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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2015

In terms of section 29(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015 (Act No. 1 of 2015), I have amended the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 16 December 2020

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 233 of 23 September 2020 as amended by Government Notice No. 235 of 29 September 2020, Government Notice No. 256 of 21 October 2020 and Government Notice No. 309 of 1 December 2020.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) These regulations come into operation at 00:00 on 17 December 2020 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 30 December 2020.”.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

3. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by the -

(a) substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “gathering” means -

- (a) a group of more than 50 persons indoors; or
- (b) a group of more than 100 persons outdoors.”;

(b) substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Despite subregulation (1) -

- (a) a person must only organise or host a gathering indoors or outdoors with a number of persons that make it possible for the persons at the gathering to observe social distancing;
- (b) a person may not organise or host a gathering with persons indoors and outdoors at the same time and place; and
- (c) all persons must at all times adhere to the measures to combat, prevent and suppress the spread of COVID-19 as specified in or under these regulations.”;

(c) addition after subregulation (8) of the following subregulation:

“(9) The person organising or hosting a gathering permitted in terms of this regulation, except a gathering referred to in subregulation (2)(a) and (f), must -

- (a) take and record body temperatures of the persons who attend the gathering, and if the body temperature of a person is more than 38 degree Celsius, the person organising or hosting the gathering must refuse the person entry into the gathering and advise the person to self-isolate and notify the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Operations Centre through the COVID-19 toll free number;
- (b) provide facilities for persons who attend the gathering to wash their hands with soap or hand sanitise their hands with alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- (c) ensure that social distancing is observed at all times at the gathering; and
- (d) ensure that all persons at the gathering wear masks at all times.”.

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

4. Regulation 5 is amended by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Despite any contrary condition applicable to any type of liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act, the sale of liquor in terms of a liquor licence and the purchase of liquor may -

- (a) where the seller is the holder of an off-sales licence -
 - (i) only take place starting at the time specified in the liquor licence until 18:00 on a week day; and
 - (ii) only take place starting at the time specified in the liquor licence until 13:00 on a Saturday; and
- (b) where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence, only take place starting at the time specified in the liquor licence until 22:00.”.

Amendment of regulation 6 of Regulations

5. Regulation 6 is amended by the insertion after subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2A) Without derogating from the generality of subregulation (2), every head of the institution and every manager or person in control of any business, operation and activity which is permitted to operate under subregulation (1) and which renders services to members of the public on the basis of seated services, including businesses that sell liquor or food for on-consumption at the premises and other businesses that render services to members of the public on the basis of seated services must ensure that the chairs, tables or dining tables used by members of the public are arranged in a way that the chairs or tables are not less than two meters apart.”.
