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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2015

In terms of section 29(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015 (Act No. 1 of 2015), I have amended the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 15 February 2022

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. 108 of 31 May 2021, No. 128 of 16 June 2021, No. 138 of 30 June 2021, No. 144 of 9 July 2021, No. 151 of 15 July 2021, No. 160 of 31 July 2021, No. 175 of 14 August 2021, No. 189 of 6 September 2021, No. 205 of 15 September 2021, No. 232 of 15 October 2021, No. 246 of 4 November 2021, No. 249 of 15 November 2021, No. 281 of 15 December 2021 and No. 7 of 15 January 2022.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) These regulations come into operation at 00:00 on 16 February 2022 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 15 March 2022.”.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

3. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of these regulations, a “prohibited gathering” means a group of more than 500 persons.”.

Amendment of regulation 10 of Regulations

4. Regulation 10 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) Sporting events are permitted, provided that the total number of spectators at the sporting event do not exceed 500 persons.”.

Amendment of regulation 11 of Regulations

5. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is amended by the insertion of the following subregulations after subregulation (8):

“(8A) Persons permitted to enter Namibia under this regulation, including Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holders of Namibian employment permits who are returning to Namibia -

- (a) must upload their SARS-CoV2 PCR test results on the Trusted Travel System for authentication prior to travelling to Namibia; and
- (b) where the person is unable to upload the results, such person must be assisted by an authorised person to upload and authenticate their results at the point of entry into Namibia.

(8B) Persons referred to in subregulation (8A) must access the Trusted Travel System through the African Union Centres for Disease Control and Prevention website and create an account.”.

Amendment of regulation 12 of Regulations

6. Regulation 12 of the Regulations is amended by -

(a) the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Despite subregulation (2), Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holders of Namibian employment permits, who are returning to Namibia -

- (a) may enter Namibia with or without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result; and

- (b) will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirements, provided that such persons have a valid -
 - (i) negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result which -
 - (aa) is not older than 72 hours calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken; and
 - (bb) was issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results; or
 - (ii) de-isolation certificate, not older than three months from the date of discharge from isolation, issued by the health authority in the country of departure.”; and
- (b) the insertion of the following subregulations after subregulation (3):
 - “(3A) Despite subregulation (2) -
 - (a) Namibian citizens,
 - (b) holders of Namibian permanent residence permits; and
 - (c) holders of Namibian employment permits,
 - (d) persons who are domiciled in Namibia or otherwise lawfully resident in Namibia;
 - (e) persons who are part of a team of medical personnel that is required to provide medical services in Namibia;
 - (f) persons who are members of the diplomatic or consular staff of a country that is accredited to Namibia or in transit to another country;
 - (g) holders of a diplomatic passport;
 - (h) a spouse or child of a person referred to in paragraphs (b), (c), (d) or (f); or
 - (i) persons who are truck drivers driving a truck that is used for the carriage and transportation of goods during the course of business, trade or commercial activity of the owner or operator of the truck,

who are returning to Namibia may enter Namibia with or without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result and will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirements, provided that such persons have a valid vaccination certificate -

- (i) showing that the persons concerned are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- (ii) issued by a person or authority certified or authorised to administer COVID-19 vaccines and to issue vaccination certificates in any country.

(3B) Despite subregulation (2), a person who is not a Namibian citizen and who lives within a 60 kilometers radius of a Namibian border may enter Namibia without a valid negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test, provided that such person presents a police declaration signed and issued by the police in the country of residence which declaration confirms the place of residence.”.

Amendment of regulation 19 of Regulations

7. Regulation 19 of the Regulations is amended in subregulation (3) by the substitution for paragraph (l) of the following paragraph:

“(l) a total of 500 mourners, exclusive of persons who are providing critical services or essential goods in connection with the burial, memorial service or similar gathering, are allowed at the burial and at all memorial services or similar gatherings held in connection with the death of the deceased person, provided that in all cases the persons conducting the burial must wear personal protective equipment as approved by an authorised officer and maintain a physical distance of not less than two metres from each other;”.
