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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES) (No. 7) ORDER, 2020

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management has given written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Disaster Risk Management Act should be taken promptly:

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, the Prime Minister by Order declared the whole of Jamaica to be a disaster area:

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, the following Order is hereby made:—

Citation. 1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020, and shall take effect on the 1st day of June, 2020.
2. The measures set out in this Order are directed to be enforced for removing or otherwise guarding against or mitigating the threat, or effects, of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) and the possible consequences thereof.

3.—(1) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 14, 2020, the provisions of paragraph 4 shall apply to all persons seeking to enter Jamaica.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 4, priority shall be given to entry by—

(a) citizens of Jamaica;

(b) the spouse and dependents of a citizen of Jamaica, travelling to Jamaica with that citizen; and

(c) any person, or category of persons, authorised in writing, in the form set out as Form 1 of the First Schedule, by the Minister responsible for immigration, subject to the prior approval of the Cabinet.

4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), a person who, during the period June 1, 2020 to June 14, 2020—

(a) seeks to enter Jamaica, shall—

(i) through the website https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/, complete the relevant application for entry; and

(ii) comply with all applicable provisions of the Immigration Restriction (Commonwealth Citizens) Act and the Aliens Act; and

(b) if landed in Jamaica, shall—

(i) remain in quarantine at a facility designated by the Government, or such other place as may be directed by a Medical Officer (Health) (which could be that person’s abode or place of residence, including the yard), for a period of 14 days beginning from the date on which that person entered Jamaica; and

(ii) comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed, by an authorized officer.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (5) and (9), during the period from June 1, 2020, to June 14, 2020, each person who enters Jamaica shall be—

(a) tested for the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) upon arrival in Jamaica; and

(b) be given information about the protocols that the person shall follow in order to minimize the risk of transmission of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).
(3) A person who entered Jamaica during the period March 21, 2020 to May 31, 2020 shall—

(a) remain in quarantine, at such place as may be directed by a Medical Officer (Health), or at that person’s abode or place of residence (including the yard), for a period of 14 days beginning from the date on which that person was permitted to enter Jamaica; and

(b) comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed, by an authorized officer.

(4) Each person who entered Jamaica on or after March 18, 2020, shall forthwith contact the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness, either—

(a) through the website https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/ or e-mail covid19@moh.gov.jm; or

(b) by calling any of the following numbers—

(i) 888-ONE-LOVE (888-663-5683);

(ii) 888-754-7792;

(iii) 876-542-5998;

(iv) 876-542-6007; or

(v) 876-542-6006,

and shall provide to that Ministry the residential address where that person can be located, and all other information required by that Ministry for the purposes of measures to combat the risk of transmission of the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).

(5) A Medical Officer (Health), Medical Officer or public health officer shall, in respect of a person who applies under sub-paragraph (1) to enter Jamaica, conduct a health and risk assessment including—

(a) a temperature check;

(b) observation for symptoms of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19); and

(c) taking into account the countries visited by the person during the period of six weeks immediately before the date of the application and any other relevant health factors,

and determine whether or not the person poses a high risk for the transmission of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).
(6) Where the Medical Officer (Health), Medical Officer or public health officer (as the case may be) determines pursuant to sub-paragraph (5)—

(a) that the person does not pose a high risk for the transmission of the SARS–CoV–2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), the Medical Officer (Health), Medical Officer or public health officer (as the case may be) shall exempt the person from—

(i) the requirement to enter quarantine under sub-paragraph (1); and

(ii) the requirement to be tested under sub-paragraph (2),

but shall require the person to remain at an abode or place of residence (including the yard) for a period of 14 days beginning from the date on which the person was permitted to enter Jamaica; or

(b) that the person poses a high risk for the transmission of the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and the person consents to be monitored by an electronic device, the Medical Officer (Health), Medical Officer or public health officer (as the case may be) shall require the person to remain in quarantine at an abode or place of residence (including the yard) for a period of 14 days beginning from the date on which the person was permitted to enter Jamaica.

