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THE QUARANTINE ACT (CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE) ORDER 2020, made by the Chief Medical Officer under section 6(1) of the Quarantine Act, Cap. 361

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Quarantine Act (Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disease) Order 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Order-

“isolation” means separation of ill or contaminated persons or affected baggage, containers, conveyances, goods or postal parcels from others in such a manner as to prevent the spread of infection or contamination;

“public health observation” means the monitoring of the health status of a traveller over time for the purpose of determining the risk of disease transmission;

“quarantine” means the restriction of activities and, if necessary, the separation from others of suspect persons who are not ill, but who may, because of the risk of exposure, be likely to suffer from COVID-19;

“self-quarantine” means the restriction of movement and of contact with others, expected to be observed by a person within a confined space of their choosing, but which may be subject to directions given by a Health Officer as approved by the Quarantine Authority.

3. Special measures

For the purpose of the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, the Quarantine Authority may, in its discretion, take the following special measures:

(a) where an infection which may be COVID-19, has occurred on board a ship or is suspected because of the risk of exposure to be on board a ship during a period of six weeks immediately

preceding its arrival at a port in Antigua and Barbuda, the public health observation, self-quarantine or quarantine of the crew and passengers who have been exposed or were likely exposed to the infection, for a period of fourteen days from the last day of possible exposure to the infection; or

(b) where an infection, which may be COVID-19, has occurred on board an aircraft or is suspected because of the risk of exposure to be on board an aircraft, at any time immediately preceding its arrival at an aerodrome in Antigua and Barbuda, the public health observation, self-quarantine or quarantine of the crew and passengers who have been exposed or were likely exposed to the infection, for a period of fourteen days from the last day of possible exposure to the infection.

(c) where there has been confirmation of the dangerous infectious disease COVID-19 in any person who has travelled to Antigua and Barbuda by ship, aircraft or any other conveyance, the isolation of the infected person and the quarantine of the crew, passengers and all other persons having contact with the affected person, the crew and passengers of the ship, aircraft or conveyance for a period of fourteen days from the last day of possible exposure to the infection.

(d) A person who is identified as having been exposed to or likely to have been exposed to the dangerous infectious disease COVID-19 shall obey all orders or directions given by the Quarantine Authority.

(e) The Quarantine Authority may, by force if necessary, compel any person to whom an order or directive is given in respect of this section, to comply with the order or directive.

4. Penalty

A person who fails or refuses to comply with any order or direction given by the Quarantine Authority commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Made the 25th day of March, 2020.

Rhonda Sealey-Thomas,
Chief Medical Officer
Quarantine Authority for Antigua and Barbuda