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Statutory Instruments

No. 79A of 2021 —COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 5) Order.

No. 79B of 2021 — COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 5) Order.

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Physical Distancing) (No. 5) Order*

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2021, No. 79A

[14th May, 2021]

In exercise of the power conferred under section 17 of the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020, the Minister responsible for health, makes this Order:

Citation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 5) Order, 2021.

(2) This Order comes into force on the 17th day of May, 2021.

Physical distancing

2. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a person shall distance himself or herself no less than three feet from another person.

Duty of business, establishment or office

3. A business, establishment or office —

- (a) shall ensure that a customer and staff maintain physical distancing in accordance with section 2 in or outside the business, establishment or office;
- (b) shall determine the number of persons that may be permitted in the business, establishment or office at any one time by permitting one person for every nine or more square feet of space;
- (c) may place prominent distance markers, indicating where each customer must stand on a line at a checkout point; and
- (d) may place distance markers apart on the outside of the business, establishment or office, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the business, establishment or office.

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Operation of educational institutions

4.—(1) From the 19th day of April, 2021, an educational institution shall operate within the hours specified under the Education Act, Cap. 18.01.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), an educational institution based on physical infrastructure and student numbers, with the written permission of the Chief Education Officer, may —

- (a) use a whole school approach; or
- (b) use the alternate day approach with instructions supplemented using distributed learning with at least three days of face-to-face instructions per six-day cycle.

(3) In this section, “distributed learning” means non-face-to-face communication between a student and a teacher, including, online learning, correspondence and prepared learning instruction packages.

Operation of business, establishment or office

5.—(1) A business, establishment or office —

- (a) may open at minimal operation using a blended approach;
- (b) shall cease operation at 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the essential services, business, establishment or office specified in the Schedule.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (1)(a) and subject to section 6(2), a restaurant and other food establishments may provide dine-in service.

(4) A business, establishment or office that is not specified in the Schedule shall close operations from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

(5) In this section, “blended approach” means operations that combine —

- (a) physical attendance;
- (b) working remotely; or
- (c) virtual means.

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Sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor

6.—(1) A person with a valid licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 —

- (a) may dispose of intoxicating liquor;
- (b) shall not permit a person, on licenced premises, to consume intoxicating liquor.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1)(b), a person with a valid liquor licence for a restaurant or other food establishment, under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 may permit a person to consume intoxicating liquor on the licensed premises.

(3) Subject to subsection (1), a person with a valid liquor licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 that offers for sale or disposes of intoxicating liquor only, shall operate from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each day.

(4) Without prejudice to section 27 of the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17, a person with a valid liquor licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap.13.17 shall display in a conspicuous place at the licensed premises the liquor licence and the COVID-19 Protocols with regard to the sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor.

(5) In this section, “licensed premises” means a building or place for which a liquor licence has been granted under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17.

Expiry

7. This Order expires on the 30th day of May, 2021.

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SCHEDULE

(Section 5(2))

**PART I
ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Health Services	Hospital Clinic Public and Private Pharmacies Medical Shops Dialysis Centre Diagnosis and Lab Services Private Doctor practices Veterinary Services
Police Fire Emergency Services Safety and Security Private Security	All Services
Public Transportation Services	All Services
The Public Service	Immigration Customs and Excise Department Department of Infrastructure Department of Transport
The National Emergency Management Organization	All Services
Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Services	Collection Disposal Cleaning operations
Air and Sea Ports	Airport operations, subject to travel restrictions Shipping Services Cargo Services Port Police Security General Administration

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Customs Brokerage Courier Services Online Commerce	Operations Delivery
Broadcasting and Media	Production Operations and Information Dissemination
Postal Services	All Services
Public or private electricity, water, telecommunications and other utility services	Production Operation Repairs Maintenance
Cleaning services	All Services

**PART II
BUSINESS, ESTABLISHMENT OR OFFICE**

Service/Activity	Component
Public Sector Construction	St. Jude's Hospital Reconstruction Project National Road Rehabilitation Program (Rodney Bay Roundabout Project)
Manufacturing	All Services
COVID-19 Certified Accommodation Provider	All Services
Call Centers	All Services
Farming Activities	All activities carried out by a farmer registered with the Ministry of Agriculture and who presents the identification card issued on registration
Fishing Activities	All activities carried out by a fisherman licensed under the Fisheries Act, Cap. 7.15

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Made this 14th day of May, 2021.

MARY ISAAC,
Minister responsible for health.

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(Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 5) Order

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2021, No. 79B

[14th May, 2021]

In exercise of the power conferred under section 16 of the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020, the Minister responsible for health, makes this Order:

Citation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 5) Order, 2021.

(2) This Order comes into force on the 17th day of May, 2021.

Restriction on social activities

2.—(1) A person shall not host or attend —

- (a) a mass crowd event;
- (b) a competitive or high-contact sporting activity, including in-door and out-door training and local competitions;
- (c) a social event, except —
 - (i) with no more than ten persons of his or her immediate family,
 - (ii) with no loud music, and
 - (iii) in the case of a night-time boat excursion, for crewed yacht charters and family boaters, with prior notice of the excursion plan being given to the lighthouse before the journey.

(2) This section does not prevent —

- (a) a non-contact sporting activity if there are no more than fifteen persons in attendance excluding spectators and crowds;
- (b) a person from training and exercising, whether indoor or outdoor, through gym workouts if the physical distancing

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protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order are complied with within the square footage of the gym;

- (b) an athlete from participating in one-on-one coaching or training for contact sports, selective competitions and associated community engagements with permission from the Ministry responsible for sports.
- (3) A faith-based organization —
- (a) may hold a daily or regular religious ceremony if the physical distancing protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order is complied with within the square footage of the faith-based organization in keeping with a COVID-19 Response Plan approved by the Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment;
 - (b) shall not hold special religious rites including baptisms, weddings and funerals by physical attendance, unless there are no more than fifty persons in attendance.
- (4) In this section —
- “immediate family household”, in relation to an individual, means the spouse, child, relative or other person living with the individual;
- “social event” —
- (a) includes —
 - (i) a birthday celebration,
 - (ii) a retirement celebration,
 - (iii) a marriage celebration,
 - (iv) a wake,
 - (v) a beach picnic, or
 - (vi) a river party;
 - (b) does not include a chartered day-time boat excursion.

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Expiry

3. This Order expires on the 30th day of May, 2021.

Made this 14th day of May, 2021.

MARY ISAAC,
Minister responsible for health.