

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

**STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS**

**No. 38 of 2020**

**Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 13) Regulations**

In exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Emergency Powers Act, Cap. 19.02, the Governor-General, makes the following Regulations:

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**1. Citation and duration.**

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 13) Regulations, 2020.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation from 5:00 a.m. on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, and shall expire at 4:59 a.m. on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**2. Interpretation.**

In these Regulations

“day of limited operation” means a period of limited operation of businesses and enterprises which would be in place from 5:00 a.m. of one day to 1:59 a.m. of the following day, where movement shall be exercised in accordance with regulation 7, regulation 16 and as specified in Schedule I;

“first phase of reopening” means a period of limited reopening of the businesses and enterprises specified under regulation 19;

“night curfew” means a period of curfew with a duration from 2:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.;

“public place” includes an indoor or outdoor area, whether privately or publicly owned, to which the public has access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, including

- (a) shopping centres, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and utility departments;
- (b) bars, drinking places and restaurants;
- (c) hotels;
- (d) schools and all other educational institutions;
- (e) hospitals, whether publicly or privately operated;
- (f) churches or other religious establishments;
- (g) public transportation;
- (h) community centres;
- (i) Government offices;

- (j) public markets; and
- (k) other places or buildings of all types, accessible to the public.

### **3. Curfew Schedule.**

The schedule for curfews during the emergency period to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 is set out in Schedule I, except as provided in these Regulations or as may be approved by the Commissioner of Police.

### **4. Work remotely from home.**

(1) All businesses and offices may continue their business operations by allowing their employees to work remotely from home utilizing virtual means, unless those employees are permitted to work under regulation 6 or are designated as being essential workers under regulation 8.

(2) Senior persons, older persons or persons in the pre-retirement age range and persons with chronic underlying conditions should be given priority to work remotely from home.

(3) Subject to sub-regulation (1), where a business is able to continue its operations by its employees practicing social distancing and physical distancing in accordance with the provisions of regulation 7, it may operate.

### **5. Public Service, Statutory Bodies, State-owned Enterprises and Courts.**

(1) All persons employed within the public service, a statutory body or a State-owned enterprise shall work remotely from home, except as may otherwise be directed by the Secretary to the Cabinet.

(2) Subject to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Practice Direction, No. 5 of 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Measures (3<sup>rd</sup> Re-issue), the Courts shall remain accessible, shall adhere to physical distancing protocols and the persons employed therein shall work remotely from home as far as reasonably practicable.

(3) In this regulation, "Court" includes the Magistrates Courts and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

### **6. Closure of businesses and exceptions.**

Subject to regulation 16, during a period of night curfew, all businesses and establishments shall remain closed except for the following businesses which may remain open for any period within the specified time

- (a) hospitals and medical facilities;
- (b) businesses licensed to provide security guard services;
- (c) such other businesses or undertakings as may be specifically exempted, in writing, by the Commissioner of Police

provided that the owner or operator of an establishment specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7.

## **7. Social distancing and physical distancing protocols.**

Any establishment, that is permitted to operate pursuant to the provisions of these Regulations, shall make the necessary arrangements to facilitate social distancing and physical distancing and shall

- (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain physical distancing of at least six feet (6ft.) in or outside of their business, if in a line to enter the business;
- (b) determine the total number of persons that may be permitted in the establishment at any one time by permitting one person for every thirty square feet of store space;
- (c) place distance markers at least six feet apart, indicating where each customer must stand on a line at a check out point or other line;
- (d) place distance markers at least six feet apart on the outside of the establishment, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the establishment.

## **8. Shelter in place.**

(1) Subject to sub-regulation (2) and regulation 16, in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus or COVID-19 during a period of night curfew, every person shall remain confined to their place of residence, inclusive of their yard space, to avoid contact outside of their family, except

- (a) essential workers, who are required to report to work;
- (b) workers required to work under regulation 6;
- (c) for essential travel for medical emergencies;

provided that such persons shall ensure at all times to distance themselves at least six feet from any other person.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, an “essential worker” includes essential officers of

