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**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19)(PREVENTION
AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.9) RULES, 2022**

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**HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(CHAPTER 231)**

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19)(PREVENTION AND
MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.9) RULES, 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.9) Rules, 2022.

2. Revocation and replacement of rule 33 of the principal Rules.

Rule 33 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“33. Social gatherings.

- (1) A person may host or attend a social gathering indoors at —
 - (a) a private residence; or
 - (b) a facility,provided that
 - (i) attendance is limited to seventy-five percent of the occupancy of the private residence or facility;
 - (ii) all attendees are either fully vaccinated or present a valid negative Covid 19 test result;
 - (iii) all Covid 19 protocols are adhered to.
- (2) A person may host or attend a social gathering held outdoors with not more than three hundred persons provided that —
 - (a) all attendees are either fully vaccinated or present a negative Covid 19 test;
 - (b) all Covid 19 protocols are adhered to.
- (3) For the purposes of this rule, a “facility” means any venue that is not a private residence or a restaurant and includes a hotel, convention hall, ballroom, meeting room, or other space, utilised for the hosting of a social gathering.

- (4) A person who hosts or attends a social gathering contrary to this rule commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction —
- (a) in the case of a host, to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars and to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars for each person in attendance; and
 - (b) in the case of an attendee, to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars.”.

3. Revocation and replacement of the Third Schedule to the principal Rules.

The Third Schedule to the principal Act is revoked and replaced as follows —

“THIRD SCHEDULE

(rule 36A)

PART A

List of Events

Concerts

Fetes

Carnivals or fairs

Junkanoo or Carnival parades (inclusive of practice)

Rallies

PART B

Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall comprise —

- (a) the Director of Environmental Health Services;
- (b) the President of the Medical Association of The Bahamas;
- (c) the President of the Nurses' Association of The Bahamas;
- (d) a member of civil society nominated by Civil Society Bahamas; and
- (e) a representative nominated by the Attorney-General.”.

Made this 11th day of March, 2022

Signed

MICHAEL DARVILLE

Minister Responsible for Public Health