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**(No. 4) REGULATIONS 2022, made by the Board pursuant to Section 102 of the Public**  
**Health Act, Cap. 353.**

**1. Citation and commencement**

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations, 2022.

(2) These Regulations shall come into effect from the 1st October, 2022.

**2. Interpretation**

In these Regulations –

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

**3. Amendment of Regulation 5A of the principal Regulations**

Regulation 5A of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced as follows:

**“5A. Special measures applicable as of 1st October, 2022**

For the continued control and prevention of the spread of the dangerous infectious disease COVID-19, the Board hereby issues and directs that the following special measures be observed throughout Antigua and Barbuda:

**1. Duration**

These special measures shall have effect from **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022** until further order of the Board.

**2. Conduct of business and public health**

Every –

- (a) Owner of a business;

- (b) Service provider;
- (c) Professional or other persons,

offering goods, products or services to the general public or a part thereof, shall ensure that their employees, customers and clients wash or sanitize their hands prior to entering the office or establishment of the said business owner, service provider, professional or similar persons;

### 3. Wearing of face masks

(1) A person shall wear a face mask at all times if –

- (a) he or she is positive for COVID-19;
- (b) he or she is showing any symptoms of COVID-19 or another respiratory disease;
- (c) he or she is in close contact or live in a house with someone who is positive for COVID-19;
- (a) visiting, for whatever reason, or is a patient of, any hospital, clinic, medical or dental facility, mental health facility, nursing home, dialysis facility, cancer treatment centre, pharmacy, medical laboratory, orthopaedic centre, drug treatment facility, long term health care facility or such similar institutions.

(2) A person may, for his or her own protection, wear a face mask in any crowded place, work place, supermarket, prison, school or other educational institution, restaurant or similar facility.

### 4. Protocol for the release of persons from Isolation

(1) A person who contracts the coronavirus disease shall be subject to isolation for a period of seven (7) days.

(2) A person who is in isolation but shows no symptoms of having the coronavirus disease for three (3) consecutive days (days 5, 6, and 7) may be released from isolation if that person tests negative for covid-19 using an approved antigen test.

(3) If a person who is in isolation, shows symptoms of covid-19 on day 7 of isolation, or tests positive for covid-19 using an approved antigen test, that person shall remain in isolation for a further three (3) days or until such time as the symptoms of the disease has ceased.

## **5. Protocol for persons who have been in contact with a covid-19 positive person**

(1) A person, herein referred to as a “contact person”, who has been informed that he or she has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 –

- (a) shall, if he or she has no symptoms of covid-19,
  - (i) be required to wear a face masks for at least ten (10) days;
  - (ii) report to work, unless the policy of the workplace prescribes otherwise;
- (b) shall, if he or she develops or shows symptoms of covid-19, to include, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, tiredness, vomiting or diarrhoea,
  - (i) be required to get tested for covid-19; and
  - (ii) stay home, if he or she tests positive for covid-19 and follow the protocol for release of persons in isolation which is outlined in paragraph 4 of this regulation.

## **6. Penalty**

(1) A person who has been placed in isolation or who is a contact of a person who is positive for covid-19 shall adhere to the rules established by the Ministry of Health and these Regulations.

(2) A person who fails to adhere to the measures specified in these Regulations for the continued prevention of the spread of COVID-19 commits an offence and 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.”

Made the 27th day of September, 2022.

**Eustace Lake,**  
*Chairman of the Central Board of Health.*