

Government Notice No. 98 of 2021

THE QUARANTINE ACT 2020

Regulations made by the Minister under section 13 of the Quarantine Act 2020

1. These regulations may be cited as the COVID-19 (Closing Down of Premises and Restriction of Activities) (No. 2) Regulations 2021.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations –

“Act” means the Quarantine Act 2020;

“COVID-19” means the virus known as the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

3. These regulations shall apply to the Island of Mauritius and shall not apply to the Island of Rodrigues, the Island of Agaléga, St. Brandon and the Chagos Archipelago.

4. For the purposes of preventing a spread of COVID-19 within the Island of Mauritius –

- (a) premises listed in Part A of the First Schedule shall be closed and remain closed to the public until 1 June 2021;
- (b) events or activities specified in Part B of the First Schedule shall not be carried out until 1 June 2021; and
- (c) no person shall attend the public places specified in Part C of the First Schedule until 1 June 2021.

5. Subject to regulation 6 –

- (a) premises, other than those specified in Part A of the First Schedule are authorised to be opened to the public;

- (b) (i) events or activities, other than those specified in Part B of the First Schedule; and
 - (ii) events or activities listed in the Second Schedule,are authorised to be carried out; and
- (c) public places, other than those listed in Part C of the First Schedule, are authorised to be attended to.

6. The preventive and sanitary measures specified in the Third Schedule and in the Preventive and Sanitary Measures (COVID-19) Regulations 2021 shall be taken while –

- (a) premises, other than those specified in Part A of the First Schedule, are opened to the public;
- (b) (i) events or activities, other than those specified in Part B of the First Schedule; and
 - (ii) events or activities listed in the Second Schedule,are carried out; and
- (c) public places, other than those listed in Part C of the First Schedule, are attended to.

7. These regulations shall apply to residents in an area listed in the Fourth Schedule with such adaptations and modifications as specified in these regulations.

8. Any person who fails to comply with these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

9. The COVID-19 (Closing Down of Premises and Restriction of Activities) Regulations 2021 are revoked.

- 10.** These regulations shall come into operation on 1 May 2021.

Made by the Minister on 30 April 2021.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 4]

**PART A – PREMISES TO REMAIN CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC**

Pre-primary, primary, secondary schools/Tertiary institutions/
Vocational training centres/Private schools (other premises designated
as examination centres to be opened solely for the purpose of sitting
for examinations)

Amusement centre

Aquarium for public viewing

Bookmaker (other than betting by remote communications,
Totalisators and Operators offering bets on football matches played
outside Mauritius)

Bar

Casino and Gaming house

Theatre

Nightclub

Cinema hall

Multi-purpose hall, including wedding hall

Fitness centre (gymnasium/sport complex)

Social hall/Village hall/Municipal hall/Community centre/Social
welfare centre/Youth centre/Citizens Advice Bureau

Leisure park, except health track

Place of worship

Food Courts/restaurants/fast foods/cafes (to be opened only for delivery and takeaway)

Markets (other than those specific markets designated by the Ministry of Local Government, with the approval of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, to be opened subject to the control of entry and exit of persons to avoid crowding)

PART B – EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES NOT TO BE CARRIED OUT

Fair (fun fair/fancy fair/trade fair/commercial fair/market fair)

Public events

Sports events or sport activities (other than individual outdoor physical activities)

Public auction

Cultural/social event or any other gathering

Religious event/ceremony, including marriage

Concert

Recreational/leisure activities

PART C – PUBLIC PLACES NOT TO BE ATTENDED TO

Public beach/sea, except for a registered fisher holding a fisher's card

Public garden

Children's playground

National park and nature reserves

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 5]

**EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED TO BE
CARRIED OUT**

Funerals, provided that not more than 10 persons are in attendance at a time

Civil marriages held at the Civil Status Office, provided that not more than 10 persons are in attendance

Horse racing, to be allowed without public (in camera)

Betting through remote communications

No assembly of more than 10 persons shall be allowed

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 6]

PREVENTIVE AND SANITARY MEASURES

1. (a) For premises situated in area listed in the Fourth Schedule, access to those premises such as Markets/shopping malls/hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops/food retail shops/retail shops (*magasins*), bank, post offices and hardware shops (*Quincailleries*) shall be controlled on the principle of alphabetical categorisation of customers. Access to those customers thereto shall be granted only on presentation, in case of a –

- (i) citizen of Mauritius, his National Identity Card or passport;
- (ii) foreigner, his passport or residence, occupation or work permit.

(b) For premises situated in area listed in the Fourth Schedule, all customers will be able to shop strictly on allocated days as indicated hereunder –

Surname starting from –

A-F (Monday and Thursday)

G-N (Tuesday and Friday)

O-Z (Wednesday and Saturday)

2. All trade and commercial premises, including those situated in area listed in the Fourth Schedule, shall arrange for social distancing markings outside and inside their respective outlets. Outlets at commercial premises will demarcate queuing lines by way of floor markings. Outlets will also demarcate social distancing inside their premises. Customers shall adhere strictly to these markings.

3. Commercial premises situated in area listed in the Fourth Schedule will open on Monday to Saturday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Banks will open during their normal banking hours. Commercial premises situated in area listed in the Fourth Schedule shall remain closed on Sundays.
4. Operators of all commercial premises shall provide to their employees masks, gloves and hand sanitisers.
5. Commercial premises shall provide extra perspex barriers at the tills. Where appropriate, alternate tills must be opened to ensure social distancing.
6. Each person shall be allowed to use only one trolley for purchase of essential supplies.
7. Single traffic flow of customers/one-way system shall be enforced within the commercial premises.
8. Commercial premises, as applicable, shall ensure that all trolleys and/or baskets are sanitised before delivery to each customer.
9. Every person having access to commercial premises shall wear a protective mask over his nose and mouth. Operators of all commercial premises shall provide hand sanitisers at entry and exit.
10. Entry to any commercial premises will be refused to a customer showing flu-like symptoms (high temperature, runny nose or coughing).
11. The body temperature of each customer shall be taken at the entrance of any commercial premises. Any customer having high temperature (38°C and above) will be transferred to the nearest hospital according to the Protocol of the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

12. Except in the case of members of the same household, one customer per car will be allowed entry to commercial premises, except for persons with disabilities who may be accompanied by another adult.

13. Commercial premises shall not be allowed to continue to operate in case of breach of any of the above conditions.

14. Every person shall strictly abide to the Preventive and Sanitary Measures (COVID-19) Regulations 2021.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 7]

1. St. Aubin
 2. Rivière des Anguilles
 3. Tyack
 4. Batimaraïs
 5. Benares
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