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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 114

[10th July, 2020]

In exercise of the power conferred under section 3 of the Emergency Powers (Disasters) Act, Cap. 14.07, the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and prevention makes this Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Disasters) (COVID 19) (Curfew) (No. 10) Order, 2020.

Interpretation

- 2.-(1) In this Order -
 - "cruise ship" means a large vessel that stops at different ports and carries passengers travelling for pleasure;
 - "early childhood education" means education provided by an institution specially designed for that purpose and suitable to the needs of children under five years of age;
 - "full operation" means operating a service in accordance with the physical distancing protocols specified under section 6 in the normal location and within the customary time;
 - "notice of authorization" means a notice under section 10(1)(d);
 - "pleasure craft" means a vessel which, at the time of its arrival at a place in Saint Lucia from abroad, is being used for private recreational purposes only;
 - "travel registration form" means the travel registration form under section 10(1)(b).
- (2) A word that is defined in the Emergency Powers (Disasters) (COVID 19) Order, Statutory Instrument No. 42 of 2020 has the same meaning in this Order.

Curfew

3. There is no curfew from the 10th day of July, 2020.

Operation of services

4. A service is open for full operation.

Operation of public services

5. A public service is open for full operation.

Physical distancing protocols

- **6.** A service or public service shall
 - (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain physical distancing of no less than six feet
 - (i) in the business or office, or
 - (ii) outside the business or office, if required;
 - (b) determine the number of persons that may be permitted in the office at any one time by permitting one person for every thirty square feet of space.

Educational institutions

- 7.—(1) An educational institution shall remain closed until the 1st day of September, 2020.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any activity that can be performed by electronic or virtual means.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), "activity" includes teaching and learning.
 - (4) Notwithstanding this section
 - (a) an institution that provides early childhood education is open for full operation;
 - (b) an educational institution shall, on its premises and in accordance with the physical distancing protocols under section 6, provide teaching and learning to Form Five students and private candidates for the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examinations.

(5) An educational institution that provides teaching and learning under subsection (4)(b), in the case of the administration of the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examinations, may be open until the 7th day of August, 2020, if required.

Restriction on social activities

- **8.**—(1) A person may, in accordance with the physical distancing protocols specified under section 6
 - (a) host or attend a social event with up to two hundred persons;
 - (b) host or attend a tournament, sporting and contact sport event with up to two hundred persons;
 - (c) operate a cinema.
 - (2) A faith-based organization may hold a religious ceremony
 - (a) in accordance with the physical distancing protocols specified under section 6; and
 - (b) if the Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment, after consultation with the Chief Medical Officer, has approved a COVID 19 Response Plan prepared by the faith-based organization.

Airports and sea ports

- **9.**—(1) All airports are open to incoming regional and international flights.
 - (2) All sea ports are open to regional and international seafaring.
- (3) A person may enter and disembark for any reason, including transiting through Saint Lucia.
 - (4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) apply to
 - (a) outgoing flights and incoming flights;
 - (b) incoming pleasure crafts travelling from a country specified in the Schedule;
 - (c) cargo flights or cargo ships;
 - (d) commercial courier flights;

- (e) emergency medical flights;
- (f) emergency flights approved by the Civil Aviation Authority.
- (5) Notwithstanding this section
 - (a) except with the written permission of the competent authority, sea ports are closed to cruise ships and ferries;
 - (b) a pleasure craft with a travel history of being, within the last fourteen days prior to its arrival date, in a country not specified in the Schedule, shall on entry in Saint Lucian waters be subject to the quarantine protocols as determined by the Chief Medical Officer.

Travel requirements

- **10.**—(1) A person shall, prior to travelling by air or sea into Saint Lucia
 - (a) subject to subsection (5)(b)(ii), undertake, at least seven days prior to his or her arrival date specified in the travel registration form, a polymerase chain reaction test COVID 19;
 - (b) by accessing the Government website, complete the travel registration form approved by the Chief Medical Officer which includes his or her polymerase chain reaction test result for the purpose of obtaining a notice of authorization to travel:
 - (c) submit to the Chief Medical Officer by electronic means, the completed travel registration form under paragraph (b); and
 - (d) through the use of an electronic mail address provided in his or her travel registration form
 - (i) obtain a notice of authorization for travelling purposes, and
 - (ii) print and travel with a copy of the notice of authorization.

