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No. 287 of 2021

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 2015**

*(Act 13 of 2015)*

**PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASE) REGULATIONS**

**ORDERS**

**The Infectious Disease (Restriction on attendance of Schools) (No. 2) (Repeal) Order, 2021**

**Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies), Order (No. 5), 2021**

**Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (Restriction on activities and operation of establishments, trade premises and shops) (No. 6) Order, 2021**

**RECOGNISING** that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread and continue to spread rapidly across the world;

**RECALLING** that the Public Health Commissioner published a Notice in the Gazette on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 declaring a Public Health Emergency in Seychelles under section 25(5) of the Public Health Act, 2015, and directed all persons to comply with the directions and orders therein, and cooperate with the Public Health Commissioner, the Public Health Authority and other relevant authorities in preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of COVID-19 in Seychelles;

**FURTHER RECALLING** that during the declaration of the Public Health Emergency up to the present time, the Public Health Commissioner in order to prevent, control and suppress the spread of COVID-19 in Seychelles made several Orders, amongst other things —

- (a) prohibiting public assemblies and indoor public assemblies;
- (b) restricting the opening and closing hours of retail outlets and retail food outlets;
- (c) restricting the opening and closing hours of offices, establishments, trade premises and shops;
- (d) restricting movement of persons by vehicles and vessels;
- (e) prohibiting non-Seychellois from entering Seychelles;
- (f) confining persons to their place of residence, inclusive of their yard space, for a period of 28 days; and
- (g) restricting entry to, exit from and return to Seychelles.

**AND FURTHER RECALLING** that by the enactment of the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) Regulations, 2020 (S.I. 132 of 2020) the wearing of face masks is mandatory for all persons in Seychelles on public transportation, indoor places, outdoor places, places of work and other circumstances where one metre physical distancing cannot be maintained subject to conditions and exemptions thereunder;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that:—

- (i) with the ongoing vaccination campaign and the engagement of the public at large in adhering to the measures in place to prevent and combat the spread of the virus, the Public Health Commissioner has recorded a gradual reduction in the number of infection in the community and furthermore, a decrease in the number or ratio of infected persons suffering from severe or critical symptoms;

- (ii) the current circumstances require varying some prohibitions or restrictions orders so as to enable the resumption of a larger number of social and economic activities;

**BEING CONSCIOUS** of the seriousness of problems and threats that COVID-19 poses to the safety, health and posterity of Seychelles and its people, if suitable precautionary and protective health measures are not in place and complied with;

**WHEREAS** the Public Health Commissioner considers it necessary and expedient to revise the existing prohibitions and/or restrictions orders.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred by **regulations 6, 7C, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13A, 19A and 20** of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (S.I. 8 of 1960), the Public Health Commissioner hereby makes the following orders: —

**A. Infectious Disease (Restriction on attendance of Schools)(No. 2) (Repeal Order, 2021**

*(Regulation 6)*

In accordance with regulation 6 of the **Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations, 1960**, and the **Infectious Disease (Restriction on Attendance of Schools) (No. 2) Order, 2021** (*Gazette Notice 2021*), as amended by the Infectious Disease (Restriction on attendance of Schools)(No.2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (*Gazette Notice No. 149 of 2021*) (hereinafter the “Order”) (*Gazette Notice 20 of 2021*), the Public Health Commissioner hereby repeals the Order with retroactive effect from 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

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**B. Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies), Order (No. 5), 2021**

*(Regulation 8 read with regulations 9, 11, 12, 19A & 20)*

In accordance with regulation 8 read with regulations 9, 11, 12, 19A and 20 of the **Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations, 1960**, the Public Health Commissioner hereby makes the following Orders: —

