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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2015

In terms of section 29(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015 (Act No. 1 of 2015), I have amended the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 15 March 2022

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. 108 of 31 May 2021, No. 128 of 16 June 2021, No. 138 of 30 June 2021, No. 144 of 9 July 2021, No.151 of 15 July 2021, No. 160 of 31 July 2021, No. 175 of 14 August 2021, No. 189 of 6 September 2021, No. 205 of 15 September 2021, No. 232 of 15 October 2021, No. 246 of 5 November 2021, No. 249 of 15 November 2021, No. 7 of 15 January 2022 and No. 56 of 15 February 2022.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) These regulations come into operation at 00:00 on 16 March 2022 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 15 April 2022.”.

Repeal of regulation 3 of Regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is repealed.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by -

(a) the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of these regulations, a “prohibited gathering” means a group of more than 1000 persons.”; and

(b) the deletion of paragraph (d) of subregulation (9).

Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations

5. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Every head of the institution and every manager or person in control of any business, operation and activity which is permitted to operate under subregulation (1) and which renders services to members of the public on the basis of seated services, including businesses that sell liquor or food for on-consumption at the premises and other businesses that render services to members of the public on the basis of seated services must ensure that the chairs, tables or dining tables used by members of the public are arranged in a way that the chairs or tables are not less than one metre apart.”.

Amendment of regulation 10 of Regulations

6. Regulation 10 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) Sporting events are permitted, provided that the total number of spectators at the sporting event do not exceed 1000 persons.”.

Amendment of regulation 11 of Regulations

7. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (4) of the following subregulation:

“(4) Persons permitted to enter Namibia under subregulation (2) may not enter Namibia unless such persons at the time of entering Namibia present to an authorised person a valid -

- (a) SARS-CoV2 PCR test result from the country of departure, which test result -
 - (i) is negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result which is not older than 72 hours calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken; and
 - (ii) was issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results;
- (b) de-isolation certificate, not older than three months from the date of discharge from isolation, issued by the health authority in the country of departure; or
- (c) vaccination certificate -
 - (i) showing that the persons concerned are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - (ii) issued by a person or authority certified or authorised to administer COVID-19 vaccines and to issue vaccination certificates in any country.

Amendment of regulation 13 of Regulations

8. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of paragraph (a) of subregulation (2).

Amendment of regulation 15 of Regulations

9. Regulation 15 of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of paragraph (d) of subregulation (3).

Amendment of regulation 19 of Regulations

10. Regulation 19 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for paragraph (l) of subregulation (3) of the following paragraph:

- “(l) a total of 1000 mourners, exclusive of persons who are providing critical services or essential goods in connection with the burial, memorial service or similar gathering, are allowed at the burial and at all memorial services or similar gatherings held in connection with the death of the deceased person, provided that in all cases the persons conducting the burial must wear personal protective equipment as approved by an authorised officer and maintain a physical distance of not less than one metre from each other;”.

Amendment of regulation 23 of Regulations

11. Regulation 23 of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of paragraph (b) of subregulation (3).

Amendment of regulation 27 of Regulations

12. Regulation 27 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution -

(a) for paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of the following paragraph:

“(b) personal hygiene and social distancing are practiced.”; and

(b) for subregulations (4) and (5) of the following subregulations:

“(4) Every person at a home for the aged must practice good personal hygiene and social distancing.

(5) Medical and other services and basic necessities which are reasonably required may be provided subject to the practice of personal hygiene and social distancing.”.

Amendment of regulation 28 of Regulations

13. Regulation 28 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution -

(a) for paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of the following paragraph:

“(b) personal hygiene and social distancing are practiced.”; and

(b) for subregulation (6) of the following subregulation:

“(6) Medical and other services and basic necessities which are reasonably required may be provided subject to the practice of personal hygiene and social distancing.”.

Amendment of regulation 29 of Regulations

14. Regulation 29 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution -

(a) for paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of the following paragraph:

“(b) personal hygiene and social distancing are practiced.”; and

(b) for subregulation (10) of the following subregulation:

“(10) Medical and other services and basic necessities which are reasonably required may be provided subject to the practice of personal hygiene and social distancing.”.
