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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19) CURFEW (NO. 7) DIRECTIVE, 2020

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19)* Order; 2020 (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person within any area specified in the directive to remain indoors between such hours as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following directive for the period from midnight on the 14th day of June, 2020 to midnight on the 28th day of June, 2020.

- 1. (1) A curfew is hereby imposed throughout Barbados every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
 - (2) No person, except an employee or member of an essential service, shall leave his residence between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - (3) Every employee or member of an essential service shall have on his person at all times, evidence of his employment or membership, as the case may be, of such a service.
- 2. With effect from the 15th day of June, 2020 to midnight on the 28th day of June, 2020 every person and business establishment shall comply with this Directive.
- 3. No person shall leave his residence except to conduct business or to engage in an activity specified in this Directive.

- 4. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), with effect from 15th day of June, 2020 every business establishment is hereby permitted to re-open and to conduct its business as it did on the day immediately preceding the 28th day of March, 2020, unless otherwise stipulated in respect of a business, organisation or sector thereof.
 - (2) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (1), day care centres shall remain closed until 22nd day of June, 2020.
 - (3) The owner or operator of every business establishment shall
 - (a) follow strict distancing protocols for staff and customers;
 - (b) provide hand sanitising stations for staff and customers;
 - (c) restrict the number of persons within or outside that establishment at any one time in order to ensure that a distance of at least 6 feet is maintained between every person and also ensure that persons do not assemble otherwise than for the purpose of transacting business; and
 - (d) shall follow such other protocols that may be established by the Chief Medical Officer for the purpose.
- 5. (1) Every person is allowed to host or attend
 - (a) a private party;
 - (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;
 - (c) a banquet, ball or reception;
 - (d) any social event;
 - (e) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization.

- (2) A person who wishes to host any activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) that exceeds 250 people shall first seek the permission of the Attorney General.
- (3) The host of an activity in sub-paragraph (1) shall provide hand sanitiser for guest and other persons in attendance.
- (4) A person who is attending an activity listed in subparagraph (1) shall follow strict distancing protocols and shall wear a face mask.
- 6. Sports and competitive events are permitted but spectators are not allowed.
- 7. No person shall visit any place of quarantine or an isolation station.
- 8. No person shall visit a prison or a Government Industrial School.
- 9. No more than one person at any time shall visit a patient in a hospital, nursing home, senior citizens' home and facilities for the treatment of persons with addiction or a dependency on drugs or a narcotic substance.
- 10. No person shall transmit a video recording or audio recording of any person or in any way make known to the public the identity of any person who is in quarantine or in an isolation station.
- 11. Parks and beaches shall be re-opened as they were on the day immediately preceding the 28th day of March, 2020 and a physical distance of at least 6 feet shall be observed between individuals, unless they are members of the same household.

- 12. Notwithstanding any provision of this Directive, the Prime Minister or Attorney General may direct any business, or organisation or sector thereof to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.
- 13. Notwithstanding any provision of this Directive, no person shall leave his residence unless he has with him, his Barbados Identification Card, his driving licence or his passport or some other means of picture identification.
- 14. Every person shall present one of the means of identification mentioned in paragraph 13 when requested to do so by a person in authority.
- 15. The owner or operator of any business, or organisation or event who fails to comply with this Directive is liable to be ordered to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.
- 16. A person who contravenes this Directive without reasonable explanation, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16).
- 17. This Directive shall come into effect on the 15th day of June, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 13th day of June, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY
Prime Minister

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19) PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE AND DESIGNATED MAXI TAXIS AND TOUR COACHES (NO. 2) DIRECTIVE, 2020

WHEREAS by paragraph 15A of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19)* Order, 2020 (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided, *inter alia*, that the Prime Minister, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chairman of the Transport Authority may, during a public health emergency, issue a directive designating the use of certain motor vehicles as public service vehicles;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chairman of the Transport Authority I hereby revoke the Emergency Management (Covid-19) Public Service Vehicle and Designated Maxi Taxi and Tour Coaches Directive, 2020 published on 30th May, 2020 with effect from midnight on 14th June, 2020 and I issue the following Directive.

- 1. With effect from the 15th day of June, 2020 to 30th day of June, 2020, inclusive, the Prime Minister hereby designates those maxi taxis and tour coaches, the permit holders of which are parties to the Agreement known as "The Transport Augmentation Project" (TAP), to transport passengers to and from their destinations in a safe, efficient and hygienic manner, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the TAP Agreement aforesaid and the conditions set out in this Directive.
- 2. With effect from 15th day of June, 2020 to 30th day of June, 2020, inclusive, all maxi taxis and tour coaches referred to in paragraph 1 are hereby authorised to
 - (a) ply for hire on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as motor omnibuses, minibuses and route taxis;

- (b) pick up and set down passengers at bus stops;
- (c) charge each passenger the prescribed fare; and
- (d) enter and make use of
 - (i) the Constitution River Motor Omnibus Terminal;
 - (ii) the Fairchild Street Motor Omnibus Terminal;
 - (iii) the Princess Alice Motor Omnibus Terminal; and
 - (iv) the Speightstown Motor Omnibus Terminal,

as if they were registered and licensed as motor omnibuses, minibuses or route taxis, as the case may be.

