

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC) (GRAND BAHAMA) (LOCKDOWN) ORDER, 2020

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REGULATIONS, 2020
(CHAPTER 34)**

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC) (GRAND
BAHAMA) (LOCKDOWN) ORDER, 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Grand Bahama)(Lockdown) Order, 2020.

2. Application.

This Order shall apply to Grand Bahama.

3. Lockdown.

- (1) Effective 7:00 pm Thursday, 23rd July, 2020 until 5:00 am Friday 7th August, 2020, every agency, business or establishment shall remain closed except —
- (a) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
 - (b) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;
 - (c) the Customs Department;
 - (d) Air Traffic Control;
 - (e) the Rand Memorial Hospital and any other clinic for the purposes of treating patients in need of urgent care;
 - (f) the National Emergency Management Agency;
 - (g) the quarantine centre;
 - (h) the National Food Distribution Task Force;
 - (i) Grand Bahama food distribution centres;
 - (j) non-governmental organisations for home delivery of emergency food and medical supplies;

- (k) Judicial officers and essential staff;
 - (l) the Grand Bahama Humane Society;
 - (m) waste disposal and sanitation services;
 - (n) a business licensed to provide security guard services;
 - (o) essential workers, including contractors or subcontractors, in any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications sector, including the print and electronic news media;
 - (p) ports of entry, container ports, freight forwarders and private terminals for the conduct, where applicable, of basic port maintenance services (inclusive of garbage removal), domestic trade, imports and exports of containerised freight, and the import, treatment, bunkering and export of oil products; and
 - (q) the following businesses and its essential employees —
 - (i) Polymers International Ltd;
 - (ii) Grand Bahama Power Company;
 - (iii) Grand Bahama Utility Company;
 - (iv) Bradford Grand Bahama Limited;
 - (v) PharmaChem Technologies G.B. Ltd. and subcontractors;
 - (vi) Freeport Container Port Ltd;
 - (vii) Bahama Rock - Martin Marietta;
 - (viii) Buckeye Bahamas Hub Ltd and subcontractors;
 - (ix) Grand Bahama Shipyard Ltd.;
 - (x) Bahamas Industrial Technologies Ltd.;
 - (xi) Bahamian Brewery;
 - (xii) Tropical Shipping;
 - (xiii) MSC Bahamas;
 - (xiv) Freeport Aggregates Limited;
 - (xv) Quality Services Limited;
 - (xvi) Grand Bahama Airport Company; and
 - (xvii) Equinor South Riding Point LLC.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) —
- (a) a healthcare worker may conduct home visits to members of the general public for the purpose of providing medical or therapeutic care;
 - (b) public healthcare workers for the purposes of attending the clinic or hospital to treat patients in need of urgent medical care;

- (c) an Administrator, for the purposes of distributing food and water on behalf of the Government and the National Food Distribution Task Force;
 - (d) animal husbandry and farming activities for the purposes of maintaining existing crops and animals, shall be permitted during the curfew;
 - (e) the servicing and replenishing of automatic banking machines shall be permitted; and
 - (f) night deposits shall be permitted.
- (3) No person, except an essential worker for an establishment listed in paragraph (1), or a person referred to or a person carrying out an activity referred to in paragraph (2), shall leave his place of residence for any purpose whatsoever, other than for the purpose of seeking urgent medical care or in accordance with order 5(1).
- (4) Any person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for a term not exceeding eighteen months or to both in accordance with regulation 30 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020¹.

4. Closure of airport and ports.

Effective 5:00 pm on Tuesday the 21st day of July, 2020, all airports and other ports of entry into Grand Bahama shall be closed to travel whether by air or sea for the carriage of passengers but shall remain operational only for the carriage of cargo whether by air or sea.

5. Opening of grocery stores, pharmacies etc.

- (1) Notwithstanding order 3 —
- (a) a grocery store shall be permitted to operate and —
 - (i) serve the general public between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday; and
 - (ii) only allow entry to an essential worker between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm on Saturday the 25th day of July, 2020 and Saturday the 1st day of August, 2020;
 - (b) a pharmacy, gas station, water depot, waste disposal and sanitation company shall be permitted to operate and —
 - (i) serve the general public between the hours of 7:00 am and 1:00 pm, Monday to Friday; and

¹S. I. No. 101 of 2020.

- (ii) only allow entry to an essential worker between the hours of 7:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday the 25th day of July, 2020 and Saturday the 1st day of August, 2020.

- (2) For the purposes of this order, “essential worker” means an employee of an agency, organisation or business referred to in order 3(1) and any person referred to or carrying out an activity referred to in order 3(2).

6. Construction.

- (1) Notwithstanding order 3, construction for the purpose of hurricane restoration or preparation shall be permitted.
- (2) The Competent Authority may by letter permit the sale of construction supplies for the purposes of paragraph (1).

7. Religious services.

- (1) Services of religious instruction including worship services may only be held virtually.
- (2) Notwithstanding order 3, a funeral, with a maximum of ten persons including the officiants and workers, may be held at the graveside only.

8. Event of emergency.

In the event of an emergency, a person shall seek the permission of the Commissioner of Police or the Officer in Command of the island to leave his place of residence by calling 311 or the nearest police station.

9. Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 2) Order, 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt —

- (a) this Order shall apply to every establishment or business permitted to operate pursuant to order 5 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 3) Order, 2020;
- (b) the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 2) Order, 2020 as amended from time to time, shall continue to have effect subject to this Order;
- (c) orders 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 2) Order, 2020, shall apply for the duration of this Order;
- (d) international travel into and out of Grand Bahama shall continue to be prohibited in accordance with order 24(2) of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 2) Order, 2020; and

- (e) domestic travel into and out of Grand Bahama shall in accordance with order 22(5) of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 2) Order, 2020, continue to be prohibited except for —
- (i) an emergency flight; and
 - (ii) a flight or voyage for the transport of essential goods or services including the replenishing of cash and servicing of automatic banking machines.

Made this *22nd* day of *July*, 2020



PRIME MINISTER