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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES) (NO. 16)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) 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) (No. 16) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2020, and shall be read and construed as one with the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 16) Order, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Order), and all amendments thereto.

2. Paragraph 14 of the principal Order is amended by inserting next after paragraph 24 the following paragraph—

“Special provisions in respect of the parish of Westmoreland. 24A. (1) The provisions of this paragraph apply in respect of the parish of Westmoreland, during the period from December 16, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph 10 but subject to the exceptions specified in the Third Schedule, commencing at 7:00 pm on December 16, 2020, and ending at 5:00 am on December 31, 2020, each person shall remain at an abode or place of residence (including the yard) during the hours from 7:00 pm each day until 5:00 am on the following day.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph 12(a), gatherings in a public place shall not exceed 10 persons, but the exceptions set out in the Fourth Schedule apply except to the extent otherwise indicated in this paragraph.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph 14(1), during the period from December 16, 2020, to December 30, 2020—

- (a) markets shall operate and vending in public arcades and public transportation centres shall take place, only during the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Mondays to Saturdays; and
- (b) on Sundays markets shall remain closed, and no vending is to take place in public arcades and public transportation centres.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph 14(3), during the period December 16, 2020, to December 30, 2020, public transportation for which a licence is required under the Transport Authority Act shall operate in the parish of Westmoreland only from 4:00 am until 8:00 pm, and no passengers shall be in the transportation between 4:00 and 5:00 am and between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

(6) Notwithstanding paragraphs 14(5) (public beaches) and 14(6) (rivers), no more than 10 persons at a time shall gather in any one area of a beach or river.

(7) Notwithstanding paragraph 14(8), parks (including theme parks, but excluding amusement parks, water parks and water attractions) shall close no later than 6:00 pm during the period from December 16, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

(8) Notwithstanding paragraph 14(9), gyms shall close no later than 6:00 pm each day during the period from December 16, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

(9) Notwithstanding paragraphs 14(13) and 14(15), bars shall close no later than 6:00 pm each day during the period from December 16, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

(10) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this paragraph, no business referred to in paragraph 10 shall operate in the parish of Westmoreland during the hours when persons are required to remain at an abode or place of residence under this paragraph.”

3. The heading of the Third Schedule is amended by deleting the words “10 and 11” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “10, 11 and 24A”.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

ANDREW HOLNESS
Prime Minister.