- (a) the Royal Saint Christopher and Nevis Police Force;
- (b) the Saint Christopher and Nevis Defence Force;
- (c) the Fire and Rescue Services Department;
- (d) National Emergency Management Agency and Nevis Disaster Management Department, the National Emergency Operating Centre, the Health Emergency Operating Centre and any other Disaster Management Services;
- (e) the prisons, correctional facilities, or other similar establishments;
- (f) any hospital, health care or medical facility;
- (g) the Customs Department;
- (h) the Immigration Department;
- (i) the Air and Sea Ports Authorities;
- (j) the essential media personnel of a Media House;
- (k) the office of the Director of Public Prosecution, the Attorney General’s Chambers, Members of Parliament, the Secretary to the Cabinet;

- (l) the emergency technical personnel of any water, electricity or other sector encompassing the provision of electronic communications including print and electronic media;
- (m) the Electoral Office, the Electoral Commission and related services;
- (n) the Government Printery.

(3) All essential workers shall at all times carry personal identification and official work identification where possible.

#### 9. **Education and religious instruction.**

(1) All educational places of instruction shall remain closed.

(2) Sub-regulation (1) does not prohibit

- (a) any activity referred to therein by electronic or virtual means;
- (b) the opening of educational places facilitating external examinations, in accordance with the provisions of the protocol set out in Schedule III;
- (c) the opening of the public sector Early Childhood Education Centres, in accordance with the provisions of the protocol set out in Schedule III.

(3) All religious places of instruction or worship may function on a day of limited operation, and

- (a) the following persons should be encouraged to connect to virtual church services from home or may attend a separate early morning service designated for that purpose
  - (i) senior persons, persons in the pre-retirement age range or persons over 65 years old;
  - (ii) persons with underlying health conditions;
  - (iii) individuals with disabilities; and
  - (iv) those who might not be able to wear a mask for the duration of the service,
- (b) all services shall be in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, in particular, regulation 7, regulation 15, regulation 17 and any other conditions or directives given by the COVID-19 Taskforce.

#### 10. **Restriction on social activities.**

No person shall host, attend or visit

- (a) a private party;
- (b) a competitive sporting event or other types of public entertainment, subject to regulation 16(15);
- (c) a wedding, subject to regulation 16(7);
- (d) a banquet, ball or reception;
- (e) any other ceremony in any facility or public place, subject to regulation 16;
- (f) a funeral, subject to regulation 16(6);

- (g) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization;
- (h) any public beach, subject to regulation 16(11); or
- (i) any other type of social event,

except with the written permission of the Commissioner of Police, in consultation with the National COVID-19 Taskforce.

#### **11. Restriction on international travel.**

(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of the novel coronavirus or COVID-19, with immediate effect

- (a) all airports including private airports and fixed-base operations shall be closed to incoming international flights, except with the prior written permission of the Air Ports Authorities, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer;
- (b) all sea ports shall be closed to regional and international seafaring and private boating, except with the prior written permission of the Ports Authorities, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer; and
- (c) a visitor shall not be permitted to enter and disembark for any reason, including transiting through Saint Christopher and Nevis.

(2) The restriction contained in sub-regulation (1) does not apply to

- (a) outgoing flights or outgoing ships, as the case may be;
- (b) cargo flights or cargo ships, as the case may be;
- (c) commercial courier flights;
- (d) emergency medical flights;
- (e) emergency flights approved by the Air Ports Authorities;
- (f) flights carrying any diplomat.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2), no crew member will be allowed or granted shore leave, unless for the purposes of operational difficulties and upon receiving permission from the Airports Authorities or the Ports Authorities, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer.

#### **12. Restriction on domestic travel.**

(1) Subject to regulation 16, during a period of night curfew, no person shall

- (a) offer for hire or seek to travel on any interisland private commercial sea transport;
- (b) drive a vehicle on any public or private road for a purpose other than those purposes stated in regulation 5, 6 or 8;
- (c) offer for hire or seek to travel on any motor omnibus, any motor vehicle for hire or reward, taxi or any passenger ferry.

(2) The Saint Christopher and Nevis Police Force and the Saint Christopher and Nevis Defence Force shall have powers to stop any vehicle and inquire as to the purposes for

which that vehicle is being utilized, and may arrest anyone found in violation of this regulation.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation,

“vehicle” includes a motor vehicle or motorbike;

“motor omnibus”, “motor vehicle for hire or reward” and “taxi” have the meanings assigned under the Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 15.06.

### **13. Restriction on visitation.**

No person shall visit or be permitted to visit

- (a) any place of quarantine or isolation station;
- (b) a patient in a hospital or residential care establishment or facility, including an elderly nursing home.

