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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES) (NO. 16) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) 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 March 13, 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. 3) 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 24A the following paragraph—

" Special provisions in respect of travel from the United Kingdom.	24B.—(1) During the period from December 21, 2020, to January 4, 2021, a person who seeks to enter Jamaica and who has been in the United Kingdom at any time during the period of two weeks prior to the date on which entry into Jamaica is sought shall—			
	(a)	for a period of not less than forty-eight hours after entry into Jamaica, remain in quarantine at a facility designated by the Government;		
	(b)	be tested for the SARS - CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19); and		
	(c)	comply with all applicable directions given, and requirements imposed, by an authorized officer, including the Government Facility Quarantine order in the form set out as Form E of the First Schedule.		
	(2) Where the test administered to a person under sub-paragraph (1)(b) is negative—			
	(a)	the person shall be allowed to leave the quarantine facility referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a), but shall, in accordance with the Government Facility Quarantine Order in the form set out as Form E of the First Schedule, remain in quarantine at an abode or place of residence for the remainder of the period of fourteen days commencing from the date of the person's entry into Jamaica; and		
	(b)	the provisions of paragraph 8 (electronic monitoring) shall apply to the person.		
	(3) Where the test administered to a person under sub-paragraph (1)(b) is positive, the person shall remain in quarantine at the quarantine facility referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a) until the person recovers from the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).			
	(4) Notwithstanding anything in sub-paragraph (1), during the period from December 23, 2020, to January 4, 2021, no person travelling directly from the United Kingdom shall be permitted to enter Jamaica.			

(5) Sub-paragraph (4) shall not apply to any person, or category of persons, authorised to enter Jamaica, in writing in the form set out as Form F of the First Schedule, by the Minister responsible for immigration, with the prior approval of the Cabinet.

- (6) A person who enters Jamaica under sub-paragraph (5) shall—
- (a) remain in quarantine for a period of forty-eight hours after entry into Jamaica, at a facility designated by the Government;
- (b) be tested for the SARS CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19); and
- (c) comply with all applicable directions given and requirements imposed by an authorized officer, including the Government Facility Quarantine Order in the form set out as Form E of the First Schedule.

(7) Where the test administered to a person under sub-paragraph (6)(b) is negative—

- (a) the person shall be allowed to leave the quarantine facility referred to in sub-paragraph (6)(a), but shall, in accordance with the Government Facility Quarantine Order in the form set out as Form E of the First Schedule, remain in quarantine at an abode or place of residence for the remainder of the period of fourteen days commencing from the date of the person's entry into Jamaica; and
- (b) the provisions of paragraph 8 (electronic monitoring) shall apply to the person.

(8) Where the test administered to a person under sub-paragraph (6)(b) is positive, the person shall remain in quarantine at the quarantine facility referred to in sub-paragraph (6)(a) until the person recovers from the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).

3. The First Schedule of the principal Order is amended by inserting next after Form D the following forms—

FORM E

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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES) (No. 16) ORDER, 2020, PARAGRAPH 24B

GOVERNMENT FACILITY QUARANTINE ORDER

A RISK-BASED PROTOCOL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED REGARDING TESTING AND RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENTS FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID-19.

All persons arriving in Jamaica are required to undergo a health screening and risk assessment.

CATEGORY OF TRAVELLER:	ALL	
RISK CLASSIFICATION:	HIGH RISK	LOW RISK

FORM E, *contd*.

CONTROL MEASURES FOR PERSONS WITH POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO SARS – CoV-2

You have, or might have, been exposed to the SARS – CoV2, virus that causes COVID-19, through travel or contact. Infection by the SARS – CoV2 virus is an acute respiratory infection that may present with mild, moderate, or severe illness and may be fatal. The symptoms of acute respiratory infection include fever, cough, sore throat and difficulty breathing, and in some cases, diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal pain, chest pain. Symptoms may appear anywhere from two (2) to fourteen (14) days after exposure to the SARS – CoV2. Persons may be able to transmit infection beginning one day before they develop symptoms to up to 7 days after they get sick. The SARS – CoV2, virus is transmitted by spread most often by respiratory droplets from an infected person. If SARS – CoV2, virus spreads in the community, it would have severe public health consequences.

In accordance with THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES) (No. 16) ORDER, 2020, the Medical Officer (Health), Medical Officer or public health officer has determined that:

As a result of your possible exposure to the SARS – CoV2, virus in accordance with THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES) (NO. 16) ORDER, 2020, the following public health control measures detailed below are being implemented. These measures include being monitored by a public health officer in a designated Government facility at least twice daily to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 until released from the facility. You will be required to do a COVID-19 Test. All persons who test positive OR become symptomatic are placed in isolation.

REQUIREMENTS

You must **comply with these control measures** while in the designated Government facility.

During the quarantine period, you are required to:

- Remain at (insert address) unless specifically authorized to leave by the Medical Officer (Health).

- Isolate yourself from others immediately if any symptoms develop and immediately advise the public health officer at the facility.

- Comply with the directions given or requirements imposed by the public health officer including the recording of your temperature and symptoms at least every 12 hours.

- Maintain a 6-feet (1m) distance from others

FORM E, contd.

If you fail to comply with these control measures, you commit an offence under Section 52 of the Disaster Risk Management Act and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Judge of a Parish Court to a fine not exceeding one million dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

The staff of this Health Department remains available to provide assistance and counselling to you concerning your possible exposure to SARS - CoV2 and compliance with these control measures. Please refer to Health Alert Card (https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/HAC) for accessing the public health system.

This Quarantine Order is Issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Ministry of Health and Wellness of Jamaica:

Name of the Chief Medical Officer

/ Signature of the Chief Medical Officer

[] I will comply with the Terms and Conditions of this Quarantine Order.

/ Date:

Name of the Traveler

Signature

Date: /

[DEC. 21, 2020

Form F

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To: All immigration officers and all authorized officers

This confirms that		of
	(authorised entrant or category of entrants)	

(in the case of authorised entrant, address in Jamaica where the person permanently resides or will stay)

is hereby authorised to enter Jamaica on the	day of	, 20,
subject to the following conditions:		

[state conditions, if any].

Dated this day of

, 20____.

Minister of National Security



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Dated this 21st day of December, 2020.

ANDREW HOLNESS Prime Minister.

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