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In exercise of the powers conferred on me 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. 9) Order, 2021.

2. Revocation and replacement of order 36 of the principal Order.

Order 36 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

"36. Weddings and receptions.

- (1) A wedding may be held in a church, a facility, or outdoors provided that
 - (a) the number of attendees inclusive of officiants is limited in accordance with the physical distancing protocols provided in order 3; and
 - (b) all attendees wear masks in accordance with order 4.
- (2) A person may host or attend a wedding reception in all islands listed in the *First Schedule* except Grand Bahama, subject to adherence to
 - (a) the physical distancing protocols in accordance with order 3 and order 34(1)(a);
 - (b) the requirement to wear a mask in accordance with order 4;
 - (c) the requirement to sanitise in accordance with order 5.

36A. Funerals, burials and repasts.

(1) A funeral may be held in a church or other religious facility

- (a) provided that the number of attendees is limited in accordance with the physical distancing protocol order 3; and
- (b) subject to any protocols issued by the Bahamas Christian Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- (2) A funeral may be conducted at a graveside burial
 - (a) provided that the number of attendees shall be limited to not more than forty persons exclusive of officiants and funeral service workers; and
 - (b) subject to the adherence to -
 - (i) physical distancing protocols in accordance with order 3;
 - (ii) the requirement to wear a mask in accordance with order 4;
 - (iii) the requirement to sanitise in accordance with order 5.
- (3) A person may host a repast at a private residence or facility with no more than twenty persons in attendance in all islands listed in the *First Schedule* except, Grand Bahama.".

3. Revocation and replacement of order 45 of the principal Order.

Order 45 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

"45. Weddings and funerals.

- (1) A wedding may be held in a religious facility
 - (a) provided that the number of attendees shall be limited to one third of the capacity of that religious facility;
 - (b) subject to the adherence to -
 - (i) physical distancing protocols in accordance with order 3;
 - (ii) the requirement to wear a mask in accordance with order 4;
 - (iii) the requirement to sanitise in accordance with order 5; and
 - (iv) protocols issued by the Bahamas Christian Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- (2) A graveside service or internment may be held with a maximum of forty persons exclusive of the officiant and mortuary workers.

- (3) No person shall
 - (a) host or attend a wedding reception or a funeral repast; or
 - (b) conduct or attend a memorial service or funeral or cremation service in a funeral home or chapel.".

4. Revocation and replacement of order 60 of the principal Order.

Order 60 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

"60. Weddings and funerals.

- (1) A wedding may be held in a religious facility
 - (a) provided that the number of attendees shall be limited to one third of the capacity of that religious facility;
 and
 - (b) subject to the adherence to
 - physical distancing protocols in accordance with order 3;
 - (ii) the requirement to wear a mask in accordance with order 4;
 - (iii) the requirement to sanitise in accordance with order 5; and
 - (iv) protocols issued by the Bahamas Christian Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- (2) A graveside service or internment may be held with a maximum of forty persons exclusive of the officiant and mortuary workers.
- (3) No person shall
 - (a) host or attend a wedding reception or a funeral repast;
 or
 - (b) conduct or attend a memorial service or funeral or cremation service in a funeral home or chapel.".

Made this 8

day of March

, 2021

PRIME MINISTER