

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
CURFEW DIRECTIVE, 2020**

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No.) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person within any area specified in the directive to remain indoors between such hours as may be specified:

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following directive.

- (1) A curfew is hereby imposed throughout Barbados from the 28th March, 2020 to the 14th April, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (2) From 28th March, 2020 to 14th April, 2020 every non-essential service shall remain closed, except the following which may open only between the hours specified:
 - (a) abattoirs, butchers' shops and fish markets between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
 - (b) bakeries between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
 - (c) farms between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
 - (d) pharmaceutical manufacturers, manufacturers of juices, soft drinks and dairy products, food processors and food distributors between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
 - (e) banks, credit unions and other financial institutions, excluding insurance companies between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
 - (f) cleaning services between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
 - (g) restaurants for drive-thru and take-away services only between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;

- (h)* fuel manufacturers, fuel storage facilities and fuel distributors between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
 - (i)* wholesale and retail grocery stores, mini-marts and village shops between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
 - (j)* gasoline stations between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.;
 - (k)* delivery services relating to meals, groceries and medical supplies between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
 - (l)* hotels, villas and other rental accommodation excluding gaming rooms, spas, gyms and discotheques and restaurants, except for take-away service and room service for the entire day;
 - (m)* sugar factories for the entire day;
 - (n)* private veterinary services as needed.
- (3) The following Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Corporations shall open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.:
- (a)* the Office of the Attorney-General, the Registrar of the Supreme Court and the Department of Public Prosecutions;
 - (b)* the National Assistance Board;
 - (c)* the Child Care Board;
 - (d)* the Welfare Department;
 - (e)* Health Laboratory;
 - (f)* the National Disabilities Unit;
 - (g)* the National Insurance Department;
 - (h)* the Treasury;

- (i)* the Central Bank;
- (j)* the General Post;
- (k)* the Civil Aviation Department;
- (l)* Cabinet Office;
- (m)* the Prime Minister's Office;
- (n)* the Ministry of the Public Service;
- (o)* the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology;
- (p)* the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs;
- (q)* the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade;
- (r)* the Commerce Department;
- (s)* the Barbados Tourism Management Inc.;
- (t)* Central Purchasing;
- (u)* Barbados Meteorological Services;
- (v)* the Barbados Statistical Department;
- (w)* the Barbados Revenue Authority;
- (x)* the Barbados Licensing Authority;
- (y)* the Urban Development Commission;
- (z)* the Rural Development Commission;
- (aa)* the Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation;
- (bb)* the Barbados Agricultural Management Company.

- (4) Ministry of Agriculture's plant quarantine and veterinary services services shall work as needed.
- (5) The owner or operator of every business establishment shall restrict the number of persons within or outside that establishment at any one time in order to ensure that a distance of at least six feet is maintained between every person.
- (6) Except for the conduct of funeral services and weddings, all churches and places of religious worship, including mosques and synagogues shall be closed.
- (7) No person shall host or attend
 - (a) a private party;
 - (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;
 - (c) a wedding other than the bride, the bridegroom, official witnesses and the marriage officer;
 - (d) a banquet, ball or reception;
 - (e) any social event;
 - (f) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization.
- (8) No person shall visit any place of quarantine or an isolation station.
- (9) No person shall visit a prison or a Government Industrial School.
- (10) Those public officers whose presence in the office is not designated as essential to the present level of operation of the office shall work from their homes.
- (11) Private businesses and offices may only continue their operations where the employees can work exclusively from their homes.

- (12) No more than ten mourners, one officiant and the funeral director and the necessary staff shall attend a funeral.
- (13) No more than one person at any time shall visit a patient in a hospital, nursing home, senior citizens' home, facilities for the treatment of persons with addiction or a dependency on drugs or narcotic substances.
- (14) Subject to the provisions of this Directive, every person shall remain in the confines of his home and its curtilage.
- (15) A person who contravenes this Directive without reasonable explanation, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50, 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020*.

Made by the Prime Minister this day of , 2020.

Prime Minister