 of 2022) is revoked.

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**SCHEDULE**  
(paragraph 3)

**PART A**

**COORDINATES OF HONIARA EMERGENCY ZONE**

<b>Point Identification</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1	-9.420670	159.885000
16	-9.409760	159.896000
60	-9.423090	159.924000
148	-9.425840	159.958000
151	-9.426250	159.960000
160	-9.429620	159.958000
204	-9.432660	159.976000
292	-9.429610	159.993000
305	-9.428880	159.996000
341	-9.422890	160.007000
379	-9.408190	160.020000
391	-9.405540	160.029000
435	-9.420550	160.067000
443	-9.426790	160.070000
454	-9.434410	160.070000
455	-9.447990	160.046000
456	-9.449120	160.042000
457	-9.458330	160.005000
458	-9.465870	159.975000
459	-9.466370	159.973000
460	-9.459800	159.958000
461	-9.452020	159.941000
462	-9.449760	159.929000
463	-9.446680	159.913000
464	-9.445640	159.908000

**MAP OF HONIARA EMERGENCY ZONE**



Dated this twenty-third day of January 2022.

**HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE**  
PRIME MINISTER

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