

**BELIZE:**

**PUBLIC HEALTH REFORM (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD  
OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS, 2022**

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**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**No. 22 of 2022**

*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 it enabling.*

*(Gazetted 5th February, 2022).*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (REFORM) (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2022,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Health Reform (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations, 2022, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 15 of 2022.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting the following term and its corresponding definition in its proper alphabetical sequence–

Amendment of regulation 2.

“App” means a computing application developed by the Ministry responsible for health which provides users with an electronic copy of that user’s vaccination card;”

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended 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 February 7th 2022, and ending on March 6th, 2022 at 4:00 a.m., as follows–

- (a) from Sunday to Thursday, during the hours of 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. of the following morning;” and
- (b) from Friday to Saturday, during the hours of 12:00 a.m. until 4:00 a.m.”.

Amendment of heading to Part IV.

4. The principal regulations are amended by repealing the heading to Part IV and substituting it with the following–

#### “PART IV

##### *Entry and exit through land ports and sea ports”*

Repeal and replacement of regulation 34.

5. Regulation 34 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following is substituted–

“Opening hours of land and sea ports.

34. Every land port and sea port shall reopen on February 7, 2022 and shall operate during the following hours–

- (a) for sea ports, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and
- (b) for land ports, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.”

Repeal and replacement of regulation 35.

6. Regulation 35 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following is substituted–

“Entry of persons through any land port or sea port.

35.–(1) Every person, other than a foreign tourist, entering Belize through any land port or sea port shall submit to testing for SARS-CoV2 by the Ministry responsible for health.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), a person, other than a foreign tourist, returning to Belize through any land port or sea port, within the same day of having exited Belize through a land port or sea port, shall not be required to submit to testing for SARS-CoV2 by the Ministry responsible for health unless that person is exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

(3) A person entering Belize through the Belize Northern Border shall enter through the Chactemal Bridge only.

7. Regulation 36 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following is substituted—

Repeal and replacement of regulation 36.

“Exit of persons through any land or sea port.

**36.** For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, the following persons exiting Belize through any land or sea port shall present proof of immunization whether through the App or an immunization card—

- (a) a Belizean national;
- (b) a permanent resident;
- (c) any person in (a) or (b) of or above the age of twelve years;
- (d) a person holding a temporary status in Belize including the holder of a temporary employment permit, a dependant’s permit or a student’s permit;
- (e) a resident Belizean diplomat;

(f) a foreign diplomat resident in, and accredited to Belize;

(g) a Qualified Retired Person.”

Amendment of regulation 37.

**8.** The chapeau to regulation 37(1) of the principal regulations is repealed and the following is substituted—

“Offence and penalty for entering or exiting Belize contrary to this Part.

**37.**—(1) Every person entering or exiting Belize contrary to this Part commits an offence and is liable to—”

Amendment of regulation 38.

**9.** Regulation 38 of the principal regulations is amended in sub-regulation (1) by deleting the words “regulation 35” and substituting it with “this Part”.

Repeal and replacement of regulation 41.

**10.** Regulation 41 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following is substituted—

“Entry of foreign tourists through land and sea ports.

**41.** (1) Land ports and sea ports shall be open to foreign tourists during the following hours—

(a) for sea ports, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

(b) for land ports, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.”

(2) Commencing on the 15th day of February 2022, every foreign tourist entering Belize through the airport or through any land port shall be required to purchase travel insurance prior to or upon arrival in Belize.

(3) The required coverage of travel insurance required under sub-regulation (2) shall be as prescribed by the Belize Tourism Board.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2) above, the following category of persons shall be exempt from the requirement of travel insurance under this regulation—

- (a) permanent residents;
- (b) a person holding a temporary status in Belize including the holder of a temporary employment permit, a dependant's permit or a student's permit;
- (c) Qualified Retired Person;
- (d) foreign nationals with long stay status;
- (e) airline crew and personnel;
- (f) cruise ship passengers and crew;
- (g) visiting nationals whose stay does not exceed one day; and
- (h) any other category of persons determined by the Belize Tourism Board.”

**Commencement.** 11. These regulations shall come into force on the 7th day of February, 2022.

**MADE** by the Minister responsible for public health this day of February, 2022.



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*(Minister responsible for public health)*