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The following STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS are circulated with this Gazette and form part thereof:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA****RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PURSUANT TO SECTION 20(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA APPROVING A STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY****STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 2020****2020, NO. 24**

WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 25th March, 2020 the Governor General declared a state of public emergency under section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23

AND WHEREAS section 20(2) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda provides that –

“Every declaration shall lapse-

(a) in the case of a declaration made when Parliament is sitting, at the expiration of a period of seven days beginning with the date of publication of the declaration; and

(b) in any other case, at the expiration of a period of twenty-one days beginning with the date of publication of the declaration, unless it has in the meantime been approved by resolutions of both Houses of Parliament.”

AND WHEREAS section 20(5) provides that –

“A resolution of a House of Parliament passed for the purposes of this section shall remain in force for three months or such shorter period as may be specified therein:

Provided that any such resolution may be extended from time to time by a further such resolution each extension not exceeding three months from the date of the resolution effecting the extension and any such resolution may be revoked at any time by a resolution of that House.”

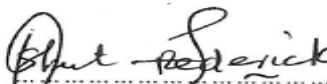
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House **APPROVES** the Declaration of the State of Public Emergency issued by the Governor General on the advice of the Cabinet under section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda and published on the 25th March, 2020;


AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House approves that the State of Public Emergency declared on the 25th March, 2020 shall remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days unless sooner revoked by a further Resolution of this House.

Passed by the House of Representatives
this 31st day of March, 2020

Passed by the Senate this 31st day of
March, 2020


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Speaker of the House of Representatives


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President of the Senate


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Clerk to the House of Representatives


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Clerk to the Senate

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

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2020, NO. 25

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, NO. 25

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020, made by the Board pursuant to Section 102 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 353.

1. Citation

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations –
“principal Regulations” means the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) Regulations 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 16 of 2020

3. Amendment of regulation 5 – Special measures that apply to persons in the community generally

Regulation 5 of the principal Regulation is amended by inserting after subregulation (2) the following –

“(3) The Board, may modify or adopt, with modifications, any special measure in subsection (1) as the circumstances caused by the spread or the threat of the spread of the dangerous infectious disease may from time to time require.

(4) Where in the discretion of the Minister, it is necessary for any measure to be imposed under subregulation (1) to deal with a dangerous infectious disease, and it is not practicable to have a meeting of the Board, the Minister may, impose the appropriate measure.

(5) The imposition of a special measure under this regulation shall be published by any means that the Board considers effective for notifying the general public.”

4. Insertion of regulation 5A into the principal Regulations

The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 5 the following new regulation –

“5A. Special measure applicable to the period 2nd April to 9th April, 2020

For the further control of the spread of the dangerous infectious disease COVID-19, the Board hereby issues and directs that the following special measures be observed throughout Antigua and Barbuda:

1. Duration

These special measures shall take effect from 12:01a.m. on Thursday 2nd April, 2020 to 6:00a.m. Thursday 9th April 2020;

2. Restriction on freedom of movement

Freedom of movement of every person in Antigua and Barbuda shall be exercised only in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

3. Mandatory Curfew

(1) A mandatory 24-hour curfew shall be in effect from **12:01a.m. Thursday 2nd April, 2020 to 6:00a.m. Thursday 9th April, 2020** (referred to herein as the “curfew period”).

(2) Subject to regulation the curfew period will not apply to individuals who are involved in a medical emergency

4. Closure of all businesses and exceptions

(1) Except as provided in this regulation, every non-essential establishment or business shall remain closed for the duration of the curfew period.

