

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment)
(National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 40)

WHEREAS there are indications that in Zimbabwe the fourth wave of the COVID-19 disease caused by the recent emergence of the Omicron variant of that disease is abating;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of this order Zimbabwe will revert to an indefinite Level Two lockdown, subject to the modified or additional measures herein contained;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby notified that the Minister of Health has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020), made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 40).

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No.2) Order, 2020), published in Statutory Instrument 200 of 2020 (hereinafter called “the principal order”)—

- (a) the general school calendar for in person schooling commences on the 7th February, 2022, subject to compliance with such additional sanitary measures as may be prescribed in circulars issued by the Ministries responsible for primary, secondary, tertiary or technical education;
- (b) there shall be a curfew from midnight (0000 hours) to 2200 to 0530 hours subject to the exemption for essential services and other exceptional cases specified in the principal order;
- (c) subject to paragraph (c), restaurants, hotels, licensed premises and night clubs shall operate from 0800 hours to 2200 hours;
- (d) admission to restaurants, hotels, licensed premises and night clubs shall be restricted to customers and patrons who exhibit proof of full vaccination;

- (e) for the purpose of section 8 (“Power to close ports of entry and exit”)—
 - (i) all returning residents and visitors have to undergo a valid PCR test not more than 48 hours from the time of their departure for Zimbabwe and—
 - A. those visitors not presenting a valid negative PCR test and a certificate to that effect shall be denied entry into Zimbabwe;
 - B. those returning residents not presenting a valid negative PCR test and a certificate to that effect shall be quarantined at their own cost for ten days, while those found to be positive will be isolated in accordance with the provisions of the principal order;
 - (ii) fully vaccinated returning residents and visitors who present a valid negative PCR test and a certificate to that effect do not require to be quarantined;
- (f) businesses at their discretion may revert to full or partial in person operations at the workplace subject to strict adherence with all measures prescribed in the principal order with respect to the wearing of face masks, temperature checks, sanitising of hands and social distancing.