- (2) In the absence of a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19 under subsection (1) and on arrival in Saint Lucia, a person who is travelling from a country that is not specified in the Schedule, shall undertake a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19.
- (3) A person who undertakes a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19 under subsection (2) shall
 - (a) in the case of a national or resident
 - (i) be placed at a quarantine facility for a maximum period of fourteen days, and
 - (ii) if he or she has a positive polymerase chain reaction test result for COVID 19, be placed in isolation;
 - (b) in the case of a non-national
 - (i) prior to the results of a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19 stay at the hotel, within the accommodation space that is reserved for his or her sole use,
 - (ii) after obtaining a negative result of a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19, remain at the hotel and have access to the amenities provided at the hotel and coastal tours,
 - (iii) after obtaining a positive result of a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19, be placed in isolation.
- (4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) apply to person who intends to travel from a country specified in the Schedule with a travel history, in the last fourteen days, of travelling to a country that is not specified in the Schedule.
 - (5) Notwithstanding this section
 - (a) a person travelling from a country that is not specified in the Schedule
 - (i) may be considered for home-based quarantine, if
 - (A) he or she is under eighteen years of age;
 - (B) he or she is travelling with a family that includes a child;

- (C) he or she has an underlying medical condition or has a pre-existing physical or mental infirmity;
- (D) the residence of that person satisfies the quarantine protocols determined by the Chief MedicalOfficer,
- (ii) is required, on leaving the port, to hire a tourism taxi with a COVID 19 Response Plan approved by the Chief Medical Officer;
- (b) a person who intends to travel from a country specified in the Schedule with a travel history, in the last fourteen days, of travelling to a country that is specified in the Schedule —
 - (i) is subject to the screening requirements,
 - (ii) is not required to undertake a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID 19 under subsection 10(1)(a),
 - (iii) on arrival, shall not be placed in a quarantine facility;
- (c) the competent authority may impose travel resistrictions, if required.

Restriction on visitation

11. Except with the permission of the Chief Medical Officer, a person shall not visit or be permitted to visit a person placed in isolation.

Disposal of intoxicating liquor

12. A person with a valid liquor licence may expose for sale or dispose of intoxicating liquor in accordance with the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17.

Wearing of masks or other covering

13. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID 19, a person shall wear a mask or other covering fitting over the nose and mouth when in public.

Quarantine facility

- **14.** The following properties are declared to be quarantine facilities for the purposes of this Order
 - (a) the Bel Jou (Saint Lucia) Limited registered as Block 1049F and Parcel Numbers 125, 225 and 226;
 - (b) Bay Gardens Hotel registered as Block 1255B and Parcel Numbers 402 and 408:
 - (c) Bay Gardens Inn registered as Block 1255B and Parcel Number 400;
 - (d) Bay Gardens Marina Haven registered as Block 1256B Parcel Number 282.

General penalty

15. A person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or both and forfeiture of goods or money in respect of which the offence has been committed.

Revocation

16. The Emergency Powers (Disasters) (COVID 19) (Curfew) (No. 9) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 91 of 2020 is revoked.

Expiry

17. This Order ceases to have effect when the declaration of state of emergency pursuant to which this Order has been made ceases to have effect.

SCHEDULE

(Sections 9 and 10)

LIST OF COUNTRIES

- 1. Antigua and Barbuda
- 2. Anguilla
- 3. Aruba
- 4. Barbados
- 5. Bermuda
- 6. Bonaire
- 7. British Virgin Islands
- 8. Curacao
- 9. Dominica
- 10. Grenada
- 11. Guyana
- 12. Jamaica
- 13. Monsterrat
- 14. Saint Barthelmy
- 15. St. Kitts and Nevis
- 16. Saint Martin
- 17. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 18. Sint Maarten
- 19. The Bahamas
- 20. Trinidad and Tobago
- 21. Turks and Caicos.

Made this 10th day of July, 2020.

ALLEN M. CHASTANET, *Prime Minister*.

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