1. the prohibition of outdoor public assemblies in Seychelles from **12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, until further notice** except as permitted in this Order: —
2. Subject to this Order and the Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (Restriction on activities and operation of establishments, trade premises and shops) (No. 6) Order, 2021 —
  - 2.1 no assembly of more than 10 persons from the same household may be on the beach for any purpose except for jogging or walking as a physical exercise activity, for a picnic or to access the sea. For the sake of clarity “picnic” shall not include the use of loud or amplified music system, dancing or other lively entertainment;
  - 2.2 A person on his or her own or a group of not more than 10 persons may engage in kayaking, surfing, snorkeling, paddle boarding in the sea or any other watersports;
3. The organiser and every person attending an indoor assembly shall comply with the Public Health (Infectious Disease) (Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) regulations, 2020, and the existing guidelines issued by the Public Health Commissioner and such other conditions that the Public Health Commissioner may deem necessary to impose in regards to the said assembly. For the sake of clarity, “indoor assembly” includes, general meetings for body corporates, graduation ceremonies, receptions, weddings, parties, seated indoor public shows.

4. A person who encourages, coerces, entices or persuades any person to engage in or take part in an assembly in contravention of this Order commits an offence.
5. This prohibition order shall not have the effect of prohibiting assembly exclusively for the following purposes —
  - 5.1 work at the workplace;
  - 5.2 attendance of school or school activities;
  - 5.3 shopping at shops or retail outlets that are permitted to open;
  - 5.4 access to healthcare facilities;
  - 5.5 travel at bus stops, bus station, ports or airports;
  - 5.6 access to, and collection or consumption at, a restaurant or any other food outlet that is permitted to operate;
  - 5.7 religious and funeral services or ceremonies in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Public Health Commissioner;
  - 5.8 celebration of marriage in church or at Civil Status office or any other approved venues, which shall comprise of the parties, the celebrant, witnesses and a limited number of invitees as per guidelines issued by the Public Health Commissioner; or
  - 5.9 queuing or making use of any other service or at a trade premises, establishment or facility that are permitted to operate,

provided that the employer, worker, owner, manager, consumer or any person in control of the premises or providing the service or organising the event shall comply with any direction of the Public Health Commissioner in respect of social or physical distancing and hygiene and ensure compliance with the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) Regulations, 2020.

6. All entities, public or private, in any industry, whether construction, manufacturing of goods or provision of services, that also provide shared or common accommodation for their workers shall —
  - 6.1 transport their workers from their residence directly to their workplace, where practicable, or limit the movement of their workers to the workers' residence and workplaces, while this Order is in operation;
  - 6.2 not permit that their workers to hold any social or private entertainment event whatsoever such as a parties, dances, fairs, within the premises, common areas or the yard space of their accommodation;
  - 6.3 ensure that after their workers comply with the conditions of their gainful occupation permit and does not engage in any work outside their workplace after their working time with their employer; and
  - 6.4 ensure that their workers comply with the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) Regulations, 2020, and comply and observe the orders of the Public Health Commissioner and the directions and guidelines issued by the Public Health Commissioner in respect of social and physical distancing while transporting their workers from their residence to their workplace and from their workplace to their residence and while the workers are in their residence, inclusive of their yard space.
7. All establishments, institutions, businesses, organisations authorised to conduct any activity shall ensure that all persons on its premises comply with the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) Regulations,

2020 and practice good hand hygiene and social or physical distancing, as the case may be, according to directions issued by the Public Health Commissioner in respect of the workers, customers, students, attendees or invitees and should employ adequate number of staff to ensure practice and observance thereof so as to remove risk of infection or spread of COVID-19.

8. Appropriate action shall be taken against any person who fails to comply with these orders under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations.

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**C. Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (Restriction on activities and operation of establishments, trade premises and shops) (No. 6) Order, 2021**

*(Regulation 8 read with regulations 9(2), 19A & 20)*

In accordance with regulation 8 read with regulations 9(2), 9A or 20 of the **Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations, 1960**, the Public Health Commissioner hereby orders that:—