(7) The use of an electronic monitoring device under sub-paragraph (6)(b) shall be solely for the purpose of preventing the transmission of the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) into the community, and, accordingly—

(a) the electronic monitoring device shall be used only to monitor—

(i) whether the person has left the designated quarantine area; and

(ii) the health status of the person;

(b) the electronic monitoring shall be terminated immediately on the expiration of the quarantine period, as the case may be; and

(c) all information obtained from the electronic monitoring shall be stored in a secure manner for the duration of the quarantine, as the case may be, and shall—

(i) be accessible only by the technical personnel responsible for implementing the monitoring, who may disclose it only to the following individuals—

(A) a member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, not below the rank of Inspector, designated by the Commissioner of Police; and
(B) a Medical Officer (Health) and a Medical Officer; and

(ii) be deleted upon the expiration of the quarantine, as the case may be.

(8) A person required to remain at an abode or place of residence under sub-paragraph (6)(a) may leave that abode or place of residence only once per day to go to the nearest practicable location for the purpose of the necessities of life (which shall be construed as including obtaining food, medical supplies or medical services, conducting financial transactions, overseeing the person’s place of business, attending a place of worship, and physical exercise).

(9) The provisions of—

(a) sub-paragraphs (2) and (5) shall not apply to airline crew who enter Jamaica but are not landed in Jamaica;

(b) sub-paragraph (2)(a) shall not apply to airline crew who are landed in Jamaica.

5.—(1) A person in Jamaica who develops a respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms and who may have had contact with someone who—

(a) has travelled to a country affected by the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19); or

(b) is infected with the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) or has been exposed to a person so infected,

shall forthwith inform the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness (at any means of contact specified in paragraph 4(4)) and comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed by, a Medical Officer (Health), a Medical Officer, a public health officer or a nurse registered under the Nurses and Midwives Act.

(2) A person in Jamaica who tests positive for the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) shall be quarantined at a facility designated by the Government, or such other place designated by a Medical Officer (Health).

6.—(1) Except as otherwise permitted under the Second Schedule, during the period from—

(a) June 1, 2020, to June 15, 2020, commencing at 9:00 pm on June 1, 2020, and ending at 5:00 am on June 15, 2020, each person shall remain at an abode or place of residence (which includes the yard) during the hours from 9:00 pm each day to 5:00 am on the following day; and

(b) June 15, 2020, to June 30, 2020, commencing at 10:00 pm on June 15, 2020, and ending at 5:00 am on June 30, 2020, each person shall
remain at an abode or place of residence (which includes the yard) during the hours from 10:00 pm each day to 5:00 am on the following day.

(2) A person permitted under the Second Schedule to leave their abode or place of residence shall produce satisfactory proof of identification as a person referenced in the Second Schedule, on being requested to do so by an authorized officer, at any time during the hours specified in sub-paragraph (1) within the period specified in that sub-paragraph.

(3) Where a person is permitted under the Second Schedule to leave their abode or place of residence, during the hours specified in sub-paragraph (1) within the period specified in that sub-paragraph, the employer of a person referenced in sub-paragraph (2) shall, if the person would otherwise have to take public transportation, ensure that transportation is provided to the person between the place of employment and the person’s abode or place of residence.

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph 5(2), a person who is ill with the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) shall, except for the purpose of seeking urgent medical attention—

(a) remain in quarantine at a facility designated by the Government or such other place as may be designated by a Medical Officer (Health) (which may be the person’s abode or place of residence (excluding the yard)); and

(b) to the extent possible, remain isolated from other persons in that facility, abode or place of residence,

and shall ensure that a valid photo identification of that person is kept with the person, when that person is outside of the designated facility or such other place.

(2) A person who is ill with a respiratory illness or a flu-like illness shall, except for the purpose of seeking urgent medical attention, remain at home until the person has fully recovered from the illness.

(3) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, a person who has attained the age of 65 years or more shall remain within an abode or place of residence, except that the person may leave that abode or place of residence once per day, to go to the closest practicable location for the purpose of necessities of life, and then shall immediately return to the abode or place of residence.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3), “necessities of life” include obtaining food, medical supplies or medical services, conducting financial transactions, overseeing the person’s place of business, attending a place of worship, and physical exercise.
8. During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020—

(a) subject to the exceptions listed in the Third Schedule, gatherings in any public place shall not exceed 10 persons at a time;

(b) each person at such a gathering shall maintain a distance of at least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) from other persons (“social distancing”); and

(c) when in a public place (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes a workplace and a licensed public passenger vehicle), each person shall wear a mask fitted to that person’s face so as to cover that person’s nose and mouth.

