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## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 2015

*(Act 13 of 2015)*

### PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS

#### ORDERS

*Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Outdoor Movement) Order, 2020*

*Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (No. 3) Order, 2020*

*Infectious Disease (Restriction on opening closing of Offices, establishments, and shops) Order, 2020*

*Infectious Disease (Restriction on travel by vessels to, or leaving, any part of Seychelles) Order, 2020*

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 7, 7C, 8, 9 and 13A of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (S.I. 8 of 1960), the Public Health Commissioner hereby order that for a period of twenty-one (21) days starting from 12.00 PM (Midnight) of 8th April, 2020 and up to 12.00 PM (Midnight) of 29th April, 2020, subject to the exceptions and restrictions set out hereunder:

- 1) That all persons in Seychelles, except as exempted or specified hereunder, are hereby restricted from outdoor movement;
- 2) Only employees of essential services will be required to go to work. Employees who are not in essential services must stay at home. A list of all essential services will be published and may be subject to change from time to time;
- 3) All shops except those that sell food items and groceries and pharmaceutical products will remain closed;
- 4) All restaurants and take-away food outlets will remain closed. These may, however, prepare meals on order and offer bulk delivery services;
- 5) Banks may remain open but must practise physical distancing and avoid crowding. Electronic banking is encouraged;
- 6) Only employees of essential services will be required to go to work; employees who are not in essential services must stay at home;
- 7) All persons must remain at home apart from the periods required to access necessary food supplies and essential services. Physical distancing must be practiced during these times;
- 8) People from different homes should not meet for any formal or informal activities;
- 9) Public bus services will be reduced to the level necessary to provide transportation of staff in essential services and members of the public who require immediate access to essential services. Physical distancing must be observed at all times in public transportation;
- 10) The restriction of movement also applies to construction worker. Except for those doing work on essential Government infrastructure, all construction companies must cease work and employees will remain in their living quarters. Written permission must be obtained from the Commissioner of Police for all exemption. Companies must ensure that their employees exercise social and physical distancing at all times;
- 11) No transport carrying construction workers will be permitted on the road except for those with special permission, who must ensure adequate social distancing during transportation;
- 12) Travel and movement between the islands is restricted to carrying out essential services and transportation of staff in essential services; and
- 13) Boat and pleasure craft excursions and activities are not permitted.

Further emphasis must be placed on social distancing, good and consistent hand hygiene, and ample respiratory hygiene to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19.

The Department of Health wishes to thank all partners, stakeholders and the public in general for their support and understanding.

### Important Offices and Essential Services

1. Important Ministries, Departments, Divisions and agencies of Government and organ of State)
  - 1.1 President's Private Office;
  - 1.2 Cabinet Office and Private Office of the Vice-President, Designated Minister and Ministers;
  - 1.3 The National Assembly for any urgent sittings and meetings of the Assembly or any committees thereof;
  - 1.4 The Judiciary for any urgent sittings or hearings;
  - 1.5 Police Force of Seychelles;
  - 1.6 Prison Service;
  - 1.7 Department of Environment (forestry, anti-poaching and wildlife conservation);
  - 1.8 Department of Information and Communication Technology;
  - 1.9 Ministry for Family Affairs;
  - 1.10 Ministry of Finance including Government's treasury;
  - 1.11 Central Bank of Seychelles;
  - 1.12 Department of Risk and Disaster Management;
  - 1.13 Seychelles People's Defence Forces;
  - 1.14 Department of Local Government including district administration service;
  - 1.15 Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority;
  - 1.16 Department of Health;
  - 1.17 Agency for Social Protection;
  - 1.18 Regional Coordination and Operation Centre;
  - 1.19 Seychelles Port Authority; and
  - 1.20 Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority.

Authorised officers from the said Ministries, Departments and agencies of Government and organs of State shall carry out their official or employment related duties.

2. Essential services
  - 2.1 a service relating to the generation, supply or distribution of electricity;
  - 2.2 any hospital, medical or health services;
  - 2.3 a service relating to the supply or distribution of water;
  - 2.4 a service relating to the management of sewage;
  - 2.5 airport and port and marine services including civil aviation, customs, immigration, airline catering and loading, unloading and service of ships or aircrafts;
  - 2.6 fire and rescue services;
  - 2.7 a service relating to retail or distribution of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment;
  - 2.8 wireless, telephone, internet and cable communication services;
  - 2.9 meteorological service;
  - 2.10 banking and insurances services;
  - 2.11 service relating to retail, wholesale, distribution and supplies of, food and water;
  - 2.12 service of manufacturing of essential commodities;
  - 2.13 agricultural and food production, including licensed artisanal fishermen;
  - 2.14 service of cargo and public transportation including inter-island air and sea transportation;

- 2.15 waste collection, disposal and management service;
- 2.16 petroleum and gas retail services;
- 2.17 storage, supply and distribution of petroleum and gas services;
- 2.18 security services of premises;
- 2.19 disaster management services;
- 2.20 print, audio and visual media or broadcasting services;
- 2.21 persons who provide care to other persons with disability, the elderly or who are otherwise vulnerable persons at public building or private residences;
- 2.22 veterinary services;
- 2.23 Food catering services; and
- 2.24 Funeral services

**MADE THIS WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2020.**

**JUDE GEDEON  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER**

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