### **14. Hygiene protocols.**

The hygiene protocols that must be followed by businesses and enterprises are set out under Schedule II.

### **15. Wearing masks outdoors.**

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Small Charges Act, Cap. 4.36, a person shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth, when in a public place, once a period of emergency is declared in relation to COVID-19.

(2) A person shall not be required to wear a mask:

- (a) if he or she is under the age of three years old;
- (b) if he or she suffers with a disability, cognitive impairment, dementia, asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease or other similar health condition;
- (c) if he or she is within a private space including in a private vehicle.

### **16. Exceptions for days of limited operation.**

(1) The provisions of these Regulations shall apply during a day of limited operation and shall be subject to the provisions of regulation 7 for social distancing and physical distancing.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), during a day of limited operation, persons who can work remotely from home pursuant to regulation 4 shall do so to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to limit the loss of lives in Saint Christopher and Nevis.

(3) Subject to sub-regulation (1), where it is not possible for a business to function in accordance with the provisions of regulation 7, relating to social distancing and physical distancing, that business shall cease to operate for the duration of these Regulations.

(4) During a day of limited operation a business or enterprise that is able to operate may do so provided that the owner or operator of the business or enterprise shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7.

(5) Notwithstanding regulation 10, persons may attend virtual meetings and no person shall physically host, attend or visit

- (a) a private party;
- (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event or other types of public entertainment, subject to regulation 16(15);
- (c) a banquet, ball or reception;
- (d) any other ceremony in any facility or public place;
- (e) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization; or
- (f) any other type of social event,

except with the written permission of the Commissioner of Police, in consultation with the National COVID-19 Taskforce.

(6) Notwithstanding regulation 10, during a day of limited operation a person may attend a funeral except

- (a) the funeral shall have a maximum duration not exceeding one hour;
- (b) the seating arrangements shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons and distance markers must indicate where each person may sit;
- (c) the total number of persons that may be permitted to attend inside of the building is one person for every thirty square feet; and
- (d) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7.

(7) Notwithstanding regulation 10, during a day of limited operation, a person may attend a wedding except

- (a) the wedding shall have a maximum duration not exceeding one hour;
- (b) the seating arrangements shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons and distance markers must indicate where each person may sit;
- (c) the total number of persons that may be permitted to attend inside of the building is one person for every thirty square feet; and
- (d) all persons, except the bride and groom, shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7.

(8) Notwithstanding regulation 12, during a day of limited operation no person shall offer for hire or seek to travel on any motor omnibus, any hiring car or taxi or any passenger ferry or catamaran unless,

- (a) all persons wear a mask at all times, pursuant to regulation 15;
- (b) windows remain open or partially open depending on the weather conditions;
- (c) all persons shall practice good hand hygiene, proper sanitary behaviour and social distancing protocols, in accordance with regulation 7, 14 and Schedule II.

(9) During a day of limited operation, works of construction, farmers and fishers may operate and shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7.

(10) During a day of limited operation, all businesses and enterprises shall operate in such a manner as to ensure that opening and closing hours allow sufficient time for all personnel to adhere to the hours set for night curfew.

(11) Notwithstanding regulation 10, during a day of limited operation, a person may visit a public beach

- (a) for the purposes of swimming or exercise;
- (b) where no more than eight members of the immediate family should be in close proximity to each other;
- (c) where there shall be no picnics, beach parties or other gatherings; and
- (d) where all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7.

(12) During a day of limited operation, seniors, disabled persons and essential workers with identification shall be granted priority to enter any business or enterprise.

(13) During a day of limited operation, restaurants and take away food vendors may be opened from 5:00 a.m. of one day up to 1:00 a.m. of the following day and may

- (a) operate for the purposes of food delivery or food take away services;
- (b) offer in-dining and
  - (i) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7;
  - (ii) all persons shall adhere to the hygiene protocols pursuant to regulation 14 and Schedule II;
  - (iii) no more than eight members of the same household should be in close proximity to each other;
  - (iv) no more than two persons, who are not from the same household, shall be grouped together or share a table;
  - (v) spacing between tables shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons;
  - (vi) all persons including restaurant staff shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth in accordance with regulation 15, except when eating or drinking.