9.— (1) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, the operator of a hospital or nursing home shall ensure that no person visits a patient in the hospital or nursing home, more than once per day, and that each such patient does not have more than one visitor per day.

(2) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, the operator of an infirmary shall ensure that—

(a) no person visits a patient in the infirmary; and

(b) no patient of the infirmary is permitted to go outside the infirmary.

(3) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, no new patient shall be admitted to an infirmary.

(4) An employee of a hospital, nursing home or infirmary shall, immediately on becoming aware that he or she has, or may have, been exposed to the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) outside of that hospital, nursing home or infirmary (as the case may be)—

(a) report the matter to the employer, and to the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness (at any means of contact specified in paragraph 4(4)); and

(b) remain at the person’s abode or place of residence unless otherwise authorised by a Medical Officer (Health), a Medical Officer or a nurse registered under the Nurses and Midwives Act.

10.—(1) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020—

(a) markets shall operate, and vending in public arcades and public transportation centres shall take place, only during the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays; and

(b) on Sundays, all markets shall remain closed, and no vending shall take place in public arcades and public transportation centres.
(2) During the period from June 1, 2020 to June 14, 2020, no more than 10 persons at a time shall be permitted to be in any one area of a barber shop or hair salon, and no more than 2 of those persons shall be clients waiting to be served in that area.

(3) All public transportation for which a licence is required under the Transport Authority Act shall operate only during the period from—

(a) June 1, 2020, to June 14, 2020, between the hours of 4:00 am and 10:00 pm, but no passengers shall be in any such transportation during the hours of—
   (i) 4:00 am to 5:00 am; and
   (ii) 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm;

(b) June 15, 2020, to June 30, 2020, between the hours of 4:00 am and 11:00 pm, but no passengers shall be in any such transportation during the hours of—
   (i) 4:00 am and 5:00 am; and
   (ii) 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm;

(c) during the period referred to in sub-paragraph (a), the provision of such public transportation—
   (i) by motor car, shall be with all windows open and the air conditioning turned off; or
   (ii) by bus shall be limited to seated passengers only; and

(d) during the periods referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), each person who is a driver or passenger of such public transportation shall—
   (i) produce photo identification in the form required under paragraph 6(2) upon being required to do so by an authorized officer; and
   (ii) wear a mask fitted to that person so as to cover the person’s nose and mouth.

(4) During the period from June 7, 2020, to June 30, 2020, public beaches (whether licensed under the Beach Control Act or otherwise) may open during the hours from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, and the operator of such a beach shall ensure that the following requirements are complied with—

(a) paragraph 8(b) and (c) (social distancing and wearing of masks), except that members of the same household, family or group, may gather in groups consisting two persons each, who may be closer together than 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet), with a distance of at
least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) between each such group of two persons;

(b) no more than 10 persons at a time shall gather in any one area of the beach;

(c) beach chairs shall not be provided by the operator of the beach, but persons visiting the beach shall be permitted to bring their own chairs;

(d) activities at the beach shall be limited to swimming, exercising and sunbathing (with social distancing as required under sub-paragraph (a)), and no beach parties or group games (such as football or volleyball) shall be permitted;

(e) food establishments at the beach are permitted to open during the opening hours of the beach, but—

   (i) no seating shall be provided for dining at the establishment;

   (ii) facilities shall be provided for staff and customers to wash or otherwise sanitize their hands; and

   (iii) the social distancing requirements set out in sub-paragraph (a) shall apply;

(f) vendors shall not be permitted to walk the beach with items for sale;

(g) an attendant shall be stationed outside each restroom, and each changing room, of the beach, at all times during the opening hours of the beach;

(h) restrooms of the beach shall be cleaned and sanitized at least every three hours;

(i) changing rooms of the beach shall be sanitized after each use; and

(j) outdoor shower facilities at the beach may be used if the social distancing requirements set out in sub-paragraph (a) are complied with and physical markers are in place indicating where each person using, or waiting to use, the shower facilities is to stand, in keeping with those requirements.

(5) During the period from June 7, 2020, to June 30, 2020—

(a) rivers may only be used—

   (i) during the hours from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm; and
(ii) for domestic purposes (such as for crossing where there is no other means of access to the other side, bathing or fishing);

(b) no river parties shall be held;

(c) paragraph 8(b) and (c) (social distancing and wearing of masks) apply to persons at a river, except that members of the same household, family or group, may gather in groups consisting two persons each, who may be closer together than 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet), with a distance of at least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) between each such group of two persons; and

(d) no more than 10 persons at a time shall gather at any one area of the river.

