

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

No. 2 of 2020

Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations

In exercise of the power conferred by section 10 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 9.21, the Minister, with the approval of Cabinet, makes the following Regulations:

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1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations, 2020.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations

“Public Health Act” means the Public Health Act, Cap. 9.21;

“Quarantine Act” means the Quarantine Act, Cap. 9.23;

“Quarantine Authority” means the Chief Medical Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the Quarantine Act;

“officers” means persons appointed by the Governor-General in the manner provided under section 3 of the Quarantine Act.

3. Schedule of diseases.

Pursuant to section 10(c)(i) of the Public Health Act, the diseases listed in Schedule I are infectious, communicable or notifiable diseases dangerous to public health to which the provisions of these Regulations apply.

4. Quarantine Authority establishment and powers.

(1) The Quarantine Authority established under section 3 of the Quarantine Act shall be the Quarantine Authority for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) The Quarantine Authority shall have the powers conferred on him or her under the Quarantine Act in exercise of his or her duties under these Regulations.

5. Appointment of officers, quarantine guards or screening officers.

(1) Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(b) of the Public Health Act, the officers, including, any quarantine guards necessary for giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, shall be appointed by the Governor-General, in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the Quarantine Act.

(2) The officers or quarantine guards referred to in sub-regulation (1), shall have such duties as are directed by the Quarantine Authority.

(3) The screening officers referred to in sub-regulation (1), shall have such duties as are directed by the Quarantine Authority.

6. Duties and powers of the police.

(1) The police shall have the duties and powers conferred under the Quarantine Act for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) Pursuant to section 10(ee) of the Public Health Act, the police may enter, with reasonable force if necessary, into any premises where the owner does not give permission for the inspection or examination thereof.

7. Duties and powers of the Defence Force.

For the purposes of these Regulations, the St Kitts and Nevis Defence Force shall have such duties and powers as may be specified by the Minister, with the approval of Cabinet, by Order published in the Gazette.

8. Reporting cases.

(1) Pursuant to section 10(c)(ii) of the Public Health Act, a person may make a report of cases or suspected cases of infectious, communicable or notifiable diseases to the Quarantine Authority.

(2) A report shall be in the Communicable Disease Notification Form set out in Schedule II or by telephone call to the Quarantine Authority or the officers of the Authority.

9. Supplies to suppress an epidemic.

Pursuant to section 10(c)(iii) of the Public Health Act, the emergency supply chain action plan will guide the forecasting, procurement, importing, stockpiling or issuing of relevant medical supplies necessary for preventing, mitigating, controlling or suppressing an epidemic or spread of any infectious, communicable, notifiable or other disease.

10. Screening.

(1) The Quarantine Authority may authorise the establishment of screening stations at designated screening sites depending on the nature of the disease.

(2) The screening process shall be in accordance with well-defined algorithms and specific actions to be taken which shall be explained to each person being screened.

(3) A person shall submit to the examination, answer questions or other requirements of the screening process.

11. Surveillance, removal, quarantine or isolation.

Pursuant to section 10(c)(iv) of the Public Health Act, the Minister may, in consultation with the Quarantine Authority, authorise the surveillance, removal, quarantine or isolation of any person at a place or health facility designated by the Minister and dependent on the nature of the infectious, communicable or notifiable disease.

12. Preventing persons or conveyances.

Pursuant to section 10(c)(v) of the Public Health Act, the Minister depending on the nature of the disease may prevent or restrict persons or conveyances from passing from one locality to any other locality in a manner that is necessary for preventing, mitigating, controlling or suppressing an epidemic or spread of any infectious, communicable, notifiable or other disease.

13. Detention in another island, state or country.

(1) Pursuant to sections 4, 10(c)(v), 10(c)(vi) and 10(c)(x) of the Public Health Act, the Minister may, with the approval of Cabinet,

- (a) in the national interest;
- (b) in the interest of public health; or
- (c) public safety,

in writing, request a person to remain outside of Saint Christopher and Nevis or outside of one either island.

(2) The Minister shall specify the terms and conditions of the request and shall include

- (a) the specified period;
- (b) the resources to be provided to assist the person during the specified period including
 - (i) any reasonable provisions for accommodation;
 - (ii) any reasonable provisions for meals;
 - (iii) any reasonable provisions for transportation;
 - (iv) any requirements for receipts.

(3) The Minister shall, if the person referred to in sub-regulation (1) makes a request in writing, notify the person's employer in writing of the request and the employer shall not reduce or deduct the person's salary for the specified period.

14. Social distancing.

(1) Pursuant section 10(c)(xiv) of the Public Health Act, the Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, authorise

- (a) the closing of schools, churches and places of public assembly or entertainment; or
- (b) any other social distancing interventions that may be appropriate depending on the nature of the infectious, communicable or notifiable disease for the purpose of preventing, controlling or containing the spread of disease.

15. Offenses and penalties.

Pursuant to section 10(II) of the Public Health Act, a person who contravenes the provisions of these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding eight thousand dollars.

Schedule I

(Regulation 3)

Infectious, communicable or notifiable diseases for quarantine or isolation

The provisions of these Regulations shall apply in relation to infectious, communicable or notifiable diseases including emerging diseases such as:

1. Zika virus
2. Chikungunya virus
3. Ebola virus
4. Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19

Schedule II

(Regulation 8)

Notifiable Disease Form

Clinic Health Centre:

Hospital:

Laboratory:

Private Physician:

Health District:

Last name:

First Name:

Alias:

(circle option) Sex: M F Pregnant

If less than 1 year, age in months:

If more than 1 year, age in years:

Address:

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Area (Region/District/Parish):

Telephone: (Mobile) (Work)(Ext)

(Circle options)

Is the patient's occupation:

Food Handling	Yes	No
Student	Yes	No
Agriculture/Farming	Yes	No
Other:		

Name of business/school:

Address:

Area (region/District/Parish):

Date first Seen / / Date of onset: / /
(check box)

Contact of known case _____ Imported _____

Status: Suspected _____
 Probable _____
 Confirmed _____ *(Circle Option)*
 Unknown _____ Lab Done Yes No

LIST OF DISEASES *(circle condition)*

Accidental poisoning*	Leptospirosis +
Acquired Immunodeficiency +	Leprosy +
Syndrome / HIV Infection +	(Hansen's Disease)
Acute Hemorrhagic conjunctivitis +	Malaria +
Acute Respiratory Infection < 5 +	Measles +
Amoebiasis /	Meningitis (other) +
Chicken Pox +	Meningococcal Meningitis +
Chlamydial infection /	Mumps +
Cholera *	Ophthalmia neonatorum +
Ciguatera poisoning	Plague *
Chikungunya +	Poliomyelitis * (paralytic)
Congenital Syphilis*	Pertussis +
Dengue Fever and +	Rubella +
Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever +	Rubella Syndrome (Congenital) *
Diphtheria*	Rabies *
Encephalitis *	Smallpox *
Foodborne disease outbreak *	Salmonellosis /
Fever and Rash +	Scabies /
Gastroenteritis < 5yrs+	Shigellosis /
Gastroenteritis > 5yrs +	Syphilis+
Giardiasis/	Tetanus+
Gonococcal infection +	Tuberculosis +
Hepatitis A+	Typhoid +
Hepatitis B +	Yellow Fever*
Hepatitis (unspecified) /	Zika +
Influenza*	
Other	

6 (Check box) Outcome Treated and discharged

Referred to higher level clinic ___ Referred to hospital ___ Died ___ Date of Death: / /

7 (Print initial, last name and designation)

Person reporting:

Date of reporting: / / Week#:

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Minister responsible for Health