

Government Notice No. 104 of 2020

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 79 of the Public Health Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Prevention and Mitigation of Infectious Disease (Coronavirus) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2020.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Prevention and Mitigation of Infectious Disease (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by deleting the definition of “high-risk country”.
4. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) in the heading, by deleting the words “**high-risk country**” and replacing them by the word “**abroad**”;
 - (b) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “a high-risk country” and replacing them by the word “abroad”.
5. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following new paragraphs –
 - (4) Where a person is quarantined or isolated under these regulations, a medical practitioner, not below the rank of Regional Public Health Superintendent, shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, inform the person –
 - (a) the reason of him being quarantined or isolated;
 - (b) the powers under which he is quarantined or isolated;

- (c) the next steps that may be taken and by whom;
- (d) the penalty for –
 - (i) absconding, or attempting to abscond, from the place where he is being quarantined or isolated;
 - (ii) providing false or misleading information;
 - (iii) obstructing a person in the discharge of his functions pursuant to these regulations.

(5) (a) The period during which a person is to be isolated or quarantined in a place of isolation or quarantine shall be for a minimum period of 14 clear days, excluding the first day on which the person is isolated or quarantined.

(b) On the fourteenth day of being isolated or quarantined, a medical practitioner shall take a biological sample from that person, including a sample of that person's respiratory secretions or blood by appropriate means or by swabbing that person's nasopharyngeal cavity, or to provide such a sample.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d), a person from whom a biological sample has been taken pursuant to paragraph (b) shall not be released from his place of quarantine or isolation where he is tested as being infected with coronavirus.

(d) A person who is tested as not being infected with coronavirus pursuant to paragraph (c) shall –

- (i) not be released from his place of quarantine or isolation; and
- (ii) be isolated or quarantined for another minimum period of 7 clear days,

where another person, who is isolated or quarantined in that place of quarantine or isolation, is tested as being infected with coronavirus.

6. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “, further to the assessment made under regulation 8,”;
 - (b) in paragraph (5), by deleting the words “beginning with” and replacing them by the word “excluding”.
7. Regulation 11 of the principal regulations is revoked.

Made by the Minister on 2 June 2020.