(14) During a day of limited operation, bars may be opened for the sale of liquor in accordance with the provisions of the Liquor Licences Act, Cap. 18.21 and

- (a) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7;
- (b) all persons shall adhere to the hygiene protocols pursuant to regulation 14 and Schedule II;
- (c) no more than eight members of the same household should be in close proximity to each other;
- (d) no more than two persons, who are not from the same household, shall be grouped together or share a table;



- (e) spacing between tables, at the bar or other seating arrangement shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons;
- (f) all persons shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth in accordance with regulation 15, except when eating or drinking.

(15) Notwithstanding regulation 10, during a day of limited operation, a person may attend sports training or practice sessions for amateur or other recreational sporting events and

- (a) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocol, as far as is reasonably practicable;
- (b) all persons shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth in accordance with regulation 15, except during the training or practice exercise;
- (c) all persons shall adhere to the hygiene protocols pursuant to regulation 14 and Schedule II;
- (d) all training or practice sessions shall be in accordance with any other conditions or directives given by the COVID-19 Taskforce or the Ministry of Sports.

#### **17. Exceptions for fishers during night curfew.**

During a period of night curfew, snapper fishers and longliners may operate and shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to regulation 7, as far as is reasonably practicable.

#### **18. Power of COVID-19 Taskforce.**

The COVID-19 Taskforce may

- (a) inspect or visit any business or enterprise to ensure compliance with the provisions of these Regulations;
- (b) be consulted to assist businesses and enterprises to comply with the provisions of these Regulations.

#### **19. First phase of reopening.**

(1) The following businesses and enterprises may apply for approval to reopen during a first phase reopening period

- (a) hotels;
- (b) privately run Early Childhood Education Centers;
- (c) sports management teams or clubs.

(2) A hotel that applies to the Ministry of Tourism to reopen during a period of first phase of reopening, shall comply with the minimum standards set out in Schedule IV Part I.

(3) A privately run Early Childhood Education Center that applies to the Ministry of Education to reopen during a period of first phase of reopening, shall comply with the minimum standards set out in Schedule III.

(4) Management teams or clubs within each sport discipline may apply, to the Ministry of Sports in the form set out in Part II of Schedule IV, for permission to host spectator-less inter-team or inter-club practice matches.

(5) The relevant Ministry, in consultation with the National COVID-19 Taskforce, may consider and may grant approval for reopening in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

## **20. Requirement on private medical laboratories.**

(1) Notwithstanding the fact that the Caribbean Public Health Agency has not yet approved any private medical laboratory to do testing for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19, where a private medical laboratory does such testing on a person and the result of such testing is a positive result, the private medical laboratory and the person so tested shall immediately report and forward the results to the Chief Medical Officer.

(2) Where a private medical laboratory or a person fails to report and forward results to the Chief Medical Officer in accordance with sub-regulation (1), the owner or operator of the private medical laboratory or the person, as the case may be, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine under regulation 22.

## **21. Treatment of persons for COVID-19 and Quarantine.**

(1) Where a person meets the case definition of a suspected case of COVID-19 as outlined in Schedule V, the appropriate sample may be taken to facilitate testing for COVID -19 and it may be processed at a local laboratory or the Caribbean Public Health Agency laboratory.

(2) Where the result of a test conducted by the Caribbean Public Health Agency or by a private medical laboratory under regulation 20 shows that a person is suffering from COVID-19, the Chief Medical Officer may give such directions, as she thinks fit, for

- (a) the restraint, segregation and isolation of that person or any other person who, by exposure to infection from that person, is likely to suffer from COVID-19;
- (b) the removal of a person referred to in paragraph (a) to a public hospital or a designated facility; or
- (c) the curative treatment of a person referred to in paragraph (a).

(3) The Chief Medical Officer may give a direction under sub-regulation (1) where, in her discretion, she considers it necessary to do so

- (a) for the purposes of preventing or controlling the spread of COVID-19;
- (b) in the interests of the person in relation to whom the direction is given; or
- (c) in the interests of public health.

(4) Where the Chief Medical Officer gives a direction under sub-regulation (1), the person in relation to whom the direction is given shall be informed

- (a) of the reason for giving the direction;
- (b) of the period during which the person is likely to be required to remain at a public hospital or a designated facility for observation, surveillance or curative treatment; and

(c) that it is an offence to fail to comply with the direction or to obstruct a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out the direction.

