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- DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
(AMENDMENT) ORDER NO. 25 OF 2022



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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT [CAP 234]

Declaration Of Public Health (Amendment) Order No. ~~25~~ Of 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 21A (2) of the Public Health Act [CAP 234], I, the Honourable SILAS MELVE BULE, Minister of Health, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

The Declaration of Public Health Order No. 6 of 2022 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 5th day of March, 2022.

Honourable SILAS MELVE BULE
Minister of Health



SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 6 OF 2022

1 After clause 2

Insert

“2A Definition

For the purposes of this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:

essential services means the following services:

- (a) health services;
- (b) television and broadcasting network;
- (c) air and sea transport;
- (d) bakery;
- (e) public road transport;
- (f) supply and distribution of fuel and petrol;
- (g) supermarkets and shops selling groceries;
- (h) financial institutions;
- (i) Vanuatu Police Force including its policing, maritime and mobile elements;
- (j) all staff employed by the Department of Correctional Services as correctional centre managers, correctional officers or to other positions within a correctional centre;
- (k) judicial services including judges, magistrates, court personnel and lawyers that are required to appear before a court;

- (l) any other services approved by the Minister of Health;

condition or restriction includes a prohibition, a curfew and any other public health measures required to be taken under this Order.”

2 Paragraph 3A

Insert

- “(a) all inbound and outbound domestic travelling by any person (other than essential health workers and persons transporting cargo and for medevac purposes), by sea or by air from Efate and its offshore island; and”

3 After clause 3A

Insert

“3AA Prohibitions

The following prohibitions apply on Efate and its offshore islands:

- (a) all schools are closed for operation; and
- (b) all work places (other than work places providing essential services) are closed and must not require any employee to attend the workplace; and
- (c) all church gatherings are prohibited; and
- (d) all social events and public gatherings are prohibited.

3AB Curfew

- (1) A curfew is applied on Efate and its offshore islands from 6pm to 6am in the next 72 hours.
- (2) The curfew does not apply to:
 - (a) persons requiring emergency health services and persons assisting them to get emergency health services; and

- (b) persons providing essential services.”

4 After paragraph 3(q)

Insert

- “(r) all essential services that operate must enforce social distancing and all COVID-19 protocols at all times;
- (s) a person must wear mask at all times on the COVID-19 Alert Level 2;
- (t) in the case of public transport owners and drivers – they must ensure that strict COVID-19 protocols are adhered to for all public transport services;”