

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (Amendment) Order, 2020

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management has given written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Disaster Risk Management Act should be taken promptly:

AND WHEREAS on the 13th day of March, 2020, the Prime Minister by Order declared the whole of Jamaica to be a disaster area:

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, and every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (Amendment) Order, 2020, and shall be read and construed as one with the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) Order, 2020, hereinafter referred to as the principal Order.
2. The principal Order is amended by inserting next after paragraph 2 the following paragraph –

“ 2A. (1) For a period of 14 days beginning from the 22nd day of March, 2020, no person shall be permitted to enter Jamaica.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply until the 24th day of March, 2020, to -

(a) Jamaicans employed on contract in overseas work programmes between the Government and a foreign private sector entity or foreign government;

(b) Jamaicans privately employed overseas and arriving in Jamaica in a group from the same overseas territory;

(c) Jamaican holders of a seaman’s certificate;

(d) airline crew, in so far as their admission is required to facilitate the arrival and departure of aircraft as permitted by the Government;

(e) any Jamaican whose travel to Jamaica commenced on or before the 20th day of March, 2020, and arriving in Jamaica on or before the 23rd day of March, 2020;

(f) any Jamaican whose travel to Jamaica was confirmed (by issue of a ticket or other document by which a person is admitted passage on board any form of conveyance to Jamaica) on or before the 20th day of March, 2020, for arrival in Jamaica on or before the 23rd day of March, 2020;

(g) any other person, or category of persons, authorised by the Minister responsible for immigration subject to the approval of the Cabinet.

(3) A person specified in any of sub-paragraphs (2)(a) to (g) shall –

(a) be placed under quarantine for a period of 14 days, at the person's abode or place of residence, being the address supplied for the purposes of sub-paragraph (b)(i), or such other place as may be directed by an authorized officer; and

(b) shall be permitted entry to Jamaica only if the person provides to the Chief Immigration Officer, prior to boarding the conveyance on which that person begins travel to Jamaica –

(i) the address at which the person will remain under quarantine as required by this paragraph;

(ii) the telephone number at which the person can be contacted in Jamaica; and

(iii) the residential address, and telephone number, of the person's next-of-kin.

(4) A person required to be placed under quarantine under this paragraph shall comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed, by an authorized officer.

(5) A person required to be placed under quarantine under this paragraph shall be permitted to leave the island before the end of the 14-day period of quarantine if the person does not have any symptoms of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).

(6) If, during the period of quarantine under this paragraph, the person develops symptoms of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), the person is required to forthwith inform the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness”.

3. The principal Order is amended by deleting paragraph 3(1) and substituting therefor the following –

“ (1) With effect from the 20th day of March, 2020, each person landed in Jamaica before the 22nd day of March, 2020, from any country where there is local transmission of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), as published by the Ministry responsible for health and wellness from time to time, is required to proceed to that person’s abode or place of residence or such other place as may be directed by an authorized officer and remain in self-quarantine for 14 days.”.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Holness". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Prime Minister