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**THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT**

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES)  
(NO. 4) ORDER, 2020

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management has given written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Disaster Risk Management Act should be taken promptly:

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, the Prime Minister by Order declared the whole of Jamaica to be a disaster area:

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, and every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 4) Order, 2020, and shall take effect on the 22nd day of April, 2020.

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2. The measures set out in this Order are directed to be enforced for removing or otherwise guarding against or mitigating the threat, or effects, of the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) and the possible consequences thereof.

3.—(1) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 31, 2020, no person shall be permitted to enter Jamaica.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

- (a) a citizen of Jamaica; or
- (b) any person, or category of persons, authorised in writing, in the form set out as Form 1 of the First Schedule, by the Minister responsible for immigration, subject to the prior approval of the Cabinet.

4.—(1) Each person who enters Jamaica shall be tested for the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) upon arrival in Jamaica.

(2) A person who, on or after April 22, 2020, has been permitted to enter Jamaica under the Immigration Restriction (Commonwealth Citizens) Act or the Aliens Act, shall—

- (a) remain in quarantine, at a facility designated by the Government, or such other place as may be directed by an authorized officer (which could be that person's abode or place of residence, including the yard), for a period of 14 days beginning from the date on which that person was permitted to enter Jamaica; and
- (b) comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed, by an authorized officer.

(3) A person who entered Jamaica during the period March 21, 2020 to April 21, 2020 shall—

- (a) remain in quarantine, at that person's abode or place of residence (including the yard), or such other place as may be directed by an authorized officer, for a period of 14 days beginning from the date on which that person was permitted to enter Jamaica; and
- (b) comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed, by an authorized officer.

(4) Each person who entered Jamaica on or after March 18, 2020, shall forthwith contact the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness, either—

- (a) through the website <https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/> or e-mail [covid19@moh.gov.jm](mailto:covid19@moh.gov.jm); or
- (b) by calling any of the following numbers—
  - (i) 888-ONE-LOVE (888-663-5683);
  - (ii) 888-754-7792;
  - (iii) 876-542-5998;

(iv) 876-542-6007; or

(v) 876-542-6006,

and shall provide to that Ministry the residential address where that person can be located, and all other information required by that Ministry for the purposes of measures to combat the risk of transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).

5.—(1) A person in Jamaica who develops a respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms and who may have had contact with someone who—

- (a) has travelled to a country affected by the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19); or
- (b) is infected with the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) or has been exposed to a person so infected,

shall forthwith inform the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness (at any means of contact specified in paragraph 4(4)) and comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed by, the Medical Officer (Health), a public health officer or a nurse registered under the Nurses and Midwives Act.

(2) A person in Jamaica who tests positive for the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) shall be quarantined at a facility designated by the Government, or such other place designated by the Medical Officer (Health).

6.—(1) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, commencing at 6:00 pm on April 22, 2020, and ending at 6:00 am on May 6, 2020, each person shall remain at an abode or place of residence (which includes the yard) during the hours from 6:00 pm each day to 6:00 am on the following day, except as otherwise permitted under the Second Schedule.

(2) A person permitted under the Second Schedule to leave their abode or place of residence shall produce satisfactory proof of identification as a person referenced in the Second Schedule, on being requested to do so by an authorized officer, at any time between the hours of 6:00 pm to 6:00 am during the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020.

(3) Between the hours of 6:00 pm to 6:00 am during the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, the employer of a person referenced in sub-paragraph (2) shall, if the person would otherwise have to take public transportation, ensure that transportation is provided to the person between the place of employment and the person's abode or place of residence.

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph 5(2), a person who is ill with the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), a respiratory illness or a flu-like illness, shall, except for the purpose of seeking urgent medical attention—

- (a) remain in quarantine at a facility designated by the Government or such other place as may be designated by an authorized officer (which may be the person's abode or place of residence (excluding the yard)); and

- (b) to the extent possible, remain isolated from other persons in that facility, abode or place of residence,

and shall ensure that a valid photo identification of that person is kept with the person, when that person is outside of the designated facility or such other place.

(2) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, a person who has attained the age of 70 years or more shall remain within an abode or place of residence, except that the person may leave that abode or place of residence—

- (a) once per day, and go to the closest practicable location where food, medical supplies or other necessities of life may be obtained, and then shall immediately return to the abode or place of residence; or
- b) for a purpose specified in the Second Schedule.

8. During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020—

- (a) subject to the exceptions listed in the Third Schedule, gatherings in any public place shall not exceed 10 persons at a time;
- (b) each person at such a gathering shall maintain a distance of at least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) from other persons; and
- (c) when in a public place (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes a workplace and a licensed public passenger vehicle), each person shall wear a mask fitted to that person's face so as to cover that person's nose and mouth.

9.—(1) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 31, 2020, the operator of a hospital or nursing home shall ensure that no person visits a patient in the hospital or nursing home, more than once per day, and that each such patient does not have more than one visitor per day.

(2) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 31, 2020, the operator of an infirmary shall ensure that—

- (a) no person visits a patient in the infirmary; and
- (b) no patient of the infirmary is permitted to go outside the infirmary.

(3) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 31, 2020, no new patient shall be admitted to an infirmary.

10.—(1) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020—

- (a) markets shall operate, and vending in public arcades and public transportation centres shall take place, only during the hours of 6:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays; and
- (b) on Sundays, all markets shall remain closed, and no vending shall take place in public arcades and public transportation centres.

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(2) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, the operating hours for all businesses shall be no earlier than 8:00 am, and no later than 4:00 pm. each day.

(3) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, no more than 10 persons at a time shall be permitted to be in any one area of a barber shop or hair salon, and no more than 2 of those persons shall be clients waiting to be served in that area.

(4) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, petroleum filling stations may open only between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm, but may sell nothing other than petrol between the hours of—

- (a) 6:00 am and 8:00 am; and
- (b) 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

(5) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, all public transportation for which a licence is required under the Transport Authority Act shall operate only between the hours of 5:00 am and 7:00 pm, but—

- (a) no passengers shall be in any such transportation during the hours of—
  - (i) 5:00 am to 6:00 am; and
  - (ii) 6:00pm to 7:00pm;
- (b) the provision of such public transportation—
  - (i) by motor car, shall be limited to one person less than the maximum number of persons allowed to be carried under the relevant licence; or
  - (ii) by bus shall be limited to seated passengers only; and
- (c) each person who is a driver or passenger of such public transportation shall—
  - (i) produce photo identification in the form required under paragraph 6(2) upon being required to do so by an authorized officer; and
  - (ii) wear a mask fitted to that person so as to cover the person's nose and mouth.

(6) During the period from April 22, 2020, to May 6, 2020, the following shall remain closed—

- (a) all bars, nightclubs and other places of amusement: and
- (b) all public beaches (whether licensed under the Beach Control Act or not), water attractions (including rivers and falls) and other attractions.

(7) In sub-paragraph (6), “place of amusement” means any place open to the public, whether for a fee or free of charge, for the purpose of entertainment and (without limit to the generality of the foregoing) includes a cinema, dance hall, club, open air dance venue, amusement arcade, any place where a coin operated amusement machine is open to the public, a festival, discotheque, roller disco, or skate rink.