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National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016

**National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19)) (Community Transmission)
and (Public Health Safety) Regulations 2020**

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[Regulations 23 and 25]

DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under Regulation 23, **I, Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, M.P.**, Minister for National Emergency Services, do hereby issue these **DIRECTIONS** for the purpose of easing the previous restrictions put in place to manage and minimise the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), commencing from 12.00am on 8th August 2022 until it is revoked:

- (1) These Directions are **STEP 3** for implementing procedures for easing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions for the purposes of maintaining public health and public safety.
- (2) Any person who leaves his or her home and while in public places:
 - (a) shall wear a face mask, except if the person is:
 - (i) by himself or herself;
 - (ii) with other persons living together in the same house; or
 - (iii) eating or drinking; and
 - (b) shall where practical adhere to all other health and safety measures put in place when accessing any essential or non-essential services including:
 - (i) sanitising hands at all entrance and exit points;
 - (ii) maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 meters from other persons;
 - (iii) covering his or her mouth when sneezing or coughing; and

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- (iv) regularly cleaning and sanitising frequently contacted or touched things or places by more than one person, such as, but not limited to surfaces, objects, machines, reception desks, doors and door-knobs or handles.

Sports

- (3) All contact sports and associated gatherings of people are prohibited.
- (4) For non-contact sports and physical activities:
 - (a) undertaken outdoors, no restrictions apply; or
 - (b) undertaken indoors, the physical distance of 1.5 meters from other persons shall be maintained.

Education

- (5) Schools providing education for pre-school, prep, and Year 1 to Year 5 shall commence classes as may be directed by the Department of Education acting in consultation with the National Coronavirus Taskforce.
- (6) A student, teacher, support worker, parent or visitor at a school that provides education for pre-school, prep, Year 1 to Year 12 and a tertiary institution shall:
 - (a) wear a face mask except if the person is eating or drinking; and
 - (b) show proof of:
 - (i) having received at least the first dose of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, and will complete the primary course of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, that is the two doses, by no later than 30 September 2022; or
 - (ii) a Certificate of Recovery from Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Naoero Public Health Centre, if such person had contracted the virus but he or she: –
 - (A) had not received the first dose of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine; and
 - (B) is waiting to receive the first dose of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.
- (7) All schools and institutions providing tertiary education and training shall ensure that health and safety measures are put in place such as:
 - (a) sanitising hands at all entrance and exit points;
 - (b) maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 meters from other persons; and

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- (c) regularly cleaning and sanitising frequently contacted or touched things or places by more than one person, such as, but not limited to surfaces, objects, machines, reception desks, doors and door-knobs or handles.
- (8) Where a student, teacher, support worker, parent or visitor have any symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) he or she shall refrain from attending to school or tertiary institution when in school or tertiary institution shall be allowed to return home immediately. He or she shall only be permitted to return to school after a negative Rapid Antigen Test result for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Health and Medical Services

- (9) Any person entering the hospital grounds including the Republic of Nauru Hospital and the Naoero Public Health Centre shall undergo Coronavirus (COVID-19) screening before accessing entry to these facilities.
- (10) The Republic of Nauru Hospital and the Naoero Public Health Centre whilst adhering to all health and safety measure requirements, shall also ensure that Coronavirus (COVID-19) wards and other zones within the Hospital and Centre respectively, are separated.

Church Services

- (11) All church related services shall be conducted, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) a person shall wear a face mask;
 - (b) use of sanitisers shall be implemented at all entrance and exit points;
 - (c) overcrowding shall be prevented;
 - (d) the services shall be held in well ventilated venues and if indoors, with windows and doors open including use of electric fans and air purification mechanism; and
 - (e) the church premises shall be maintained in a clean and hygienic manner at all times with regular cleaning and disinfection measures to be implemented.

Workplaces and Businesses

- (12) All essential and non-essential work and business services are allowed to operate, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) a person shall wear a face mask except if the person is by himself or herself;
 - (b) use of sanitisers shall be implemented at all entrance and exit points;
 - (c) overcrowding shall be prevented and where practicable physical distancing of a minimum of 1.5 meters between persons shall be maintained; and

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- (d) the workplace or business premises shall be regularly cleaned and sanitised frequently contacted or touched things or places by more than one person, such as, but not limited to surfaces, objects, machines, reception desks, doors and door-knobs or handles.
- (13) Where possible, a workplace and business may also consider having good natural ventilation within their premises and where practical use an electric fan or air purification mechanism which is effective to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Social Gatherings

- (14) Social gatherings without any limitation of numbers, whether at private residences or public places, are permitted subject to the following conditions:
- (a) a person at such gathering shall wear a face mask except if the person is:
 - (i) with other persons living together in the same house; or
 - (ii) eating or drinking; and
 - (b) use of sanitisers shall be implemented at all entrance and exit points for social gatherings including for birthdays, engagements, wedding receptions;
 - (c) overcrowding shall be prevented and physical distancing of a minimum of 1.5 meters between persons shall be maintained at all times, except for persons living together in the same house;
 - (d) the celebrations or functions shall be held in well ventilated venues and if inside, with windows open; and
 - (e) the venue of the celebrations or functions shall be regularly cleaned and sanitised in particular frequently contacted or touched things or places by more than one person, such as but not limited to surfaces, objects, tables, doors and door-knobs or handles.

Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (PCR)

- (15) A person who travels to Nauru by aircraft shall take a:
- (a) Rapid Antigen Test upon arrival; and
 - (b) PCR test at the Naoero Public Health Centre within 24 hours after arrival or as directed by the National Coronavirus Taskforce.

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- (16) A person who fails to comply with these Directions, commits a strict liability offence under Regulation 25(1)(h) of the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19)) (Community Transmission) and (Public Health Safety) 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.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2022.

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