(2) The following services, whether provided in a private or public capacity may continue during the curfew period –

- (a) doctor’s offices;
- (b) clinics;
- (c) pharmacies;
- (d) provision of healthcare services and residential care services;
- (e) residential or elderly care facilities and establishments;

(3) The following businesses are permitted to open and operate only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day

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- (a) fish and meat markets, abattoirs;
- (b) vegetable and livestock farming, vending of agricultural produce;
- (c) wholesale or retail grocery stores, supermarkets and community shops;
- (d) gas stations;
- (e) critical cleaning services, sanitation workers;
- (f) authorised delivery services of necessities (food, groceries, medicine, water, fuel);

(4) Public transportation services are permitted to operate during the curfew period from 6:00a.m. to 7:00 p.m. provided the operator of the public transport and the passengers wear a face mask and the passengers are seated in a staggering

formation with one person in every row that would normally accommodate 2 persons and no more than 2 persons in the back seat.

(5) The curfew period shall not apply to persons who are employees or officers of the following –

- (a) The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda including the Fire Brigade;
- (b) The Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force;
- (c) Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP);
- (d) Customs and Excise Department;
- (e) Immigration Department;
- (f) Mount Saint John's Medical Centre;
- (g) Emergency Medical Services and E-911 Services;
- (h) Media workers and other employees of a broadcasting service to the extent that they are traveling for work;
- (i) Her Majesty's Prison;
- (j) Air Traffic Control Services;
- (k) Meteorological Services;
- (l) Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority;
- (m) Telecommunication Service providers;
- (n) Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority;
- (o) Businesses licensed to provide private security services;
- (p) Commercial Banks and Credit Unions to the extent required to facilitate ongoing automatic banking services.
- (q) all members of Parliament,
- (r) the Treasury Department, as determined by the Accountant General;
- (s) the Inland Revenue Department, as determined by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue;
- (t) National Solid Waste Management Authority.

5. Public Service, Statutory Bodies and state-owned enterprises

(1) Subject to subparagraph (3), members of the public service who are not employed in the provision of services under paragraph 4(5) are permitted to work during the curfew period based on the instructions of the Permanent Secretary of the Department or Division.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) employees of statutory bodies are permitted to work during the curfew period based on the instructions of the Director or Chairman of the Board of the Statutory Body.

(3) All Permanent Secretaries within the civil service, and the Directors and Chairmans of Board of the Statutory Bodies should encourage employees to work from home where this is possible.

6. Social Distancing Protocol

(1) Every business permitted by this regulation to operate during the curfew period shall observe the social distancing protocols as follows –

- (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain physical distancing of no less than six (6) feet in or around their business;
- (b) determine the number of persons that may be permitted in the establishment at any one time by permitting one person for every fifty square feet of store space;
- (c) place distance markers at six feet interval showing where persons are permitted to stand at a check out point;
- (d) place distance markers at six feet interval to show where persons are permitted to stand while waiting outside of the establishment;

7. Education and religious instructions

(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), all religious and educational places of instruction or worship shall remain closed.

(2) Subparagraph (1) shall not prohibit any activity referred to therein if done by electronic or virtual means.

8. Restriction on social gathering

(1) No person shall –

(a) host or attend at any private party which includes any person from outside of his or her immediate household occupant;

(b) attend or participate in any organised sporting event or any sports stadium;

(c) hold any banquet, ball or reception;

(d) any social event;

(2) For the duration of the curfew period –

(a) weddings;

(b) funerals;

(c) meeting of a fraternal society, social or private club, civic organisation or association,
are banned

9. Restriction on Road Traffic

(1) No person shall drive any vehicle on any public or private road except for the purpose of –

(a) transporting someone who has a medical emergency;

(b) going to the supermarket;

(c) going to an automatic banking machine within the period 7:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.;

(2) Only the driver and one other person are allowed to be in a private vehicle.

10. Absolute restriction on the movement of children

No person under the age of eighteen (18) years is permitted to be on any street or in any vehicle, whether a private or public transport, during the curfew period, except in the event of a medical emergency.


11. Approval of other measures

Measures implemented by the Port Authority and Customs or Immigration division to control the Spread of the dangerous infectious disease in their scope of operations shall not be held to be in conflict with these Regulations.

12. Extension of measures

The Board may, by notice published in the State media and on Government website, extend the period of curfew, or in its discretion, modify or discontinue any measure.”

Made the 1st day of April, 2020.



Eustace Lake
Chairman of the Central Board of Health