1. Except otherwise specifically prohibited or restricted by these Orders and subject to these Orders, all services in public and private sector may open and operate during normal opening hours subject to complying with these Orders.
2. Orders 3 to 10 shall operate and apply from **12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, until further notice.**
3. The following prohibitions or restriction, as the case may be, shall apply to shops, retail outlets and wholesale outlets —
  - 3.1 All shops and retail outlets that sell food items, groceries, essential baby and sanitary products, pharmaceutical products and medical equipment may open between the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 P.M only.
  - 3.2 All other shops and retail outlets may open between the hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 P.M only.
  - 3.3 All operators of shop or retail outlets shall comply with the IPC standards and any other directives and guidelines of the Public Health Commissioner for their opening and operation of their premises as approved by the Public Health Commissioner.
  - 3.4 Wholesalers of all goods may open and operate for taking orders and delivery of their products to shops and retail outlets referred to under paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above or at trade premises referred to in paragraph 4 below.
4. The following trade premises shall observe and comply with restrictions, prohibitions or conditions under paragraph 5 —
  - 4.1 Restaurant, cafeteria, take away food outlets and other food outlets;
  - 4.2 Gymnasium and fitness centres (including open air gymnasium at Roche Caiman and beau Vallon);
  - 4.3 Spa and beauty parlours;
  - 4.4 hairdressers and barbershops;
  - 4.5 cinemas;
  - 4.6 Casinos; and
  - 4.7 public bars.

5. The following restriction, prohibition or conditions shall apply —
  - 5.1 in respect of the operation of the trade premises under paragraph 4 above —
    - 5.1.1 validation by, and prior approval of, the Public Health Commissioner for opening subject to compliance with defined IPC Criteria;
    - 5.1.2 except for restaurant, public bars and cinemas, the service shall be on previous non-physical request for appointment or reservation;
    - 5.1.3 customers should at all times during the provision of the service be physically and adequately distanced;
    - 5.1.4 comply with the IPC standards and any other directives and guidelines of the Public Health Commissioner for the opening and operation of the premises; and
    - 5.1.5 ensuring that all persons on its premises comply with the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) Regulations, 2020, where applicable, and practice good hand hygiene and social or physical distancing, as the case may be, according to directions issued by the Public Health Commissioner.
  - 5.2 in respect of restaurant, public bars, cafeteria, take away food outlets and other food outlets —
    - 5.2.1 dancing or karaoke is prohibited; and
    - 5.2.2 ensuring social or physical distancing for any queuing for the service.
  - 5.3 in respect of operation of spa and beauty parlours and hairdresser and barbershops —
    - 5.3.1 at no time should there be any person waiting for the service at the premises whilst other clients are being attended to;
    - 5.3.2 wearing face mask and visors for workers and mask for customers where practicable; and
    - 5.3.3 proper sanitization of workers, customers and equipment.
  - 5.4 in respect of operation of gymnasium and fitness centres —
    - 5.4.1 admission to existing members only;
    - 5.4.2 no group activities shall be held;
    - 5.4.3 limited number of persons shall be admitted so as to ensure adequate social or physical distancing;
    - 5.4.4 at no time should there be any person waiting for the service at the premises whilst other clients are being attended to; and
    - 5.4.5 proper sanitization of equipment.
6. The following activities are prohibited or restricted, as specified herein —
  - 6.1 dances or social events in any night clubs, dance halls, discotheques, restaurant or bars;
  - 6.2 fairs, fun fairs, fancy fairs, parish fetes and festivals;
  - 6.3 outdoor cultural and musical shows, concerts or performances.

7. The organisers, celebrants, workers, participants of religious services or ceremonies, funeral ceremonies and ceremonies for the celebration of marriages and any other indoor events shall adhere to or comply with, or ensure adherence to and compliance with, the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) Regulations, 2020, and directions and guidelines issued by the Public Health Commissioner (including practice good hand hygiene and social or physical distancing) so as to remove the risk of infection or spread of COVID-19.
8. Night clubs, dance halls and/or discoteques or trade premises or premises that hold such kind of entertainment shall remain closed to the public or shall not operate such activity therein.
9. No person shall be permitted to visit any person admitted to any hospital or resident health care establishment or any home for the elderly except with express approval and compliance with the directions and guidelines issued by the Public Health Commissioner.
10. All establishments, institutions, businesses, organisations authorised to conduct any activity or to be open to the public shall at all times ensure compliance with the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) regulations, 2020, and practice good hand hygiene and social or physical distancing according to directions issued by the Public Health Commissioner in respect of their workers and customers and should employ persons to ensure practice and observance thereof so as to remove the risk of infection or spread of COVID-19.