(6) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 14, 2020, the following shall remain closed—

(a) all bars (except as provided in sub-paragraphs (8) and (9)), nightclubs and other places of amusement; and

(b) all water attractions (including falls, but excluding rivers) and other attractions.

(7) In sub-paragraph (6), “place of amusement” means any place open to the public, whether for a fee or free of charge, for the purpose of entertainment and (without limit to the generality of the foregoing) includes a cinema, dance hall, club, open air dance venue, amusement arcade, any place where a coin operated amusement machine is open to the public, a festival, discotheque, roller disco, or skate rink.

(8) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 14, 2020, and subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (9), bars that operate under a village retail licence under the Spirit Licence Act may open no earlier than 11:00 am and shall close no later than 8:00 pm.

(9) The operator of a bar permitted to open under sub-paragraph (8) shall ensure that—

(a) no more than 5 persons (including bartenders) are permitted to be in the indoor area of the bar at any one time;

(b) customers are seated only at the outdoor table seating area of the bar and no more than two persons are seated at each table outdoors, with no more than ten customers at a time at the outdoor area of the bar;

(c) all doors and windows of the bar remain open during the opening hours of the bar;
(d) all gaming machines at the bar are spaced at least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) apart;

(e) the provisions of paragraph 8(b) and (c) (social distancing and wearing of masks) are observed by the employees and customers of the bar;

(f) no parties or other activities are held that are likely to attract more than 10 persons to the bar;

(g) no games are permitted at the bar;

(h) no person who has attained the age of 65 years or more (whether an employee or customer) is permitted at the bar; and

(i) the provisions of paragraph 12(4)(a) (hand-washing or sanitization facilities) are complied with at the bar.

11.—(1) Subject to the sub-paragraph (2), every educational institution, as defined in the Education Act, shall remain closed until the end of September 6, 2020.

(2) Secondary schools (as defined in the Education Act) shall, in accordance with the guidelines, open as of June 8, 2020, for the purpose of facilitation preparation for, and the taking of, Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Examinations and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) by students eligible therefor.

(3) In this paragraph, “the guidelines” means the guidelines entitled “Education in Emergencies – A Manual for the Re-opening of Educational Institutions” issued by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, dated May 26, 2020, as updated from time to time.

12.—(1) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, any of the following employees may request the employer’s permission to work from home—

(a) an employee—

(i) who is immunocompromised with underlying illnesses that are not under control, thereby rendering the employee unable to safely work in an environment in gatherings or other conditions that put that employee at heightened risk during a pandemic; and

(ii) who presents the employer with a medical certificate as to the matters set out in sub-paragraph (i);

(b) an employee who has no suitable arrangements available to care for a child of that employee;
an employee who has no suitable arrangements available to care for an elderly or ill family member, or a family member who is a “person with a disability” (as defined in the Disabilities Act), and an employer who grants such an employee permission to work from home shall do so without imposing any adverse consequences to the employee, in respect thereof.

(2) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, the employer shall not require to attend for work at the workplace any employee who—

(a) has attained the age of 65 years or more; or

(b) exhibits flu-like symptoms or respiratory symptoms, and where paragraph (b) applies, has a duty, if the employee does attend for work, to send the employee home and to report the matter to the Ministry responsible for health and wellness at any means of contact specified in paragraph 4(4).

(3) The grant of permission to an employee under sub-paragraph (1), or (5), or a requirement in respect of an employee under sub-paragraph (2), shall not count against the leave entitlements of that employee, unless otherwise agreed between the employer and employee.

(4) An employer shall—

(a) provide sufficient number of areas, at the workplace, where any person who is an employee or customer of the employer, or any other visitor to the workplace, is able to readily access facilities for washing or otherwise sanitizing, that person’s hands;

(b) as far as is reasonably practicable, during the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, ensure that all employees, customers, visitors and staff at the business maintain social distancing of no less than 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) from each other;

(c) as far as is reasonably practicable, during the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, ensure that markers are placed at the workplace, at a distance of no less than 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) apart, indicating where each customer shall stand while waiting to be admitted or served;

(d) ensure that effective ventilations systems are in operation at the workplace; and

(e) ensure that the guidance set out in the document entitled “Environmental Health Interim Guidelines and Procedures for the Re-opening of Public Facilities/Spaces for COVID-19”, issued by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, dated May, 2020, is adhered to.
(5) Where the area at a workplace is not sufficient to allow for social distancing as required under sub-paragraph (4)(b), the employer shall put into effect arrangements that allow for either or both of the following—

(a) permitting some employees to work from home;

(b) staggered working hours for employees.

