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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (AMENDMENT) (No. 13) REGULATIONS 2020, made by the Board pursuant to Section 102 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 353.

1. Interpretation

In these Regulations –

“principal Regulations” means the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) Regulations 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 16 of 2020

2. Amendment of Regulation 5A

Regulation 5A of the principal Regulation is amended as follows –

(a) by repealing the heading of regulation 5A and replacing it with the following:
“5A. Special measures applicable to the period 29th October, 2020 to 31st March, 2021”

(b) by repealing paragraph 1 (Duration) and replacing it with the following:
“1. Duration
These special measures shall take effect from 5:00a.m. on Thursday 29th October, 2020 until 5:00a.m. on Wednesday 31st March, 2021”

(c) by repealing paragraph 9 and replacing it with the following:

“9. Restriction on social gathering

(1) Except as provided in this regulation and at subparagraph (2) hereof, no person shall host or attend at any public or private gathering or event having more than ten (10) persons.

(2) Bars, restaurants and event venues may continue to operate within the guidelines established by the Ministry of Health and the Board for the specific business or event venue.

(3) A law enforcement officer is authorised to disband any gathering in contravention of subparagraph (1) or (2) hereof.

(4) A person commits an offence if he or she –

(a) being the owner of the premises, host any party, fete or other social gathering;

(b) permits any person to host a party, fete or other social gathering at premises under his or her control;

(c) organises any party, fete or other social gathering;

(a) attends any party, fete or other social gathering,

in contravention of subparagraph (1) or subparagraph (2).

(5) A person who commits an offence under subparagraph (4) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000.00 or to imprisonment for six (6) months or to both such fine and imprisonment.”

(a) by inserting after paragraph 16 thereof the following new paragraphs –

“17. Access to beaches on specified days

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 11 (4) of the principal Regulations, as amended, persons are permitted to utilize the beaches throughout Antigua and Barbuda between the hours of **5:00a.m.** and **1:00p.m.** on the following specified days:

(a) Wednesday 9th December, 2020 (V.C. Bird Day)

(b) Friday 25th December, 2020 (Christmas Day)

(c) Monday 28th December, 2020 (Boxing Day Holiday)

(a) Friday 1st January 2021 (New Year’s Day)

(2) The provisions of paragraph 11(1) of the principal Regulations shall continue to apply to the use of the beaches on the days specified in subparagraph (1) hereof.

18. Modification of the mandatory curfew hours on specified days

(1) Subject to subparagraph (2) hereof, paragraph 3(1) of this regulation, shall not apply on the day specified herein to the extent specified herein.

(2) On the 31st December 2020, the mandatory curfew period shall not commence at 11:00p.m. as established by paragraph 3(1), but shall instead commence at 1:00a.m. on 1st January 2021 and continue for a period of four (4) consecutive hours until 5:00a.m. on that same day.

(3) The curfew period established by paragraph 3(1) shall continue as specified therein from the evening of the 1st January, 2021.

19. Modification of business operating hours on specified days

(1) This paragraph shall operate to modify the provisions of paragraph 4 of this regulation to the extent specified herein.

(2) All commercial activity whether retail, wholesale or transactional, including street vending, shall cease at 8:00p.m on Thursday 24th December, 2020.

20. Extension of church hours

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, churches throughout Antigua and Barbuda are permitted on the days identified below to operate until the time specified below:

(a) Thursday 24th December, 2020 until 1:00 a.m. on Friday 25th December, 2020

(b) Thursday 31st December, 2020 until 1:00 a.m. on Friday 1st January, 2021.

(2) All protocols with respect to social distancing, wearing of face masks and the observation of proper sanitary procedures shall apply.”

Made the 22nd day of December, 2020.



Eustace Lake
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