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**D. Miscellaneous Orders**

1. The following orders shall apply to Orders B and C above —
  - 1.1 The owner, manager or operator of a trade premises, premises, establishment or public place providing a service to the public shall ensure that persons inside the premises, establishment, public place or trade premises wear face masks and shall restrict the number of customers or persons inside the trade premises, premises, establishment or public place at any one time so that each customer or person is able to physically and optimally distance himself or herself from another person;
  - 1.2. Each person in a public place shall at all times wear face masks where necessary under the Public Health (Infectious Disease)(Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks) regulations, 2020, and maintain optimal physical distance from another person as part of the observance and promotion of social or physical distancing;
  - 1.3. Necessary action may be taken against any person who fails to comply with any of these orders;
  - 1.4. Any person who contravenes an order without reasonable excuse commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SCR 20, 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both or may be liable to be issued with any applicable spot fine or fixed penalty; and
  - 1.5 A person shall on request of a police officer answer any questions to enable the police officer to ascertain who the person is and whether the person is allowed to be in any assembly or performing any activity or trade or accessing any service and where the person does not satisfy the police officer that the person is allowed to be in such assembly outside the confines of the

person's place of residence pursuant to any Infectious Disease Order made by the Public Health Commissioner that is in force, the police officer may—

- 1.5.1 direct the person to go immediately to the person's place of residence;
- 1.5.2 detain and convey the person to the person's place of residence;
- 1.5.3 issue the person with any applicable spot fine or fixed penalty notice;
- 1.5.4 arrest and detain the person.

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#### **E. Repeal**

The following Orders are hereby repealed —

1. The Infectious Disease (Restriction on attendance of Schools) (No. 2) Order, 2021 (*Gazette Notice No. 20 of 2021*), as amended by the Infectious Disease (Restriction on attendance of Schools)(No.2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (*Gazette Notice No. 149 of 2021*);
2. The Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies)(No.4), Order, 2021 (*Gazette Notice No. 168 of 2021*); and
3. The Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (Restriction on activities and operation of establishments, trade premises and shops) (No. 5) Order, 2021 (*Gazette No. 168 of 2021*).

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#### **F. Valid Orders**

The following Orders are in full force and effect until further notice is given or published on any official Government website or official means of communication and, as soon as possible thereafter, in the Gazette, or until the date set out in the Order—

1. The Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Outdoor Movement) (No. 3) Order, 2021, (*Gazette Notice No. 168 of 2021*), as amended by Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Outdoor Movement) (No. 3) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (*Gazette Notice No. 205 of 2021*);
2. The Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (No. 5) Order, 2021;
3. The Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (Restriction on activities and operation of establishments, trade premises and shops) (No. 6) Order, 2021;
4. The Infectious Disease (Restriction on entry to, exit from and return to Seychelles) (No. 3) Order, 2020 (*Gazette Notice No. 300 of 2020*); and
5. The Infectious Disease (Restriction on Travel) (No. 3) Order, 2020 (*Gazette Notice No. 300 of 2020*), as amended by the Infectious Disease (Restriction on entry to, exit from and return to Seychelles) (No.3) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (*Gazette Notice No. 149 of 2021*).

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**MADE ON THIS MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.**

**DR. JUDE GEDEON**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER**

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No. 288 of 2021

**POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS) ACT**

*(Cap 173)*

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR**

In exercise of powers conferred by section 9(1)(e) and (f) of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulations) Act, the Electoral Commission has cancelled the registration of “*Lalyans Seselwa*” as a political party and pursuant to section 25(1) of the same Act, has appointed a liquidator in which shall vest the assets of the party. Notice of the name and address of the liquidator is hereby given,

**Mr. Palani Batcha SATHASIVAN**  
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**Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.**

**Mrs. Manuella AMESBURY**  
**ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

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