(6) The requirements of sub-paragraph (4)(b) shall not apply in respect of any service or employment specified in item 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 of the Third Schedule.

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, paragraph 8(c) (requirement to wear masks) applies to all persons at workplaces.

13.—(1) The provisions of this paragraph apply during the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a business in the business processing outsourcing sector shall be certified for operation if, after conducting an inspection of the premises the Director-General certifies in writing in the Form set out as Form 2 of the First Schedule that the business is so certified.

(3) The Director-General shall not clear any business for operation under this paragraph unless the Director-General is satisfied, after consultation with a Medical Officer (Health), that the criteria set out in sub-paragraph (6) will be complied with by the business.

(4) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (5) to (7) shall apply to all businesses in the business processing outsourcing sector.

(5) The operator of a business to which this paragraph applies shall ensure that—

(a) hand washing stations, or hand sanitizing equipment, are placed and maintained at the entrance of the business premises and at the entrance to every lunch room and every recreation area at the premises, so that persons entering have the opportunity to wash or sanitize their hands before entering the premises, lunch area or recreation area (as the case may be);

(b) its employees are directed to wash or sanitize their hands before entering the business premises and before and after every lunch break and recreation break;

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

(d) each employee is provided with a headset for the use only by that employee;
(e) temperature checks are conducted on each employee upon the arrival of the employee for work or at the beginning of that employee’s shift;

(f) physical distance markers are placed at least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) apart, so as to manage distancing of persons at entry queues to the business premises;

(g) an isolation area is established for the temporary holding of a person who becomes symptomatic while on the business premises;

(h) every employee wears a mask fitted so as to cover the nose and mouth of that employee, while in the business operation areas of the premises;

(i) the employees coming off a work shift exit the business premises before the employees starting the next work shift enter, or queue to enter, the business premises;

(j) employees with flu-like symptoms or respiratory symptoms are not permitted to go to work or, if already at work, are not permitted to remain at work, and that the Ministry responsible for health and wellness is informed of the employees that have those symptoms;

(k) immediately on the operator becoming aware that a person at the business premises has tested positive for the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), the business premises are closed and the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness informed of the closure and that the person has tested positive, indicating any information that the operator may have that the person was in contact with another person who tested positive for the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19);

(l) where the business is closed pursuant to sub-paragraph (m), the business does not re-open until the premises are sanitized and the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness approves in writing the re-opening;

(m) the name of every employee who fails to comply with the requirements of this paragraph, together with the residential address where that employee can be located and that employee’s telephone number, is reported to the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness and suspended from work at the business; and

(n) the guidelines set out in the document entitled “Environmental Health Guidelines and Procedures for Global Services Sector (GSS)/Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Revised Guidance for
COVID-19” issued by the Ministry with responsibility for Health
and Wellness, dated May 8, 2020, are complied with.

(6) An operator of a business to which this paragraph applies shall
furnish a report daily to the Director-General, specifying whether the operator
is in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(7) The Director-General shall forward a copy of each report furnished
under sub-paragraph (6) to a Medical Officer (Health), who shall take any
appropriate action that may be required.

14.—(1) In the case of a funeral service—

(a) held during the period from June 1, 2020, to June 6, 2020, no more
than 15 persons at a time shall be permitted to gather at the funeral
service, no more than 10 of whom shall be persons attending as
mourners;

(b) held during the period from June 6, 2020, to June 30, 2020 the
number of persons permitted to gather at any time shall not exceed
one person for every 36 square feet of the area concerned, but in
any case shall not exceed 50 persons (regardless of the size of the
area); and

(c) for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of paragraph 8(b) and
(c) (social distancing and wearing of masks) apply to gatherings at
the funeral service.

