

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN)
(NO. 7) ORDER, 2020**

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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (LOCKDOWN)(NO. 7) ORDER, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(Lockdown)(No. 7) Order, 2020.

2. Lockdown.

- (1) Effective 9:00 pm Friday, 15th May, 2020 until 5:00 am Monday 18th May, 2020, every agency, business, establishment or undertaking, other than the following, shall remain closed —
- (a) The Princess Margaret Hospital;
 - (b) The Rand Memorial Hospital;
 - (c) Doctors Hospital (Shirley Street and Blake Road);
 - (d) Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre;
 - (e) any hotel with guests;
 - (f) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
 - (g) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;
 - (h) Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT);
 - (i) The Department of Correctional Services;
 - (j) The Department of Immigration;
 - (k) The Customs Department;
 - (l) the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (air traffic controllers);
 - (m) The Ministry of the Environment and Housing;
 - (n) waste disposal and sanitation services;
 - (o) non-governmental organisations for home delivery of emergency food and medical supplies;
 - (p) a business licensed to provide security guard services;
 - (q) essential workers, including contractors or subcontractors, in any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications sector, including the print and electronic news media;

- (r) ports of entry, container ports, freight forwarders and private terminals for the conduct, where applicable, of basic port maintenance services (inclusive of garbage removal), domestic trade, imports and exports of containerised freight, and the import, treatment, bunkering and export of oil products;
 - (s) any public or privately owned terminal and ancillary or support services for the receipt of imported wholesale petroleum products for domestic consumption, for the purpose of the storage and onward delivery of the same to any public or private entity for utility or retail distribution throughout The Bahamas over land or by barges;
 - (t) PharmChem Technologies G.B. Ltd.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a healthcare worker may conduct home visits to members of the general public for the purpose of providing medical or therapeutic care.
 - (3) No person, except an essential worker for a business or establishment listed in paragraph (1), shall leave his place of residence for any purpose whatsoever, other than for the purpose of seeking urgent medical care at a hospital specified in paragraph (1).
 - (4) Any person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for a term not exceeding eighteen months or to both in accordance with regulation 23 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020¹.

3. Opening of grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.

- (1) Notwithstanding order 2 —
 - (a) grocery stores shall open on Saturday 16th May, 2020, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and shall only allow entrance, upon presentation of employment identification, to the persons employed in the following services and undertakings —
 - (i) between the hours of 6:00 am and 12:00 pm —
 - (aa) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
 - (bb) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force; and
 - (cc) healthcare workers;
 - (dd) essential workers in any clearing bank credit union and the financial services sector, generally;
 - (ee) Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre;
 - (ii) between the hours of 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm —
 - (aa) Fire Services;
 - (bb) the Department of Correctional Services;
 - (cc) the National Insurance Board;

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- (dd) the Ministry of Social Services;
 - (ee) the Ministry of the Environment and Housing;
 - (ff) the Department of Immigration;
 - (gg) the Customs Department;
 - (hh) the Registrar General's Department;
 - (ii) the Magistrate Court and Supreme Court (essential workers);
 - (jj) waste disposal and sanitation services;
 - (kk) wholesale grocers;
 - (ll) any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications, including the print and electronic news media (essential workers);
- (b) pharmacies shall open on Saturday 16th May, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, and shall only allow entrance, upon presentation of employment identification, to the persons referred to in subparagraphs (a) (i) and (ii);
 - (c) grocery stores, wholesale grocers, wholesale bakeries and water production companies shall be permitted to open for the restocking of food and water;
 - (d) the farmer's market on Gladstone Road, shall be permitted to operate on Saturday 16th May, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm and shall only serve, upon presentation of employment identification, to the persons referred to in subparagraphs (a) (i) and (ii); and
 - (e) suppliers of propane cooking gas shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (2) Grocery stores shall be permitted to open to the general public on all islands except New Providence and Grand Bahama, on Saturday 16th May, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.
 - (3) Auto dealerships under contract for the servicing of Government vehicles shall be permitted to open on Saturday 16th May, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

4. Grand Bahama.

Effective Friday 15th May, 2020 until Monday 18th May, 2020, notwithstanding order 2, the following businesses, undertakings, services and activities on the island of Grand Bahama shall continue in operation —

- (a) non-governmental organisations for the production and provision of water;
- (b) water depots;
- (c) waste disposal and sanitation services;
- (d) gas stations, between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm;
- (e) well drilling by Waugh Construction.

5. Abaco.

Notwithstanding order 2 the following businesses and undertakings in Abaco shall be permitted to operate —

- (a) gas stations, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of refuelling generators;
- (b) non-governmental organisations for the production and provision of water.

6. Exercise.

Notwithstanding order 2, a person is permitted to exercise in his immediate neighbourhood on Saturday 16th May, 2020 and Sunday 17th May, 2020 between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

7. Construction.

Construction shall be permitted on the islands to which this Order applies on Saturday 16th May, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

8. Event of emergency.

In the event of an emergency, a person shall seek the permission of the Commissioner of Police to leave his place of residence by calling 311 or the nearest police station.

9. Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 3) Order, 2020².

For the avoidance of doubt —

- (a) this Order shall apply to every establishment or business permitted to operate pursuant to order 5 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 3) Order, 2020;
- (b) the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 3) Order, 2020 as amended from time to time, shall continue to have effect subject to this Order; and
- (c) the physical distancing protocols and requirement to wear a face mask provided in the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 3) Order, 2020, shall apply to orders 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Made this 15th day of May, 2020



PRIME MINISTER

²S.I. No. 64 of 2020.