(5) A person who

(a) fails to comply with a direction under sub-regulation (1); or

(b) obstructs a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out a direction under sub-regulation (1), commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine under regulation 22.

## **22. Penalty.**

(1) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or to both and to forfeiture of any goods or money in respect of which the offence has been committed.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a police officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to any person who contravenes the provisions of section 15 in relation to wearing a face mask in public places, in the form specified in Schedule VI.

(3) A fixed penalty notice issued by a police officer in accordance with these Regulations shall be lawful notice that the person is charged with the commission of an offence and that a complaint will be made against that person in respect thereof requiring him or her to either pay the fixed penalty of five hundred dollars within ten business days or to appear at the court specified in the notice on the day and at the hour stated therein to answer the said complaint.

(4) Where the person not wearing the mask is under the age of 18 and over the age of 3 the parent or guardian of that person may be charged with an offence and

(a) the person would be required to provide contact information for the parent or guardian, if they are not present; and

(b) the person may be taken to the nearest police station and be held there until released to a parent or guardian.

(5) The police officer shall send to the Magistrate for the magisterial district in which the offence is alleged to have been committed, a duplicate of the notice, which duplicate shall be deemed to be a complaint laid before the Magistrate and a summons issued by the Magistrate for the purposes of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act.

(6) A notice issued under these Regulations shall be signed by the police officer and shall specify

(a) the date, time and place of the giving of the notice;

(b) the provision of the Regulations creating the offence alleged and such particulars of the offence as are required for proceedings under the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Cap. 3.17;

(c) the time within which the fixed penalty may be paid in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations;

- (d) the amount of the fixed penalty;
- (e) the Clerk of the Magistrate to whom, and the address at or to which the fixed penalty may be paid;
- (f) the address of the Magistrate’s Court at which the person is required to appear in the event of his or her failure to pay the fixed penalty within the specified time, and the date and time of such appearance.

(7) Where a notice has been given under these Regulations, the person may pay the fixed penalty in accordance with the notice.

(8) The time within which the fixed penalty shall be payable shall be ten business days from the date of the notice, and where payment reaches the Clerk of the Magistrate after that time, it shall not be receivable and shall be returned to the sender.

(9) Where the fixed penalty is duly paid in accordance with the notice, the proceedings instituted by the notice shall be discontinued.

(10) Payment of the fixed penalty shall be made to the Clerk of the Magistrate’s Court District “A” Basseterre or the Clerk of the Magistrate’s Court, District “C”, Charlestown and shall be dealt with in the same manner as payment of a fine imposed for an offence under the Magistrate’s Code of Procedure Act.

(11) The fixed penalty notice shall be presented for payment of the fixed penalty.

(12) In any proceedings, a certificate that payment of the fixed penalty was or was not made to the Clerk of the Magistrate by a date specified in the certificate shall, if the certificate is signed by the Clerk, be sufficient evidence of the facts stated, unless the contrary is proved.

(13) Where the fixed penalty is not paid within the time specified in the notice, proceedings in respect of that offence shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Magistrate’s Code of Procedure Act.

### SCHEDULE I Curfew Schedule

(regulation 3)

Date	Type of Curfew	Period when movement allowed
5:00 a.m. of one day to 1:59 a.m. of the following day, for each day from Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	Each day is a limited day of operation	5:00 a.m. of one day to 1:59 a.m. of the following day
2:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m. from Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	Night curfew	

From Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	first phase reopening period for approved hotels, privately run Early Childhood Education Centers and spectator-less sports matches under regulation 19	
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**SCHEDULE II**  
**Hand Washing and Sanitizing Protocol for Good Hygiene**  
(regulation 14)

The following are the recommended guidelines for hand washing and hand sanitizing to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Be sure to scrub the backs of the hands, in between the fingers and under the nails. Wash your hands before putting on and after removing your mask.
2. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands including the back of the hands and in between the fingers and rub them together until they feel dry.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
4. A motor omnibus, hiring car or taxi or any passenger ferry must sanitize all door knobs and hand rests after each trip.

**SCHEDULE III**  
**Application and Protocol for a period of first phase reopening for privately run Early Childhood Education Centers**  
(regulation 19)

**1. Protocol for privately run Early Childhood Education Centres**

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

- Physical distancing of at least six feet (6ft) outside of the classroom.
- Distance markers are at six feet (6ft) apart at check point or other line for adults dropping off or picking up children and signing in and out register.
- Daily routine reflects activities done in small groups.
- Cots, chairs and cribs are arranged at least two feet (2ft) apart.
- Adequate number of learning areas/ workstations.
- Pictures/drawings are posted to indicate the number of children allowed in each play area.

