

BELIZE:

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2021**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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BELIZE:**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT****No. 136 2021**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 82A of the Public Health Act, Chapter 40 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 30th October, 2021).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE
SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 10) REGULATIONS, 2021,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Health (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations, 2021, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 119 of
2021.

2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 4 by repealing sub-regulation (1) and substituting the following–

Amendment of
regulation 4.

“ (1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 and maintaining peace and public order, a curfew is hereby imposed commencing on November 1st, 2021 during the hours of 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. of the following morning, and ending on December 1st, 2021 at 4:00a.m.”.

3. The principal Regulations are amended by repealing regulation 17 and substituting the following–

Amendment of
regulation 17

“17. (1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of infectious disease COVID-19, casinos and gaming establishments shall be allowed to operate, subject to the following conditions–

- (a) all employees shall be immunized;
- (b) only patrons that are immunized shall be allowed to enter the casino or gaming establishment, provided that each patron shall present his COVID-19 vaccination card upon entry to any casino or gaming establishment as proof of immunization;
- (c) all patrons and employees shall maintain physical distancing of no less than six feet in or outside the casino or gaming establishment; and
- (d) the number of patrons allowed to enter a casino or gaming establishment shall, at any one given time, be limited to fifty per centum of the capacity of the casino or gaming establishment; and
- (e) that all patrons and employees wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(2) The owner or operator of a casino or gaming establishment operating under this regulation shall–

- (a) ensure that gaming machines are arranged or made available to be used in a way that allows for social distancing of six feet between patrons of the casino;
- (b) install hand sanitizing stations at the entrance and throughout the casino or gaming establishment;

- (c) install touchless hand sanitizing dispensers at every gaming table;
- (d) limit the seating capacity at gaming tables to observe social distancing;
- (e) place signs at the entrance and throughout the casino or gaming establishment, reminding patrons of social distancing protocols and the proper use of face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering;
- (f) ensure that the casino or gaming establishment is cleaned and sanitized twice a day;
- (g) ensure that gaming machines and tables are sanitized after every use;
- (h) keep a log of the name, contact number and temperature check of every patron entering the casino or gaming establishment for at least thirty days; and
- (i) any other health and safety protocols issued by the Ministry responsible for health.

(3) Every casino or gaming establishment shall employ a Peace Officer for every floor of that casino or gaming establishment.

(4) A person employed as a Peace Officer shall—

- (a) be a Justice of the Peace;
- (b) ensure compliance with these Regulations by—
 - (i) the owner, operators and employees of every casino or gaming establishment;

- (ii) the proprietor of the land where the casino or gaming establishment is situated;
 - (iii) every patron entering and inside a casino or gaming establishment.
- (c) be paid an honorarium by the employer for the performance of his functions as a Peace Officer under these regulations.

(5) The Ministry responsible for health or an officer of the security forces may carry out spot checks and inspections of any casino or gaming establishment allowed to operate under this regulation to ensure compliance with these Regulations.”

Amendment of
regulation 19.

4. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 19 by repealing sub-regulation (1) (c).

Commencement.

5. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of November, 2021.

MADE by the Minister responsible for public health this 29th day of October, 2021.



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