(2) During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 14, 2020—

(a) no more than 15 persons at a time shall be permitted at any burial
site (no more than 10 of whom shall be persons attending as
mourners);

(b) burials may only be conducted between the hours of 9:00 am and
4:00 pm;

(c) the time for conducting a burial shall not be longer than 30 minutes;
and

(d) for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of paragraph 8(b) and
(c) (social distancing and wearing of masks) apply to gatherings at
burial sites.

15.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (9), during the period from June 1, 2020,
to June 14, 2020, the following provisions apply in respect of gatherings at
places of worship (which shall be construed as meaning churches or other
official places of worship however described)—

(a) in respect of gatherings indoors at the place of worship, the number
of persons permitted to gather at any time shall not exceed one
person for every 40 square feet of the area concerned, and (for the avoidance of doubt) gatherings outdoors conducted by the place of worship shall not exceed 10 persons at a time;

(b) paragraph 8(b) and (c) (physical distancing and wearing of masks) continue to apply;

(c) the temperature of each person seeking entry onto the premises of the place of worship shall be checked, and no person whose temperature when so checked gives rise to a suspicion that the person is ill shall be permitted entry;

(d) hand washing, or hand sanitization, facilities shall be provided at each entrance to the place of worship, and each person seeking entry shall wash or sanitize that person’s hands upon entry;

(e) entrance to and exit from the place of worship shall be controlled so that—
   (i) a physical distance of at least 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) is maintained in respect of each person; and
   (ii) no physical contact (such as hugs or handshakes) occurs between persons;

(f) between each service conducted at the place of worship—
   (i) there shall be a break of sufficient duration to ensure that the physical distancing requirements of this section can be complied with; and
   (ii) the place of worship shall be sanitized;

(g) choir gatherings and performances shall not be permitted at the place of worship; and

(h) a person who becomes ill, or exhibits flu-like or respiratory symptoms, while at the place of worship shall not be permitted to remain at the place of worship.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply to gatherings for funerals (in which case, paragraph 14 applies) or for marriage ceremonies (in which case, paragraph 16 applies).

16.—(1) During the period from—

(a) June 1, 2020, to June 6, 2020, no more than 15 persons at a time shall be permitted to gather at a marriage ceremony (inclusive of the person performing the ceremony);

(b) June 7, 2020, to June 30, 2020, no more than one person for every 36 square feet of the area concerned shall be permitted to gather at
any time at any marriage ceremony (inclusive of the person conducting the ceremony), but, regardless of the size of the area, the gathering shall not exceed 50 persons at any time, and (for the avoidance of doubt) the provisions of paragraph 8(b) and (c) (physical distancing and wearing of masks) apply at any such marriage ceremony.

17. During the period from June 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, no person, other than the following persons, shall have access to an inmate of a “correctional institution” as defined in the Corrections Act—

(a) members of staff of the correctional institution;

(b) the inmate’s attorney-at-law;

(c) the Medical Officer assigned to the correctional institution or any person who, with the permission of that Medical Officer, is authorised to provide health care in the correctional institution.

18.—(1) No information shall be published which discloses the identity of—

(a) a person who has tested positive for, or who is suspected to have, the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), or another person who is a family member of that person; or

(b) a person conducting any health examination, contact tracing or health investigation, in respect of any person mentioned in paragraph (a), without that person’s express consent, and an authorized officer may at any time make a direction to that effect.

(2) No person shall be within 30.48 metres (or 100 feet) of a person who is being tested for the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) or a person who is conducting such testing, and an authorized officer may at any time make a direction to that effect.

19. The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 6) Order, 2020, is revoked.
FIRST SCHEDULE  

FORM 1  

Authorisation to Enter Jamaica  

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT  

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) 
Order, 2020  

To: All immigration officers and all authorized officers  

This confirms that _________________________________________________ of  

(authorised entrant or category of entrants)  

(in the case of authorised entrant, address in Jamaica where the person permanently resides or will stay)  

is hereby authorised to enter Jamaica on the day of , 2020,  

subject to the following conditions:  

[state conditions, if any].  

Dated this day of , 2020.  

____________________________  
Minister of National Security
To: All authorized officers

This certifies that ________________________________ , operating (name of business) at ________________________________ is cleared for (address of business) operation.

An inspection of the premises was conducted and, after consultation with a Medical Officer (Health), I am satisfied that the criteria set out in paragraph 13 of the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020, will be met.

Dated this day of __________, 20__.