- Twenty-five (25) square feet per child for preschoolers and forty (40) square feet per infant are observed indoors.
- Limit large groups. No more than three (3) babies/four-five (4-5) infants/ten (10) preschool children coming together for activities.

## **MASK**

- Face mask must be worn by ALL parents and staff on the compound.

## **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE SCREENING PROTOCOLS**

- Sanitising stations available on entry.
- Mandatory temperature checks upon arrival (children and staff).
- A Temperature Record Book is implemented.
- Each centre has a register system implemented recording all in attendance.

## **HYGIENE**

- Soap and water or liquid soap is readily available for hand washing throughout the day (before preparing food, before and after eating, after using the toilet, where hands are dirty, after sneezing or coughing, before and after wearing gloves, when arriving or leaving the workplace, after changing tasks, after touching contaminated surfaces and if in contact with someone displaying any COVID-19 symptoms after blowing nose and using the bathrooms).
- Hand sanitizers & sanitizing wipes are available throughout the centre.
- Regular cleaning and sanitising is done in the classroom throughout the day. A written schedule for sanitizing frequently touched surfaces such as chairs, tables cots, toys, equipment, tabletops, door handles, handrails is posted.
- COVID -19 related signage and posters are posted.

## **HYGIENE PROTOCOL**

- Personalized items are labelled and stored in individual bags (sheets, towels etc.).
- Bathrooms are sanitised and toilets flushed after each use.
- Floors are mopped three (3) times daily (before arrival of children, before naptime and before closure of centre). A written schedule for cleaning is posted.
- Hand sanitisers and soap are available for staff and children as well but kept out of reach for children.
- Soap dispensers and paper towels are in bathrooms, kitchen and diaper change area.

## **FOOD PREPARATION**

- Food is stored in clean & covered containers.
- Utensils are adequate and sufficient.
- Utensils are in good condition.
- A written schedule posted showing:
  - All surfaces to be cleaned.
  - The frequency of cleaning.
  - The materials used for cleaning.

The staff responsible for cleaning.

- A written schedule for is posted in the kitchen: wash hands, cleaning and food preparation.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL**

- Screening of adults and children are done daily.
- Staff and children who are sick are at home.
- Children or adults are sent home immediately should coughing, sneezing, blowing of nose or any signs of a cold manifest. An area or room is identified if staff or child becomes sick.

Close off areas used by the person who is sick.

Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick.

Once area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.

- Staff and parents of children inform Supervisor about any illnesses.
- Paper towels are used to dry hands and must be properly disposed of in bins.
- Cleaning materials are safe for use in classroom and properly stored out of children's reach at all times; a cleaning schedule should be posted
- Proper measurement of cleaning agents is observed.
- Garbage bins are covered, emptied and sanitised daily.
- Hand washing is done after using gloves.
- All windows and doors are opened daily and classrooms are properly ventilated.
- Parents and staff are aware of the COVID-19 measures in place for safe reopening of Early Childhood Centres.

## **2. Application Form for privately run Early Childhood Education Centres first phase reopening**

Date:

Date of minimum standards inspection:

Name of school:

Name of Owner:

Name of principal/head teacher:

Address and Contact Information:

Number of teacher and other staff:

Number of classrooms:

Number of students:

Size of classroom:

Documents to be attached:

- Approval of Ministry of Education to operate as a private school
- Certificate of compliance with minimum standards COVID-19

