

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC)
(RISK MANAGEMENT)(NO.4)(AMENDMENT)
(NO.12) ORDER, 2021**

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MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020**

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MANAGEMENT)(NO.4)(AMENDMENT)(NO.12) ORDER,
2021**

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Risk Management) Regulations, 2020, I hereby make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Risk Management)(No.4)(Amendment)(No.12) Order, 2021.

2. Insertion of a new order 17A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 17 of the following new order —

“17A. Reporting of RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test result.

- (1) A laboratory or medical facility shall report to the Ministry of Health, the information required by the Case Investigation Form issued by the Ministry of Health, in relation to each person to whom that laboratory or medical facility has administered a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test or a COVID 19 rapid antigen test.
- (2) A report made pursuant paragraph (1) in respect of the result of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test shall be made within twenty-four hours of receipt of the result.
- (3) For the purposes of this Order, **“laboratory or medical facility”** includes testing administered by the laboratory or medical facility —
 - (a) on premises other than those under the control of the laboratory or medical facility;
 - (b) via a mobile laboratory or medical service; or
 - (c) via a concierge service.
- (4) Any person who fails without reasonable cause to comply with paragraph (2) commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.
- (5) Where a person referred to in paragraph (4) commits a second offence of failing to comply with this order, the laboratory or medical facility may be ordered to close for a period of time not

exceeding three months and in any event, not exceeding the duration of the public emergency.”.

3. Amendment of order 18 of the principal Order.

Order 18 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) by the deletion of paragraph (1) and the substitution as follows —
- “(1) Any person who —
- (a) enters The Bahamas; or
 - (b) travels inter-island, from Abaco, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama, Harbour Island or New Providence; and
 - (c) is not fully vaccinated against Covid 19,
- shall on the fifth day after his arrival, be required to undergo a COVID 19 rapid antigen test and submit the results to the Ministry of Health online via the health travel website.”; and
- (b) by the deletion of paragraph (5).

4. Insertion of new order 21A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 21 of the following new order —

“21A. Exemption of fully vaccinated persons.

- (1) A person who is fully vaccinated against Covid 19 shall be exempt from the requirement to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test or a COVID 19 rapid antigen test for the purposes of order 46 and shall present evidence to prove that he has been fully vaccinated against Covid 19.
- (2) A person who is fully vaccinated against Covid 19 and is desirous of obtaining a travel health visa under order 16 for the purpose of inter-island travel shall —
 - (a) be exempt from the requirement to undergo and submit the results of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test; and
 - (b) submit or cause to be submitted via the travel health visa portal, his contact information, together with evidence to prove that he has been fully vaccinated against Covid 19.
- (3) Effective the 1st day of May, 2021, a person who is fully vaccinated against Covid 19 and is desirous of obtaining a travel health visa for the purpose of travel into The Bahamas under order 16 shall —
 - (a) be exempt from the requirement to undergo and submit the results of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test;
 - (b) submit or cause to be submitted via the travel health visa portal, his contact information, together with evidence to prove that he has been fully vaccinated against Covid 19.

- (4) A travel health visa issued to a person who has been fully vaccinated shall remain valid unless it is revoked.
- (5) For the purposes of—
 - (a) paragraph (2), “**fully vaccinated**” in relation to a person means that the person has received the required doses of the Covid 19 vaccine administered to him; and
 - (b) paragraph (3), in relation to a person means that two weeks have elapsed since the person has received the required doses of the Covid 19 vaccine administered to him.”.

5. Amendment of order 28 of the principal Order.

Order 28 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of paragraph (2) and the substitution of the following —

- “(2) A person entering The Bahamas by sea must —
 - (a) comply with the requirements of order 25; and
 - (b) stop at the port of entry at the intended destination pursuant to paragraph (1), and deliver to the local authority his valid travel health visa and a copy of the negative RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test.
- (3) Effective the 1st day of May, 2021, a person referred to in paragraph (2) who has obtained his valid travel health visa on the basis that he has been fully vaccinated against Covid 19 shall not be required to submit a copy of a negative RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test.”.

6. Revocation and replacement of order 39B of the principal Order.

Order 39B of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“39B. Curfew for Abaco.

A curfew is hereby imposed for the mainland of Abaco extending from Monday through Sunday between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am.”.

Made this 22nd day of April, 2021



PRIME MINISTER