

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 2

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT  
(CAP. 34:01)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH (CORONA VIRUS AND COVID-19) (PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT AND MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2021**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 31 as read with section 29 of the Public Health Act, I, KHUMBIZE KANDODO CHIPONDA, Minister of Health, make the following Rules—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Public Health (Corona Virus and COVID-19) (Prevention, Containment and Management) (Amendment) Rules, 2021. Citation
2. The Public Health (Corona Virus and COVID-19) (Prevention, Containment and Management) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”) are amended, in rule 2,— Amendment of r.2 to Cap.34:01 Sub. leg.
  - (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of the term “COVID-19”, a new definition as follows— G.N.102/2020

“education institution” includes school, college and university as defined in the Education Act;”;

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  - (b) in the definition of the word “gathering”, by deleting the words “one hundred” and substituting therefor, the word “fifty”.
3. Rule 6 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting a new paragraph (3) as follows— Amendment of r.6 of the principal Rules

“(3) A person who knows another person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 and is not complying with the provisions of rule 5, may report that other person to an enforcement officer or call toll free line on 54747 or any other line designated by the Ministry.”.
4. Rule 7 of the principal Rules is amended, in subrule (2) (b) by deleting the words “attend the burial” and substituting therefor, the words “handle the dead body.”. Amendment of r.7 of the principal Rules
5. Rule 11 of the principal Rules is amended in subrule (3), by— Amendment of r.11 of the principal Rules
  - (a) deleting the word “and” in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor, the “;”;
  - (b) adding immediately after paragraph (b), a new paragraph (c) as follows—

“(c) an education institution.”.

- Replacement of r.12 of the principal Rules
6. The principal Rules are amended by revoking rule 12 and replacing therefor, a new rule 12 as follows—
- “Regulation of education institutions
- 12.—(1) The Minister may, in consultation with the Minister responsible for education, order the closure or re-opening of an education institution.
- (2) Where an education institution is open, the institution shall ensure that the measures prescribed under the Third Schedule hereto, are observed.”
- Amendment of r. 16 of the principal Rules
7. Rule 16 of the principal Rules is amended, by—
- (a) inserting immediately after paragraph (b), a new paragraph (c) as follows—
- “(c) market places;” and
- (b) renumbering paragraphs (c), and (d) as paragraphs (d) and (e) respectively.
- Amendment to the First Schedule of the principal Rules
8. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by adding immediately after paragraph 2, a new paragraph 3 as follows—
- “3. All public service facilities shall open at 06:00 a.m. and close at 08:00 p.m.”
- Amendment to the Third Schedule of the principal Rules
9. The Third Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by—
- (a) inserting a new paragraph (3) as follows—
- “(3) Notwithstanding the measures prescribed under paragraphs (2) (g) and (k), where a student is a candidate for national examinations, the education institution shall make necessary arrangements to support and assist the candidate to sit for the examinations.”; and
- (b) renumbering the current paragraph (4) as paragraph (5).
- Amendment to the Sixth Schedule of the principal Rules
10. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Rules is amended—
- (a) in paragraph 2 (c) by deleting the words “09:00 p.m.” and substituting therefor, the words “08:00 p.m.”; and
- (b) by inserting a new paragraph 3 as follows—
- “3. *Restrictions on market places*
- Notwithstanding the provisions of the Local Government Act, all market places shall open at 06:00 a.m. and close at 05:00 p.m.”.
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Made this 18th day of January, 2021.