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Director-General
FORM 3 (Second Schedule)

Designation by Speaker of the House of Representatives under
Item 36 of the Second Schedule

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7)
Order, 2020

To: All authorized officers

This confirms that _____________________________, is a
(name of exempt person)

person whose duties include responding to emergency matters requiring the attention
of a member of the House of Representatives and is hereby designated as an exempt
person for the purposes of the Second Schedule of the Disaster Risk Management
(Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020 (persons permitted to leave their abode
or place of residence during the hours referenced in paragraph 6(1)).

Dated this               day of , 2020.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives
FIRST SCHEDULE, contd.

FORM 4 (Second Schedule)

Designation under Item 29 or 30 of the Second Schedule, by Permanent Secretary, Chief Personnel Officer, Head of Department or Agency, Governor of the Bank of Jamaica or the Chief Executive Officer of a Municipal Corporation

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020

To: All authorized officers

For the period from the day of , 2020, to the day of , 2020,

this confirms that ________________________________, of

(Name of employee)

______________________________________________________________ ,

(address)

is employed to the ____________________________________________ in

(Ministry/Office of the Services Commissions/Department/
 Agency/Bank of Jamaica/Municipal Corporation)

duties for the purposes of the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020.

Dated this day of , 2020.

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Permanent Secretary/Chief Personnel Officer
Head of Department or Agency/Governor/CEO of Municipal Corporation
FORM 5 (Second Schedule)

Designation of Exempt Service or Activity under Item 40 of the Second Schedule

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020

To: All authorized officers

This confirms that ________________________________, is a (name of exempt person) person who has duties in respect of ________________________________ , (description of service or activity) which is hereby designated as an exempt service or activity for the purposes of the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020.

Dated this ______ day of __________, 2020.

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Minister of National Security

Stamp or Seal
FIRST SCHEDULE, contd.

FORM 6  (Third Schedule)

Authorisation to Carry on Service, Activity or Gathering, Involving More than 10 Persons

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2020

To: All authorized officers

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(description of service, activity, or event)

is hereby authorised to be carried on [on the day of , 2020,]
[during the period from the day of , 2020, to the day of , 2020], subject to the following conditions [state conditions, if any]:

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Name of event organizer/operator (if applicable):

Dated this day of , 2020.

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Medical Officer (Health)
SECOND SCHEDULE

Paragraph 6

Persons Permitted to Leave their Abode or Place of Residence during the Specified Hours during the Relevant Periods under Paragraph 6

For the purposes of the employment, service, activity or authorisation, or duties (as the case may be) described below—

1. Duties as a holder of any of the following offices—
   (a) Governor-General;
   (b) office as a member of either House of Parliament;
   (c) office as a member of the Judiciary.

2. Employees of the Houses of Parliament.

3. Permanent Secretaries, the Chief Personnel Officer, the Solicitor-General and the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

4. Any member of a security force, the municipal police or the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency.

5. Any person employed in a service concerning the provision of health, water, food, electricity, public works, sanitation, firefighting, civil aviation or telecommunications.

6. Veterinary surgeons, licensed under the Veterinary Act.

7. Immigration officers and customs officers.

8. Correctional services officers.

9. Persons employed in the transportation of agricultural produce or livestock or employed in the poultry industry (including catching crew, poultry processing plant staff and the staff of feed mills).

10. Persons employed in the sugar cane industry.


12. Persons employed in services connected with oil-refining and with the loading, distribution, transportation, or retail, of petroleum fuel, liquefied natural gas or any renewable energy source.

13. Persons employed in services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and with the storage and delivery of goods at, or from, docks, wharves and warehouses operated in connection with docks or wharves.

14. Persons employed in the provision of public transportation by the Jamaica Urban Transit Company or the Montego Bay Metro Company Limited.
SECOND SCHEDULE, contd.

15. Persons whose duties involve the hearing of emergency matters before a court, as determined by that court.

16. Persons employed to the courts.

17. Any attorney-at-law attending at police stations or lock-ups, or appearing before a court, for the purposes of legal representation of a client of that attorney-at-law, or attending to a client of the attorney-at-law in the case of an emergency arising due to the SARS–CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19) pandemic.

18. Persons employed in the maintenance of the infrastructure for the provision of business process outsourcing services and persons who fall under paragraph 13(1)(b).

19. Persons employed to the media (such as journalists, television or radio presenters, camera operators, announcers, engineers, technicians and newspaper delivery personnel).

