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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2015

In terms of section 29(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015 (Act No. 1 of 2015), I have amended the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 31 July 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. 108 of 31 May 2021, No. 128 of 16 June 2021, No. 138 of 30 June 2021, No. 144 of 9 July 2021 and 151 of 15 July 2021.

Amendment of regulation 1 of Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of the definition of “zone”.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) These regulations come into operation at 00:00 on 1 August 2021 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 14 August 2021.”.

Substitution of regulation 2A of Regulations

4. The Regulations are amended by the substitution for regulation 2A of the following regulation:

“Specified period

2A. The specified period starts at 00:00 on 1 August 2021 and ends at 24:00 on 14 August 2021.”.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

5. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of these regulations, a “prohibited gathering” means a group of more than 50 persons.”.

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

6. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) Subject to subregulation (3), a person may not leave his or her place of residence between 22:00 and 04:00 on each day.”.

Repeal of regulation 5A of Regulations

7. Regulation 5A of the Regulations is repealed.

Amendment of regulation 6 of Regulations

8. Regulation 6 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) The following provisions apply to the provision of learning, education and training in the whole of Namibia during the specified period:

- (a) providers of early childhood development learning, schools and educational institutions providing education on the level of pre-primary and schools and educational institutions providing basic education on the level of the first to the twelfth grade, may resume face to face teaching as from 4 August 2021;

- (b) schools and educational institutions providing basic education on the level of the seventh to the twelfth grades may resume face to face teaching on a full-time basis;
- (c) providers of early childhood development learning, schools and educational institutions providing learning or education on the level of pre-primary, lower primary and upper primary grades up to the sixth grade may resume face to face learning, but are required to operate on a shift basis;
- (d) higher education institutions, including vocational education and training institutions may continue with online learning and teaching, but teaching, learning and assessment for programmes requiring practical exposure may be conducted through face to face learning and teaching; and
- (e) health related higher education training institutions with students engaging in clinical practice may continue with face to face training activities.”.

Amendment of regulation 7 of Regulations

9. Regulation 7 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Despite any contrary condition applicable to any type of liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act, the sale of liquor in terms of a liquor licence and the purchase of liquor may -

- (a) where the seller is the holder of an off-sales licence, only take place starting from 09:00 until 18:00 on Monday to Friday; and
- (b) where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence, only take place -
 - (i) on a take-away basis as if the seller is a holder of an off-sales licence; and
 - (ii) starting from 09:00 until 18:00 on Monday to Friday,

except where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence and the liquor is sold to a person who is residing at the accommodation establishment for on-consumption at the establishment and the liquor is served with meals, provided that the seller may not sell liquor after 22:00; and

- (c) not take place on a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday, except where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence and the liquor is sold to a person who is residing at the accommodation establishment for on consumption at the establishment and the liquor is served with meals, provided that the seller may not sell liquor after 22:00.”.

Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations

10. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is amended by -

(a) the substitution for subregulation (1A) of the following subregulation:

“(1A) Despite subregulation (1), the following businesses, operations and activities are prohibited -

- (a) contact sports as defined in regulation 10(1);
- (b) casinos, gambling houses and betting houses;
- (c) other recreational places or activities, except swimming pools and playgrounds;
- (d) nightclubs; and
- (e) gymnasiums.”;

(b) the substitution for subregulation (1B) of the following subregulation:

“(1B) Hair dressing businesses, beauty salons and spas may continue to operate and the persons accessing such business premises must sanitise, wear masks and maintain social distancing.”.

Amendment of regulation 11 of Regulations

11. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is amended in subregulation (4) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph:

“(a) is not older than 72 hours calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken; and”.

Amendment of regulation 12 of Regulations

12. Regulation 12 of the Regulations is amended -

(a) by the substitution for the introductory sentence of subregulation (2) of the following introductory sentence:

“(2) A person referred to in subregulation (1) who enters Namibia with a negative SARS-COV-2 PCR test result which is older than 72 hours calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken must be subjected to mandatory supervised quarantine and must be tested for COVID-19, at his or her own cost and -”;

(b) in subregulation (3) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirements, provided that such persons have a valid de-isolation certificate, not older than three months from the date of discharge from isolation, issued by the health authority in the country of departure.”.

Amendment of regulation 13 of Regulations

13. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is amended by deletion of subregulation (1C).

Repeal of Annexure C to Regulations

14. Annexure C to the Regulations is repealed.
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