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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. 233 of 23 September 2020 as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 31 March 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 233 of 23 September 2020 as amended by Government Notice No. 235 of 29 September 2020, Government Notice No. 256 of 21 October 2020, Government Notice No. 309 of 1 December 2020, Government Notice No. 319 of 16 December 2020, Government Notice No. 326 of 23 December 2020, Government Notice No. 1 of 13 January

2021, Government Notice No. 9 of 3 February 2021 and Government Notice No. 29 of 24 February 2021.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

2. 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 April 2021 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 30 April 2021.”.

Amendment of regulation 3 of Regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is amended by the insertion after subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1A) Despite subregulation (1), a child under the age of five years is not required to wear a face mask.”.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by -

(a) 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 100 persons.”;

(b) the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Despite subregulation (1) -

(a) a person may not organise or host a gathering unless the persons attending the gathering are able to observe social distancing at the gathering; and

(b) all persons at a gathering referred to in paragraph (a) must at all times adhere to the measures to combat, prevent and suppress the spread of COVID-19 as specified in or under these regulations.”;

(c) the deletion of subregulations (3A), (3B) and (3C);

(d) the substitution for subregulation (4) of the following subregulation:

“(4) A police officer may instruct a prohibited gathering to disperse and may use all reasonable measures to cause a gathering or group to disperse.”; and

(e) the deletion of paragraph (b) of subregulation (8).

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

5. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for paragraph (b) of subregulation (3) of the following paragraph:

“(b) where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence, only take place starting from 09:00 until 22:00; and”.

Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations

6. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (4) of the following subregulation:

“(4) Persons permitted to enter Namibia under subregulation (2) may not enter Namibia unless such persons at the time of entering Namibia present to an authorised person a negative Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test test result or SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result from the country of departure, which test result -

- (a) is not older than seven days calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken; and
- (b) was issued by a laboratory that is certified in that country to issue Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test test results or SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results.”.

Amendment of regulation 9 of Regulations

7. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is amended by -

(a) the substitution for subregulation (2A) of the following subregulation:

“(2A) Despite subregulation (2), Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holders of Namibian employment permits, who are returning to Namibia -

- (a) may enter Namibia with or without an Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test test result or a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result; and
- (b) will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirement, provided that such persons have a valid de-isolation certificate issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of departure to issue de-isolation certificates.”.

(b) the insertion after subregulation (2B) of following subregulations:

“(2C) A Namibian citizen who is a student enrolled for and undertaking a course of study at a school or an educational institution in a foreign country is exempted from paying the cost of an Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test test or a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test on entry into or departure from Namibia but such person must provide proof that he or she is enrolled at a school or an educational institution in a foreign country.

(2D) The exemption referred to in subregulation (2C) only applies in respect of an Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test test or a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test done at a State facility conducting Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test testing or SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing.”;

(c) the insertion after subregulation (6) of the following subregulation:

“(7) Any person who leaves Namibia and returns to Namibia within three days of departure from Namibia is not required to present a negative Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test test result or a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result from the country of departure on re-entry into Namibia.”.