**SCHEDULE IV**  
**Part I**

**Application and Protocol for a period of first phase reopening for Hotels**  
(regulation 19)

**1. Protocol for Hotel Industry**

Sector	Requirements
<b>Accommodations</b>	<p><b>1. General Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All Operations must pay special attention to the protection of the following high-risk individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Immune compromised</li> <li>ii. Over the age of 60</li> <li>iii. Hypertensive</li> <li>iv. Diabetic</li> <li>v. Pre-existing respiratory conditions such as asthma</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Each accommodation of 50 rooms or more shall have a full-time nurse on staff and a doctor on call.</li> <li>c) Each establishment shall identify quarantine and isolation procedures for guests who may develop a communicable disease while at their property. These procedures must be included in the guest welcome package.</li> <li>d) Each establishment must have an established health and safety policy that is updated annually before November that outlines the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Testing for COVID-19 and the clear assignment of cost</li> <li>ii. Quarantine and isolation areas</li> <li>iii. Name and telephone number of staff nurse</li> <li>iv. Name and telephone number of on-call doctor</li> <li>v. Policy and procedures for staff members who become ill (e.g. contraction of COVID-19) as a proven result of contact with guests. This policy must be communicated to all staff members</li> <li>vi. Staff nutrition program that aims to build the immune system</li> </ul> </li> <li>e) Employees are required to change out of uniform and shower prior to departing the property.</li> <li>f) Employees shall be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 or any other contagious illness before they are permitted to work if they displayed symptoms of any of the mentioned illnesses.</li> </ul>



- g) All employees must wash hands before and after interacting with guests. Employees must wash hands frequently throughout the day. Hands must be washed with soap and water for a minimum of twenty (20) seconds and should be dried with a hot air hand dryer or a disposable paper towel.
- h) Hotel Associates must complete training on housekeeping, hygiene protocols, and COVID-19 awareness training.

**2. Front of the House – Front Desk, Lobbies, Public Areas. E.g. Restrooms**

- a) Each establishment shall have a hand washing station on the exterior of their establishment to facilitate the washing of hands for the public, taxi operators and other service personnel.
- b) All employees shall wash their hands before and after interacting with the guest.
- c) Each chair or sofa of non-fabric surfaces must be wiped every 30 mins to 1 hour or after use by each guest minimum.
- d) Each counter-top shall be wiped every 30 mins to 1 hour minimum,
- e) Hand sanitizer stations will be prominently placed throughout the accommodation public and employee areas and entrances.
- f) All frequently touched surfaces in public areas such as elevator buttons and door handles must be disinfected with hospital grade disinfectants a minimum of every 30 mins to 1 hour. A checklist must be available to employees to log times when areas are cleaned. This must be presented to any inspector under the Authority of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority or the Ministry of Health.

**3. Recreational Areas- e.g. Kids Club, Beach Areas, Pool Side, Arcade Room**

- a) All beach chairs must be sanitized before and after use by each guest.
- b) All beach chairs must be sanitized at the beginning of the day before use by any guest.
- c) All toys and surfaces in any play area must be disinfected prior to opening and every 30 mins to 1 hour. Kid Clubs should be closed mid-day for thorough cleaning.
- d) The number of individuals in any recreational area must be compliant with the square footage requirement as per social distancing protocols. E.g. 30 square feet of space per individual.

- e) Beach chairs that are severely worn must be discarded.
- f) All furniture that has fabric surfaces must be washed daily. Where washing is not an option, the fabric must be disinfected after use by each guest. It is recommended that accommodations use fabric that is spill proof and that can be easily wiped.
- g) Management of the accommodation shall deny access to recreation areas to individuals who display any symptoms of sickness. For e.g. H1N1 or COVID-19.
- h) All queues must adhere to the 6 feet social distancing requirement.
- i) All entertainers must wash their hands before and after each performance. There shall be no touching of guests during performances. A face shield that does not detract from the performance may be worn during the performance as Personal Protective Equipment. (PPE)

#### **4. Food and Beverage**

- a) Self-serve buffets or bar areas shall not be permitted.
- b) Utensils and crockery shall not be left open in the public.
- c) All utensils and crockery used to prepare food must be properly sanitised.
- d) All employees engaged in the preparation of food must wear a hair covering.
- e) Male employees engaged in the preparation and service of food service shall not have facial hair.
- f) Employees engaged in food preparation and service must practice strict sanitation and hygiene practices. Hands must be washed for 20 seconds minimum or sanitized before and after preparation of each meal in the case of the kitchen team and after serving each customer.
- g) Food shall be prepared using the highest level of sanitation and hygiene to prevent contamination.
- h) All kitchen counters must remain clean and shall be disinfected every hour.
- i) The quality cuisine, service, accommodation, and amenities should meet international standards. Each accommodation offering food and beverage should always seek to maintain quality service.
- j) Enhanced food safety and hygiene protocols for restaurants, room service, and group meetings, and events must be implemented.

