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TO : ALL HEADS OF MISSION

FROM : *pr* ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Shu*

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RE: AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. This Circular serves to forward the Government Gazette on the amended Public Health Covid-19, General Regulations, for your consideration.

Please note that;

1. The Regulations came into operation at 00: 00 on 22 October 2020 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 30 November 2020
2. All travelers (including tourist, business travelers and all Namibians and Permit Holders) who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result , that is not older than 72 hours, will be permitted to proceed to their final destination in the country. The requirement for the mandatory 5 day retest has been withdrawn.
3. All travelers who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result that is older than 72 hours but not older than 7 days will be permitted to enter the country, however will be required to undergo 7-days supervised quarantine at home or at a tourism facility. In the event that these environments do not fulfill quarantine requirements, the travelers will be place under mandatory Government quarantine facilities at own cost.

4. Returning Namibian citizens or Permit Holders may enter the country with or without a COVID-19 PCR test result. In the event that such persons present a positive test result or no result at all, they will be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing or isolation, after arrival. This provision shall also apply to aircraft and marine vessel crew members; humanitarian aid workers, essential services providers as well as operators and drivers of cross-border transport vehicles who arrive in the country without the requisite test. **However, if the PCR test is a requirement from the airline the traveler should comply with the regulations of the airline.**

The afore-mentioned travelers can forward their applications for State Funded Quarantine as well as Home-Supervised Quarantine directly to the Ministry of Health and Social Services, health.travel@mhss.gov.na for approval. Request should not be forwarded to MIRCOC. Travelers crossing Namibian borders are advised to send their forms directly to the concern region for approval. The forms are attached hereto.

The regulation to inform Namibian Missions 14 days prior to a visit to Namibia is no longer applicable.

5. Non- Namibians who do not present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, will not be granted entry into the country.
6. In addition, please find a Press Release by the Ministry of Health and Social Services regarding the changes in the approval of travels and quarantine request for travelers. The Ministry of Health and Social Services further advises that all travelers adhere to the Infection Prevention Control measures provided in the Public Health COVID-19 General Regulations: Public Environmental Health Act, 2015.

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.



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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 256

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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, 21 October 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.

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 22 October 2020 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 30 November 2020.”.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

3. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “gathering” means a group of more than 200 persons.”.

Amendment of regulation 9 of Regulations

4. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is amended by -

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

“(1) Persons who -

(a) may not be refused entry into Namibia under regulation 8(1); or

(b) are permitted entry under regulation 8(2),

must, on entering Namibia, be subjected to quarantine requirements as set out in these regulations and the directives.”.

(b) by the deletion of subregulations (1A), (1B) and (1C);

(c) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) Persons referred to in subregulation (1) who on entry into Namibia present to an authorised person a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue such test results and which test result -

(a) is not older than 72 hours, may not be subjected to mandatory quarantine provided that they comply with the requirements of these regulations while in Namibia;

(b) is older than 72 hours but not older than seven days, must be subjected to supervised quarantine -

(i) at home or at a tourism facility approved by an authorised person; or

(ii) if the place referred to in subparagraph (i) does not meet the quarantine requirements, at a designated quarantine facility,

for a period of seven day.”.

(d) the insertion after subregulation (2) of the following subregulations:

“(2A) Despite subregulation (2), returning Namibian citizens or holders of Namibian residence or employment permits may enter Namibia -

- (a) without an SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result; or
- (b) with a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result,

but in either case such persons must be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing or isolation at a designated quarantine or an isolation facility for a period of seven days.

(2B) Despite subregulation (2) -

- (a) persons referred to in regulation 8(6);
- (b) crew members of the motor vehicles, locomotives, aircraft or shipping vessels referred to in regulation 8(6)(a);
- (c) providers of essential services or goods; or
- (d) persons entering Namibia to provide humanitarian assistance,

may enter Namibia without an SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result but such persons must be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing for COVID-19 at a designated quarantine facility for a period of seven days.”.

Substitution of regulation 10 of Regulations

5. The following regulation is substituted for regulation 10 of the Regulations:

“10. (1) For the purposes of this regulation -

“vehicle” means a vehicle as defined in section 1 of the Road and Transport Act, 1999 (Act No. 22 of 1999) and includes a locomotive that is used for the transportation of passengers or goods by railway; and

“motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in section 1 of the Road and Transport Act, 1999 (Act No. 22 of 1999).

(2) Every owner or operator of a vehicle used for the purposes of conveying persons or goods for reward must -

- (a) ensure that the driver of a public vehicle carrying passengers in terms of an authorisation granted in terms of any law wears a mask and the driver must ensure that all passengers wear masks at all times;
- (b) provide alcohol-based hand sanitisers for use in the vehicle; and
- (c) regularly disinfect or cause the regular disinfection of the vehicle used for the purposes of conveying persons or goods, before and after each conveyance.

(3) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with subregulation (2) commits an offence and is on conviction liable to the penalties specified in section 29(3) of the Act.”.

