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**HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(CHAPTER 231)**

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19)(PREVENTION AND
MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.2) ORDER, 2022**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Health Services Act (*Ch. 231*) hereby makes the following rules —

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Health Services (Covid 19) (Prevention and Management of Community Spread) (Amendment) (No.2) Rules, 2022.

2. Revocation and replacement of rules 5 and 6 of the principal Rules.

Rules 5 and 6 of the principal Rules are revoked and replaced as follows —

“5. Entry requirements for citizens, legal residents and visitors.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Part —
 - (a) a citizen or legal resident of The Bahamas who complies with paragraph (2);
 - (b) a visitor who —
 - (i) presents a travel health visa issued in accordance with rule 6; and
 - (ii) complies with all other legal requirements for entry pursuant to the provisions of the Immigration Act (*Ch. 191*),
shall be permitted to enter The Bahamas.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a citizen or legal resident, shall be required to present to the operator of an aircraft or vessel —
 - (a) if fully vaccinated, documentary evidence of his vaccination and a valid negative Covid 19 test result;
 - (b) if not fully vaccinated, a valid negative RTPCR test result;
 - (c) if twelve years old or younger, a valid negative Covid 19 test result;

- (3) A person referred to in paragraph (2) may submit a valid health clearance letter in lieu of a valid negative RTPCR or rapid antigen test result.
- (4) The parent or guardian of a person referred to in paragraph (2)(c) and (6) who is a minor shall present or cause to be presented, to the operator of an aircraft or vessel, the valid negative results of the Covid 19 test or a valid health clearance letter.
- (5) Paragraph (2) shall expire at the commencement of paragraph (6).
- (6) Effective 12:00 am on Monday the 31st day of January, 2022, for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a citizen or legal resident, shall be required to present to the operator of an aircraft or vessel —
 - (a) if fully vaccinated, documentary evidence of his vaccination; and
 - (b) a valid negative RTPCR test result; or
 - (c) a valid health clearance letter.

6. Requirements for issue of travel health visa.

- (1) An applicant for a travel health visa shall submit via the travel health website —
 - (a) if fully vaccinated against Covid 19 —
 - (i) documentary evidence that he is fully vaccinated against Covid 19;
 - (ii) a valid negative Covid 19 test result; or
 - (iii) a valid health clearance letter; and
 - (iv) his contact and other required information;
 - (b) if not fully vaccinated against Covid 19 —
 - (i) a valid negative RTPCR test result; or
 - (ii) a valid health clearance letter; and
 - (iii) his contact and other required information;
 - (c) if aged twelve years or younger —
 - (i) a valid negative Covid 19 test result; or
 - (ii) a valid health clearance letter; and
 - (iii) his contact and other required information.
- (2) A person referred to in paragraph (1) may submit a valid health clearance letter in lieu of a valid negative RTPCR or rapid antigen test result.
- (3) The parent or guardian of an applicant who is a minor shall submit or cause to be submitted, to the travel health website, results of the

Covid 19 test or the valid health clearance letter, together with the parent or guardian's contact and other required information.

- (4) An applicant who is approved for a travel health visa, shall pay the fee as set out in the *First Schedule*.
- (5) A travel health visa issued to a person referred to in this rule, shall be valid for travel into The Bahamas for the period of validity of the Covid 19 test taken to obtain the travel health visa in accordance with rule 10.
- (6) The holder of a valid travel health visa shall not be required to undergo a further Covid 19 test to embark upon inter island travel where the test submitted to obtain the travel health visa is still valid at embarkation for the inter island travel.
- (7) Paragraph (1) shall expire at the commencement of paragraph (8).
- (8) Effective 12:00 am on Monday the 31st day of January, 2022, an applicant for a travel health visa shall submit or cause to be submitted via the travel health website —
 - (a) if fully vaccinated against Covid 19, documentary evidence that he is fully vaccinated against Covid 19;
 - (b) a valid negative RTPCR test result together with his contact and other required information; or
 - (c) submit a health clearance letter.”.

3. Revocation and replacement of rule 14 of the principal Rules.

Rule 14 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“14. Mandatory requirement for secondary testing.

- (1) A person who —
 - (a) enters The Bahamas; or
 - (b) travels inter island from a *Second Schedule*,shall on the second day after his arrival, be required to undergo a rapid antigen test and submit the result to the Ministry via its travel health website.
- (2) A person referred to in paragraph (1), who is out to sea on the second day of his stay, shall be required to undergo a rapid antigen test at the first port of call thereafter and submit the result to the Ministry via its travel health website.
- (3) Where the rapid antigen test indicates a positive result, that person shall be required to undergo a RTPCR test and submit to mandatory isolation in accordance with rule 21.

- (4) A person who fails to undergo a Covid 19 test in accordance with this rule commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to a term not exceeding one month's imprisonment.”.

Made this 7th day of January, 2022

Signed
MICHAEL DARVILLE
Minister Responsible for Public Health