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REGULATIONS

Made Under

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE
(Cap. 145)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE CENTRAL BOARD OF HEALTH BY SECTIONS 48 and 157 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, THE BOARD, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT, MAKES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS: -

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Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Coronavirus) (No.3) Regulations 2022.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In these Regulations -

"face mask" includes any medical face mask or non-medical face mask with at least two layers of fabric but does not include single-layer bandanas, neck gaiters, clear face shields and shield-like face masks;

"vaccine" means any of the following approved vaccines-

(a) AstraZeneca-ChAdOx1 vaccine;

(b) BioCubaFarma-Cuba (Soberana 1, Soberana 2, Soberana Plus, Abdala);

(c) Convidicea (Ad5-nCOV)

(d) Johnson and Johnson- Janssen Ad26CoV2.S vaccine;

(e) Moderna – mRNA-1273 vaccine;

(f) Pfizer-BioNTech Covid 19-BNT162b2;

(g) Sinopharm- Vero cell BIBP;

(h) Sinovac-Corona Vac;

(i) Sputnik V-Gam Covid Vac (1&2); and

(j) any other vaccine approved by the Ministry of Health.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person is only considered to be fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving-

(a) an approved single-dose vaccine;

(b) the second dose of an approved two dose vaccine; or

(c) any mix-and-match combination of approved vaccines administered at least seventeen days apart.

Workplace guidelines.

3. (1) Every employer under this regulation shall ensure that appropriate COVID-19 guidelines are prepared and implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus among workers.

(2) The COVID-19 guidelines mentioned in subregulation (1) shall be the measures promulgated under the Public Health Ordinance by the Central Board of Health with the approval of the President, from time to time.

Social distancing and physical distancing protocols.

4. Every employer or operator of a business, as the case may be, shall ensure that-

(a) handwashing stations, or hand sanitising equipment, are placed and maintained at the entrance of the workplace or business premises so that persons entering the premises have the opportunity to wash or sanitise their hands before entering the premises;

(b) all employee workstations and all equipment on the business premises are sanitised before each work shift;

(c) all employees, customers and visitors are encouraged to wear face masks.

Places of worship.

5. Religious leaders shall ensure that –

(a) sanitisation or handwashing stations are provided for persons to use before and after the service or gathering and where persons enter the place of worship barefoot, ensure that feet-washing facilities are provided;

(b) persons are encouraged to wear face masks.

Wearing a face mask not mandatory.

6. Wearing a face mask is not mandatory but in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, persons are encouraged to wear a face mask when the person is in public.

Domestic and international travel.

7. (1) All operators and passengers of any land, water or air transport shall comply with any port health measures issued by the Board or any measures issued by the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority or any other competent authority.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, before any person is allowed to enter Guyana, whether by land or sea, that person shall present to the relevant authorities a negative molecular biological PCR test or an approved antigen test taken within seventy-two hours of the date of their arrival in Guyana and proof of vaccination.

Testing for the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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8. (1) Testing for coronavirus shall only be conducted by the National Public Health Reference Laboratory or any other laboratory issued a licence by the Minister of Health under section 7 of the Health Facilities Licensing Act to conduct testing for coronavirus.

(2) Where any laboratory referred to in subregulation (1) tests any person for coronavirus, the laboratory shall immediately report and forward the name and address of the person and the result of the test, whether positive or negative, to the Coordinator of the Health Emergency Operations Centre.

(3) Any person who has tested positive for coronavirus or identified for quarantine shall-

(a) comply with all applicable directions given and requirements imposed by the Health Emergency Operations Centre, including home isolation or quarantine or placement in an isolation or quarantine facility;

(b) provide information to the Health Emergency Operations Centre about any individual with whom the person may have had contact with, at least fourteen days before testing positive for coronavirus; and

(c) not knowingly expose themselves, without proper and necessary precautions against spreading the coronavirus, in any public place or to any person.

(4) Every laboratory permitted to do testing pursuant to this regulation shall comply with any testing protocol issued by the Ministry of Health.

Proof of vaccination.

9. Where vaccination is a requirement, proof of vaccination shall be in English or a certified translation into English, and may be in a digital form or any other form provided that the form is identifiable and includes the official stamp of the applicable country.

Offence.

10. Any person who fails to comply with these measures commits an offence under section 48 of the Public Health Ordinance and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty provided under that section.

Revocation.

11. The Public Health (Coronavirus) (No.2) Regulations published on the 11th February, 2022 is revoked.

Made this 14th day of March, 2022.

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Approved this 14th day of March, 2022.

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