

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19) (PREVENTION
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**HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(CHAPTER 231)**

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The Minister in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Health Services Act (*Ch. 231*) hereby makes the following rules —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Health Services (Covid 19)(Prevention and Management of Community Spread)(Amendment)(No. 11) Rules, 2022.
- (2) These Rules shall come into operation on Sunday the 19th day of June, 2022.

2. Revocation and replacement of rule 5 of the principal Rules.

Rule 5 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“5. Entry requirements for citizens, legal residents and visitors.

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), and except as otherwise provided in this Part —
 - (a) a citizen or legal resident of The Bahamas; or
 - (b) a visitor,who complies with all other legal requirements for entry pursuant to the provisions of the Immigration Act (*Ch. 191*), shall be permitted to enter The Bahamas.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a person who is two years of age or older shall be required to present to the operator of an aircraft or vessel —
 - (a) if fully vaccinated, documentary evidence of his vaccination;
 - (b) if not fully vaccinated, a valid negative RTPCR test result.
- (3) A person referred to in paragraph (2)(b) and (c) may submit a valid health clearance letter in lieu of a valid negative RTPCR or rapid antigen test result.

- (4) The parent or guardian of a person referred to in paragraph (2)(c) who is a minor shall present or cause to be presented, to the operator of an aircraft or vessel, the valid negative results of the Covid 19 test or a valid health clearance letter.”.

3. Revocation of rule 6 of the principal Rules.

Rule 6 of the principal Rules is revoked.

4. Revocation and replacement of rule 8 of the principal Rules.

Rule 8 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“8. Failure to comply with conditions of entry.

- (1) A person who enters The Bahamas and fails to comply with the conditions of entry into The Bahamas, commits an offence and may be —
- (a) detained at an appropriate place designated by the Minister;
 - (b) screened in accordance with rule 20; and
 - (c) in the case of a visitor, liable to deportation to the last port of embarkation, at the earliest opportunity.
- (2) Where a visitor is detained at a private place, the costs associated with his detention shall be at his own expense.”.

5. Revocation and replacement of rule 11 of the principal Rules.

Rule 11 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“11. Exemption where re-entry is within twenty-four hours of departure.

Where a person who is not fully vaccinated travels from The Bahamas and returns within a period of twenty-four hours, the person shall not be required to undergo a new Covid 19 test to re-enter The Bahamas.”.

6. Revocation and replacement of rule 13 of the principal Rules.

Rule 13 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“13. Exemption for specified categories of persons.

Notwithstanding rules 5 and 9 —

- (a) a person who is less than two years old;

- (b) a person who is a pilot or crew member of a commercial air operator who is required to spend not more than one night in The Bahamas;
- (c) a person travelling on urgent government business exempted by the Minister in writing,

shall not be required to undergo a Covid 19 test for entry into The Bahamas.”.

7. Revocation of rule 14 of the principal Rules.

Rule 14 of the principal Rules is revoked.

8. Amendment of rule 36A of the principal Rules.

Rule 36A of the principal Rules is amended in paragraph (1) by the deletion of the word “*Second*”.

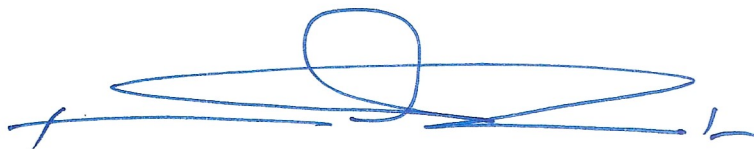
9. Revocation of the First Schedule to the principal Rules.

The First Schedule to the principal Rules is revoked.

10. Amendment of the Second Schedule to the principal Rules.

The Second Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by the deletion of the word “SECOND”.

Made this 16 day of June, 2022



MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH