

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC) (WEEKEND LOCKDOWN) ORDER, 2020

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(CHAPTER 34)

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (Weekend Lockdown) Order, 2020.

2. Application.

This Order shall apply to all Islands of The Bahamas, except Grand Bahama.

3. Lockdown.

- (1) Effective 10:00 p.m. Friday, 24 July, 2020 until 5:00 a.m. Monday 27th July, 2020, every agency, business, establishment or undertaking, other than the following, shall remain closed —
 - (a) The Princess Margaret Hospital;
 - (b) The Rand Memorial Hospital;
 - (c) Doctors Hospital (Shirley Street and Blake Road);
 - (d) Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre;
 - (e) any hotel with guests;
 - (f) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
 - (g) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;
 - (h) Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT);
 - (i) The Department of Correctional Services;
 - (j) The Department of Immigration;
 - (k) The Customs Department;
 - (l) the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (air traffic controllers);
 - (m) The Ministry of the Environment and Housing;
 - (n) waste disposal and sanitation services;

- (o) non-governmental organisations operating for the distribution of food supplies;
 - (p) a business licensed to provide security guard services;
 - (q) a business that provides veterinarian emergency services;
 - (r) essential workers, including contractors or subcontractors, in any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications sector, including the print and electronic news media;
 - (s) ports of entry, container ports, freight forwarders and private terminals for the conduct, where applicable, of basic port maintenance services (inclusive of garbage removal), domestic trade, imports and exports of containerised freight, and the import, treatment, bunkering and export of oil products;
 - (t) any public or privately owned terminal and ancillary or support services for the receipt of imported wholesale petroleum products for domestic consumption, for the purpose of the storage and onward delivery of the same to any public or private entity for utility or retail distribution throughout The Bahamas over land or by barges;
 - (u) a business engaged in inter-island transportation of freight.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a healthcare worker may conduct home visits to members of the general public for the purpose of providing medical or therapeutic care.
- (3) No person, except an essential worker for a business or establishment listed in paragraph (1), shall leave his place of residence for any purpose whatsoever, other than for —
- (a) the purpose of seeking urgent medical care at a hospital specified in paragraph (1); or
 - (b) securing groceries, gas, pharmaceuticals or water.
- (4) Any person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for a term not exceeding eighteen months or to both in accordance with regulation 30 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020¹.

4. Opening of grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.

Notwithstanding order 3, the following businesses shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm; —

¹S. I. No. 101 of 2020.

- (a) grocery stores;
- (b) pharmacies;
- (c) gas stations; and
- (d) water production companies.

5. Abaco.

Notwithstanding order 3, the following businesses and undertakings in Abaco are permitted to continue in operation —

- (a) gas stations, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of refuelling generators;
- (b) non-governmental organisations for the production and provision of water.

6. Religious services.

Notwithstanding order 3, churches that conduct services on —

- (a) Saturdays, shall be permitted to operate on Saturday 25th July, 2020;
- (b) Sundays, shall be permitted to operate Saturday 25th July, 2020,

via live stream between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. from their place of instruction, provided that not more than five persons shall be permitted to participate in such service.

7. Exercise.

Notwithstanding order 3, a person is permitted to exercise in his yard between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

8. Construction.

Notwithstanding order 3, construction shall be permitted on Saturday 25th July, 2020 in the islands to which this Order relates between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. —

- (a) for hurricane construction and preparedness; and
- (b) for reconstruction generally on the island of Abaco.

9. Funerals.

A funeral that was prearranged for Saturday the 25 July, 2020 or Sunday the 26th July, 2020 may continue, provided that the funeral service is conducted at the graveside and is limited to five persons including the officiant.

10. Weddings.

A wedding that was prearranged for Saturday the 25 July, 2020 or Sunday the 26th July, 2020, may continue, provided that the attendance shall be limited to five persons.

11. Event of necessity or emergency.

In the event of a necessity or emergency, a person shall seek the permission of the Commissioner of Police to leave his place of residence by calling 311 or the nearest police station.

12. Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 2) Order, 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt —

- (a) this Order shall apply to every establishment or business permitted to operate pursuant to order 5 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 2) Order, 2020;
- (b) the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 2) Order, 2020 as amended from time to time, shall continue to have effect subject to this Order;
- (c) orders 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 2) Order, 2020, shall apply for the duration of this Order;
- (d) international and domestic travel into and out of any island shall be prohibited except with the approval of Competent Authority.

Made this 24th day of July, 2020



PRIME MINISTER