- 3. (1) With effect from 15^{th} day of June, 2020 to 30^{th} day of June, 2020 every
 - (a) motor omnibus, minibus and route taxi; and
 - (b) maxi taxi and tour coach designated under paragraph 1

is permitted to carry its authorised number of sitting passengers and half of its authorised number of standing passengers.

- (2) The driver, conductor and passengers on vehicles mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) shall wear face masks throughout the journey.
- (3) Except for inclement weather, the windows in a motor omnibus, minibus, route taxi, maxi taxi and tour coach shall remain open throughout the journey.

4. Every

- (a) motor omnibus, minibus and route taxi; and
- (b) maxi taxi and tour coach designated under paragraph 1

shall be sanitized after putting down passengers and before taking up new passengers at the motor omnibus terminals referred to in paragraph 2(d).

- 5. For the purposes of this Directive,
 - (a) "Transport Authority" means the Transport Authority established by the *Transport Authority Act*, Cap. 295A;
 - (b) "maxi taxi" and "tour coach" have the meanings assigned to them by section 2(1) of the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295; and
 - (c) the motor omnibus terminals listed in paragraph 2 have the meaning assigned to them by the *Motor Omnibus Terminals Regulations*, 1986 (S.I. 1986 No. 131).
- 6. A permit holder referred to in paragraph 1 who breaches the TAP Agreement aforementioned is liable to have the authority conferred on him by paragraph 2 rescinded.
- 7. (1) The owner or operator of any public service vehicle who fails to comply with this Directive is liable to be ordered to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.
 - (2) For the purposes of this Directive "public service vehicle" has the meaning assigned to it by the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295.

- 8. Any person who contravenes this Directive is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or imprisonment for one year or to both.
- 9. This Directive shall come into effect on the 15th day of June, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 13th day of June, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY Prime Minister

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19) CHURCHES (NO. 2) DIRECTIVE, 2020

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19)* Order, 2020 (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person within any area specified in the directive to remain indoors between such hours as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following Directive.

- 1. The curfew imposed by the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Churches (No. 7) Directive, 2020* applies to this Directive and this Directive shall be read and construed as one with the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Curfew (No. 7) Directive, 2020.*
- 2. This Directive applies to all
 - (a) religious institutions however denominated and "church" shall be construed accordingly; and
 - (b) funeral services and wedding ceremonies.
- 3. All officiants however styled and all other persons, whilst within the precincts of a church shall comply with the following protocols:
 - (a) face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church, except a person who is officiating, preaching, singing, reading, praying or playing a wind instrument;

- (b) there shall be no physical contact between worshippers and officiants;
- (c) there shall be a physical distance of at least 6 feet between all persons attending church;
- (d) members of the same household may sit together;
- (e) sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits of every church and such stations shall be manned by ushers or other persons who are administering sanitiser to the hands of worshippers;
- (f) all worshippers and officiants shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church;
- (g) the temperature of each worshipper and officiant shall be taken before entering the church using a contactless thermometer;
- (h) a person whose temperature exceeds 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
- (i) a person who is coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibits any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church;
- (j) services shall be no longer than one and a half hours in duration;
- (k) air-conditioning may be used provided that some windows and doors shall be kept open or an air intake and extractor system used to allow for air transfer and air flow;
- (1) where possible microphones and cameras shall be manned by designated persons;

- (m) no hymnals or Bibles shall be distributed to worshippers but worshipers may take their own from home;
- (n) where prayer mats are used, worshippers shall take their own mats;
- (o) offerings shall be collected by use of fixed containers located at strategic points in the church and physical distancing protocols must be complied with when worshippers are placing offerings in the containers;
- (p) there shall be no separate children's face-to-face programme (e.g. Sunday School);
- (q) sacraments and rituals of the faith may be conducted, provided there is no physical contact, except between members of the same household;
- (r) persons engaged in choir or group practice or performance for or at worship or prayers shall adhere to the physical distancing protocol;
- (s) signage shall be placed in conspicuous locations outside and within every church and the officiant shall make announcements explaining the protocols to be followed before the commencement of every service;
- (t) where multiple services are held on the same day, at least one hour shall be allowed between services for a full sanitisation of the interior of the church, including all internal and external bathrooms, fixtures and equipment;
- (u) all bathrooms must be equipped with sufficient soap and paper towels or contactless hand dryers;

- (v) there shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service;
- (w) a record shall be kept of all persons who attend every service and shall be available for inspection by the Chief Medical Officer or his designated officer;
- (x) areas used by persons who become ill shall be closed for at least 24-hours and shall be thoroughly sanitised before use by others;
- (y) where possible volunteer health personnel should be present at services;
- (z) outdoor services are allowed and those present shall adhere to the physical distancing protocols;
- (aa) drive-in services are allowed and those present shall adhere to the physical distancing protocols, vehicles shall be parked 6 feet from each other and persons of the same household can be in the same vehicle;
- (bb) offices attached to churches may open to facilitate the work of the church and air-conditioning may be used; and
- (cc) every effort must be made to limit the number of people present in the office at any one time and masks shall be worn and physical distancing protocols shall be observed.

- 4. A person who contravenes this Directive without reasonable explanation, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both, pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16).
- 5. This Directive shall come into effect on the 15th day of June, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 13th day of June, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY Prime Minister