

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER NO. 12 COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING AND TRIALS

- I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:
- 1. No vaccine testing or trials for COVID-19 shall occur within Papua New Guinea without the written approval of the Controller and Secretary for Health.
- 2. No person or organisation, except Port Moresby General Hospital or health facilities administered by Provincial Health Authorities are permitted to administer COVID-19 vaccinations unless approved in writing by the Controller and subject to the conditions imposed by the Controller in the written approval.
- 3. No public health facilities shall charge any fee or require any payment when immunizing any person against COVID-19.
- 4. No private health facility shall charge any fee or payment when immunizing any person against COVID-19, unless authorized to do so in writing by the Controller.
- 5. An individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

6. These Measure come into effect on 13 May 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Action as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

13th May 2021

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS,

CONTROLLER