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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations¹, **I HEREBY** make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order, which amends the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 5) Order, 2020, may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 5)(Amendment)(No. 2) Order, 2020.

2. Revocation and replacement of order 16 of the principal Order.

Order 16 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows—

- “(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), every person desirous of inter island travel shall —
- (a) prior to travelling, apply for and obtain a travel visa that shall be presented to the carrier agent at the point of embarkation; and
 - (b) upon arrival on the other island, submit to mandatory quarantine at a government identified facility or any other appropriate facility as determined by the Ministry of Health, at his own expense, for a period of fourteen days or for the duration of stay, if for a lesser period.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person travelling inter island —
- (a) in respect of an emergency which is evidenced by written confirmation from a health officer or the Royal Bahamas Police Force stating that the person has an emergency that requires inter island travel; or
 - (b) as the employee of an operator of an aircraft or a vessel transporting freight and passengers; or
- shall not be required to comply with paragraph (1).
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person travelling from Grand Bahama or New Providence shall be required to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test and obtain a negative result prior to applying for the travel visa referred to in paragraph (1).

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- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, a person travelling between Grand Bahama and New Providence shall be required to comply with paragraph (3).
- (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), a person ten years old or younger shall not be required to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test prior to travel but shall be required to submit to mandatory quarantine in accordance with paragraph (1)(b).
- (6) For the purposes of this order —
 - (a) a hotel is an appropriate facility for quarantine under paragraph (1)(b);
 - (b) the results of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test shall be valid for a period of five days from the date on which the test was taken; and
 - (c) a negative test result means a result of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test result indicating that a person is COVID 19 negative or COVID 19 is not detected.
- (7) All passengers travelling inter island shall be required to wear face masks in accordance with order 4.
- (8) The operator of any aircraft, passenger ferry or mailboat carrying persons inter island shall deny the boarding of any person who —
 - (a) is not wearing a face mask;
 - (b) has not presented to the carrier agent at the point of embarkation —
 - (i) a travel visa; or
 - (ii) in the case of an emergency, a written confirmation from a health officer or the Royal Bahamas Police Force stating that the person has an emergency and is required to travel inter island.
- (9) An operator who permits a person to travel contrary to paragraph (8) commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars in respect of each passenger in violation.”.

3. Amendment of order 21 of the principal Order.

Order 21 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of paragraph (2) and substitution of the following—

- “(2) After consultation with the Ministry of Health, the Competent Authority may, in writing, exempt any person who is travelling inter island from the requirement to undergo quarantine where exceptional circumstances exist.

- (3) A person travelling inter island from an island listed in the First Schedule shall be exempt from the requirement to undergo quarantine.
- (4) A public officer travelling for government business who has written confirmation that he or she is travelling for immediate government business from the Permanent Secretary of the respective Ministry or the head of the respective agency, shall be exempt from the requirement to undergo quarantine.
- (5) The exemption from quarantine under paragraph (3) does not affect the requirement for a public officer to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test in accordance with order 16(3).”.

4. Insertion of order 22A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 22 of the following new order—

“22A. Negative RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test result.

Wherever a “negative result of the RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test” or “negative RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test” or a “RTPCR COVID 19 negative test” is referred to in this Order it shall have the meaning given in order 16(6)(c).”.

5. Amendment of order 35 of the principal Order.

Order 35 of the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (2) of the following new paragraph—

“(2A) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Minister of Education may grant an approval to a school to engage in face to face instructions, provided the Ministry of Health has determined it is safe to do so.”.

6. Amendment of order 37 of the principal Order.

Order 37 of the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (2) of the following new paragraph—

“(2A) Charters, including inter-island charters provided the provisions of orders 14 and 16 are complied with, are permitted to operate.”.

Made this 4th day of September, 2020


PRIME MINISTER