20. Persons employed to businesses providing private security.


22. Persons employed to the Toll Authority established under the Toll Roads Act.

23. Persons employed to courier services.

24. Persons employed in the bauxite or alumina industries.

25. Persons engaged in the transportation of manufactured products.

26. Persons employed to Factories as defined in the Factories Act.

27. Mayors and Councillors of Municipal Corporations, or the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Technical Officer or Inspector of the Poor, of a Municipal Corporation or City Municipality.


29. An employee of a Ministry, Department or Agency of the Government who is designated in writing in the form set out as Form 4 of the First Schedule, by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, the Chief Personnel Officer or the Head of the Department or Agency (as the case may require) to be key personnel involved in the operations of the Ministry, Department or Agency of the Government.

30. An employee of the Bank of Jamaica designated in writing in the form set out as Form 4 of the First Schedule, by the Governor of the Bank of Jamaica, or a person authorised by the Governor to make such designations, to be key personnel of the Bank of Jamaica.

31. Persons employed or contracted, to undertake construction, by a person to whom a licence or permit to carry out such construction is issued under any law.
32. Persons employed or contracted to catch, land or process fish, pursuant to a licence or permit issued under the Fisheries Act.

33. Duties in respect of the urgent need to care for livestock, fish or other animals or crops.

34. Persons employed to the Cabinet Office, the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry with responsibility for finance and the public service, Tax Administration Jamaica, the Accountant General’s Department or eGov Jamaica Limited.

35. Members of the personal staff of the Governor-General.

36. Persons designated in writing, in the Form set out as Form 3 of the First Schedule, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as persons whose duties include responding to emergency matters requiring the attention of a member of the House of Representatives.

37. Persons employed to a funeral home or mortuary.

38. Persons employed or contracted to Food for the Poor, or the Red Cross, and engaged in packaging or distributing supplies.

39. The Director-General of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management and persons authorised in writing by the Director-General.

40. Persons employed in any service or activity designated in writing, in the form set out as Form 5 of the First Schedule, by the Minister with responsibility for national security, with the prior approval of the Cabinet, as an exempt service or activity under this sub-paragraph.
Exceptions to Prohibition on Public Gatherings Exceeding 10 Persons

1. Subject to paragraph 9, hospitals, infirmaries and nursing homes.

2. Members of the security forces.

3. Services concerning the provision of health, water, electricity, public works, sanitation, firefighting, civil aviation, or telecommunications.

4. Correctional services.

5. Tourist establishments, as defined in the Public Health (Tourist Establishments) Regulations, 2000.

6. Subject to paragraph 10, markets, public arcades and public transportation centres.

7. Sittings of the Houses of Parliament, and meetings of the Cabinet, or any committees thereof.


10. “Banking business” or other “financial services”, as defined in the Banking Services Act.

11. Credit union business by a society registered under the Co-operative Societies Act.

12. Services connected with oil-refining and with the loading, distribution, transportation or retail of petroleum fuel, liquefied natural gas or any renewable energy source.

13. Services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and with the storage and delivery of goods at, or from, docks, wharves and warehouses operated in connection with docks or wharves.

14. The provision, by licence under the Transport Authority Act, of public transportation by bus (including buses operated by the Jamaica Urban Transit Company or the Montego Bay Metro Company Limited), limited to seated passengers only.

15. The provision, by licence under the Transport Authority Act, of public transportation by motor car.

16. Persons employed to a court.

17. Attorneys-at-law attending at police stations or lock-ups, or before a court, for the purpose of legal representation of a client of that attorney-at-law.
THIRD SCHEDULE, contd.

18. A factory as defined in the Factories Act.

19. Persons engaged in construction pursuant to a licence, or permit, issued under any law.

20. Persons engaged in catching, landing or processing fish pursuant to a licence or permit issued under the Fisheries Act.

21. The office of the Governor-General.

22. The operations of a court.

23. Subject to paragraph 15, places of worship.

24. All workplaces.

25. The annual general meeting of a “company” as defined by section 2(1) of the Companies Act.

26. Any service, activity or public gathering, authorised in writing, in the form set out as Form 6 of the First Schedule, to be carried on by the Medical Officer (Health), or a person designated by the Medical Officer (Health) to give such authorisation.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.

ANDREW HOLNESS
Prime Minister.