	<p>k) Social distancing protocols shall be implemented in public areas across hotel properties. Guests and employees must adhere to the six (6) feet minimum distance. Social distancing markers should be placed in all public areas which include but are not limited to Lobby areas and waiting areas for food and beverage areas.</p> <p><b>5. <u>Back of the House: e.g. Housekeeping, Administrative Offices</u></b></p> <p>a) Establishments shall use cleaning and disinfecting protocols to clean rooms after guests depart and before the next guest arrives, with attention to high-touch items e.g. door handles and lamps</p> <p>b) Glasses in the guest room must be changed twice daily and sanitized using heat.</p> <p>c) Employees working in the administrative and sales offices shall wash their hands before returning to their desk after each interaction with the public.</p> <p>d) Employees shall not share workspaces.</p> <p>e) The number of employees in a workspace shall be compliant to the 30 square foot of space per employee regulations or as per protocols established by the Ministry of Health.</p>
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## 2. Application Form for Hotel first phase reopening

Date:

Date of minimum standards inspection:

Name of Hotel:

Name of Owner:

Name of General Manager:

Address and Contact Information:

Number of staff members:

Number of rooms:

Documents to be attached:

- Valid business licence
- Certificate of compliance with minimum standards COVID-19

**Part II**

(regulation 19)

**Application Form for Practice Matches in-keeping with  
Emergency Powers Regulations**

Date:

Management Team / CLUB:

Reason for application:

Proposed date of practice match:

Participating Teams / Clubs:

Number of players:

Number of supporting staff:

Proposed health measures:

**SCHEDULE V**

(regulation 21)

**Treatment of persons for COVID-19 and Quarantine****1. Taking Swab**

Pursuant to regulation 21, where a person meets the case definition of a suspected case of COVID-19, the appropriate sample (oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal swab) will be taken to facilitate the molecular, Real –Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction – (RT-PCR) test for COVID-19 which will be processed at the local laboratory or the Caribbean Public Health Agency laboratory ( CARPHA).

**2. National surveillance case definitions for COVID-19**

Health personnel should report confirmed, suspected and probable cases of COVID-19 nationally to the National Epidemiologist, Health Information Unit, MOH and the Chief Medical Officer within 24 hours of their own notification.

**3. Suspect case**

A person with symptoms that include two or more of:

- Fever (signs of fever)
- Cough (new or exacerbated chronic)
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache

And

- Meets the exposure criteria

Or

- Had close contact with a probable case of COVID-19

#### **4. Probable**

**A person (who has had a laboratory test):**

- with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough
- And
- who meets the COVID-19 exposure criteria and in whom a laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 is inconclusive (indeterminate test).

Or

**A person (who has not had a laboratory test):**

- With fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough,
- And
- o Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19,
- Or
- o Lived in or worked in a closed facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 (e.g., long-term care facility, prison)

#### **5. Confirmed**

A person with laboratory confirmation of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 performed at a community, hospital or reference laboratory

#### **6. Exposure criteria**

In the 14 days before onset of illness, a person who:

- Traveled to an affected area (including hotspots outside the Federation)

Or

- Had close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who traveled to an affected area within 14 days prior to their onset of illness

Or

- Participated in a mass gathering identified as a source of exposure (e.g., conference)

Or

- Had laboratory exposure to biological material (e.g. primary clinical specimens, virus culture isolates) known to contain COVID-19.

SCHEDULE VI

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (TICKET)  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS POLICE FORCE  
SCHEDULE 6 OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 13)  
REGULATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that.....was seen in/at .....  
(Name of Person)\* (location)

On the ..... day of....., 20....., without a mask, contrary to the provisions of Regulation 22 of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 13) Regulations, made pursuant to section 5 of the Emergency Powers Act, Cap. 19.02 of the Laws of the Federation

Fixed Penalty \$500.00

Name and Rank of Officer .....

Signature of Officer .....

Force Number .....

Payment .....

If within 10 business days from the date of this notice the fixed penalty is paid to the Clerk of the Magistrate’s Court District “A”/“C”, the person’s liability to conviction of the alleged offence shall be discharged and the police will not prosecute. If not paid, the person shall appear at the Magistrate’s Court District “A”/ “C”

..... at 9 a.m. on the ..... day of ....., 20.....  
Basseterre/Charlestown

*\*Please note that if the person without the mask is between the ages of 3 and 18, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be issued with this Notice*

Made this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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