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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) Regulations, 2022.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into effect from Monday the 17th day of January, 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. Insertion of Regulations 4A and 4B into the principal Regulations

The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after Regulation 4 the following new Regulations as follows –

“4A. Protocol for the release of persons from Isolation

- (1) Every person who has contracted the coronavirus disease shall be subject to isolation for a minimum period of seven (7) days and may be released only in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

- (2) A person who is in isolation but shows no symptoms of having the coronavirus disease may be released from isolation after seven (7) days if the results of an approved antigen test done on that person on day seven (7) or, anytime thereafter, is negative.
- (3) A person who is in isolation, but who has symptoms or whose test from an approved antigen tests is positive for coronavirus disease on day seven of that person's isolation, shall remain in isolation for a further three (3) days or until such time as the symptoms of the disease has ceased.

4B. Protocol for the release of a person who has been placed in quarantine

- (1) Every 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 shall be required to self-quarantine as follows –
 - (a) if the contact person is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, the quarantine period shall be 14 days;
 - (b) if the contact person is fully vaccinated but has not received a booster, the quarantine period shall be 10 days;
 - (c) if the contact person is fully vaccinated and has received a booster, the quarantine period shall be 7 days.
- (2) If, during the quarantine period –
 - (a) the contact person develops symptoms of coronavirus disease, the contact person shall be tested for coronavirus disease; and
 - (b) the results of an approved PCR tests of a contact person is positive, the contact person shall be placed in isolation and shall be subject to the requirements for a person in isolation as determined by the Ministry of Health.

Made the 13th January, 2022

Eustace Lake,
Chairman of the Central Board of Health.