

Public Health (Testing of Infectious or Communicable Diseases) Regulations 2024

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THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 193 of the Public Health Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Public Health (Testing of Infectious or Communicable Diseases) Regulations 2024**.

2. In these regulations -

"Act" means the Public Health Act;

"infectious or communicable disease" means such disease as listed in the Schedule.

3. (1) Any person, including any incoming passenger, who is suspected to be infected with, or suffering from, an infectious or communicable disease shall undergo a medical examination or medical investigation, or both, as may be requested by the Sanitary Authority.

(2) Every person referred to in subsection (1) shall provide such information as the Sanitary Authority may reasonably require to ascertain if the person -

(a) presents any symptom of an infectious or communicable disease;

(b) has been in contact with any person who has or may have an infectious or communicable disease; or

(c) has otherwise been exposed to an infectious or communicable disease.

(3) Any person who fails to comply with paragraph (1) or (2) or who provides false or misleading information shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

4. (1) Any person, including any incoming passenger, who suspects that he -

(a) has, or may have, an infectious or communicable disease;

(b) has, or may have, been in contact with a person who has or may have an infectious or communicable disease,

shall accordingly forthwith inform the Sanitary Authority.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (1) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

5. These regulations shall come into operation on 13 January 2024.

Made by the Minister on 12 January 2024.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

INFECTIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

1. Amoebiasis
2. Anthrax (Human)
3. Brucellosis
4. Chikungunya
5. Cholera
6. Dengue fever
7. Diphtheria
8. Food poisoning (bacterial and others)
9. Gonorrhoea
10. Haemorrhagic fever
11. Infective hepatitis
12. Influenza like diseases
13. Leprosy
14. Leptospirosis
15. Malaria
16. Measles
17. Meningitis (cerebrospinal)
18. Plague
19. Poliomyelitis, acute
20. Puerperal pyrexia
21. Rabies (Human)

- 22.** Relapsing fever
- 23.** Schistosomiasis (Bilharziasis)
- 24.** Soft chancre
- 25.** Syphilis
- 26.** Tetanus (neonatorum and adult)
- 27.** Tuberculosis (respiratory, skeletal, central nervous system)
- 28.** Typhoid fever (with paratyphoid)
- 29.** Typhus
- 30.** Whooping cough (Pertussis)
- 31.** Smallpox
- 32.** Rubella
- 33.** Yellow fever
- 34.** COVID-19
- 35.** mPox
- 36.** Nipah
- 37.** Legionella
- 38.** Listeriosis
- 39.** Zika