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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
PROTOCOL (NO. 4) DIRECTIVE, 2020**

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person to observe such physical distancing and associated protocols in the interest of public health as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following Directive for the period from the 29th day of October, 2020 to the 27th day of March, 2021.

1. With effect from the 29th day of October, 2020 to the 27th day of March, 2021 every person and business establishment shall comply with this Directive.
2. The owner or operator of every business establishment shall
 - (a) follow strict distancing protocols for staff and customers;
 - (b) provide hand sanitising stations for staff and customers;
 - (c) restrict the number of persons within or outside that establishment at any one time in order to ensure that a distance of at least 6 feet is maintained between every person and also ensure that persons do not assemble otherwise than for the purpose of transacting business; and

- (4) A person who is attending an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall follow strict distancing protocols, wear a face mask and comply with any instructions given by the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit.
 - (5) Where an activity referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is held there shall be a physical distance of at least one metre between every person attending the activity, unless the persons are members of the same household.
- 4. (1) Sports and competitive events are permitted to have spectators and there shall be a physical distance of at least one metre between every person attending the event, unless the persons are members of the same household.
 - (2) All spectators attending sports and competitive events shall wear face masks.
- 5. No person shall visit any place of quarantine or an isolation station.
 - 6. No person shall visit a prisoner or a ward of a Government Industrial School, but for the avoidance of doubt may visit such a facility to transact business.
 - 7. No more than one person at any time shall visit a patient in a hospital, nursing home, senior citizens' home and facilities for the treatment of persons with addiction or a dependency on drugs or a narcotic substance.
 - 8. No person shall transmit a video recording or audio recording of any person or in any way make known to the public the identity of any person who is in quarantine or in an isolation station.

9. (1) A person who wishes to host an activity referred to in paragraph 3(1) that exceeds 500 people shall first seek the permission of the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit.
- (2) A person who is attending an activity referred to in subparagraph (1) shall follow strict distancing protocols and shall wear a face mask.
10. (1) An owner or operator of a business that is regulated under the *Public Entertainments Act*, Cap. 85A who wishes to re-open and conduct business shall seek the permission of the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit who shall determine the maximum number of patrons that the business can accommodate and the conditions and protocols applicable thereto.
- (2) A person who is attending a place of public entertainment shall wear a face mask.
11. Every public service vehicle
 - (a) is permitted to carry its authorised number of sitting passengers and half of its authorised number of standing passengers;
 - (b) the driver, conductor and passengers on such vehicles shall wear face masks throughout the journey;
 - (c) except for inclement weather, the windows in such vehicles shall remain open throughout the journey;

(d) shall be sanitized after putting down passengers and before taking up new passengers at the following motor omnibus terminals:

- (i) Princess Alice;
- (ii) Fairchild Street;
- (iii) Constitution Road; and
- (iv) Speightstown.

12. Every visitor to Barbados shall comply with

- (a) these protocols; and
- (b) the Travel Protocols for entry into Barbados and the Health and Safety Protocols for the Tourism Sector established by the Chief Medical Officer for the Ministry of Tourism.

13. Any person who provides false or misleading information on arrival in Barbados to the Chief Immigration Officer or the Chief Medical Officer concerning his accommodation in Barbados is guilty of an offence.

14. Every person who is placed in quarantine at a private residence or a hotel shall not leave the premises or receive visitors.

15. Notwithstanding any provision of this Directive, the Prime Minister or Attorney General acting on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may direct any business, or organisation or sector thereof to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.

16. The owner or operator of any business, or organisation or event who fails to comply with this Directive is liable to be ordered to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.
17. A person who contravenes this Directive without reasonable explanation, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16).
18. This Directive shall come into effect on the 29th day of October, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 28th day of October, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY
Prime Minister