Amendment of Regulation 27 of Regulations

6. Regulation 27 of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of subregulation (2).



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PRESS RELEASE

CHANGES IN THE APPROVAL OF TRAVELS AND QUARANTINE REQUEST FOR TRAVELERS

The Ministry of Health and Social Services is hereby informing members of the public and travelers that since the Minister for Immigration, has granted permission for specified categories of travelers to enter into Namibia as per Regulation 8, no further approval for entry into Namibia is required from the Ministry of Health and Social Services. However, quarantine and other requirements still apply to specified categories of travelers as follows:

- ALL travelers (including tourists, business travelers and all Namibians and Permit Holders) who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result, that is not older than 72 hours, will be permitted to proceed to their final destination in the country. The requirement for the mandatory five (5) day retest has been withdrawn.
- All travelers who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result that is older than 72 hours, but not older than 7 days, will be permitted to enter the country. However, they will be required to undergo 7-days supervised quarantine at home or tourism facility. In the event that these environments do not fulfil quarantine requirements, the travelers will be placed under mandatory quarantine at Government approved facilities at own cost.
- Non-Namibians, who do not present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, will not be granted entry into the country. Returning Namibian citizens or Permit Holders may enter the country with or without a COVID-19 PCR test result.
- In the event such persons present a positive test result or no result at all, they will be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing or isolation, after arrival. This provision shall also apply to aircraft and marine vessel crewmembers; humanitarian aid workers, essential service providers, as well as operators and drivers of cross-border transport vehicles who arrive in the country without the requisite test.

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To speed up the process and avoid overcrowding at the borders, a risk factor for COVID-19 transmission, the Chief Health Officer has authorized all Regional Directors to approve quarantine requests for all persons permitted entry into Namibia who are entering through Ports of Entry in the respective regions, in line with the provisions and requirements of the regulations.

All quarantine application forms are on the Ministry's website <https://mhss.gov.na/>. Completed form and supporting documents must be submitted to the Regional Directors of the respective region where the traveler intent to be quarantined, as follows:

Regions	Names	Telephone	E-mails
Zambezi	Ms. Agnes K. Mwilima	066-251411 066-251446	Agnes.Mwilima@mhss.gov.na
Erongo	Ms. Anna Jonas	064-4106005 064-4106078	anna.jonas@mhss.gov.na
Hardap	Ms. Y. Stephanus	063-245528/9	Yvonne.Stephanus@mhss.gov.na
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Oshikoto	Mr. J. Nghipangelwa	065-293220 065-293203	Josua.Nghipangwelwa@mhss.gov.na
Otjozondjupa	Mr. T. Gebhardo	0812407024	gebhardo@gmail.com
Kavango	Sr. T. Ngwira	066-265507	Timea.Ngwira@mhss.gov.na
Kunene	Mr. T. Shapumba	065-272801 065-273084	Thomas.shapumba@mhss.gov.na
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Omaheke	Mr. J. Shikulo	062- 577000	Jeremia.Shikulo@mhss.gov.na

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Khomas	Ms.P. Hamunyela	061- 203 5001	Patemoshela.Hamunyela@mhss.gov.na

The following persons can be approved for **State-funded quarantine at facility as per Regulation 9 (4)**, subject to prior approval;

Namibian citizens who are:

- a) Students enrolled for and undertaking a course of study at a school or an educational institution in Namibia or in a foreign country, on entering or leaving Namibia;
- b) State patients, on entering or leaving Namibia;
- c) Health professionals employed by the State and on official duty, on entering or leaving Namibia;
- d) Persons entering Namibia to provide humanitarian assistance;
- e) Persons entering Namibia on official government business

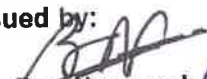
Namibian Citizens who are unable to pay for the cost of quarantine as required by the regulations may request for assistance from the State, as per **Regulation 9 (5)**.

Applications for state funded quarantine are also available on the Ministry's website. Completed forms should be submitted to the respective regional directors.

All general enquiries related to entry and quarantine requirements must be emailed to health.travelapproval@mhss.gov.na, or call 061 203 2068.

COVID- 19 preventative measures should be adhered to all the time!

Issued by:


Mr. Ben Nangombe
Executive Director





**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES**

APPLICATION FOR HOME-SUPERVISED QUARANTINE

This form must be submitted at least two (2) weeks before the expected date of arrival.

Completed form and supporting documents must be submitted to; health.travelapproval@mhss.gov.na;
For further enquiries, please call 061-203 2700/2068

This provision is only applicable to:

- (a) Namibian citizens
- (b) Holders of permanent residence permit for Namibia
- (c) Persons Domiciled in Namibia or lawfully resident in Namibia
- (d) Member of the Diplomatic or consular staff accredited to Namibia
- (e) Holders of Study and Work Permit
- (f) Spouses or children of persons under (a-e) above

Save your completed form and attachments in a "PDF" format with file name:
HomeQuarantineApp_Surname_Region (region where you want to quarantine)

PLEASE SUBMIT COPY OF YOUR DOCUMENTS IN PDF (Attach copy of Passport; Permit/Visa and Full Birth Certificate/Proof of Domicile/Marriage Certificate); Please fill in a separate form for each traveler.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS	
1. Name	
2. Surname	
3. Date of Birth	
4. Passport/ID Number	
5. Physical address in Namibia where you wish to quarantine (Erf #, Street; Suburb, Town, Region)	

6. Contact details (for inspection assessment of dwelling/premises; and for quarantine monitoring purpose)	Mobile Phone No. to be contacted for arrangement of inspection assessment of dwelling/premises:
	Mobile Phone # for Traveler: Email:
7. Occupation	
8. Name of Employer/Institution/University	
TRAVEL INFORMATION	
9. Date & Place of Departure	
10. Date of Arrival & Final Destination in Namibia	
11. Reason for travel	
12. Mode of Travel (by road, air or sea)	
13. Type of Vehicle /Flight /Vessel & registration number	
14. Port of Entry (name of border post/airport/seaport)	
MOTIVATION FOR HOME QUARANTINE	
The Regional Health Team may revoke this approval if the dwelling/premises does not meet the requirements for Home Supervised Quarantine.	

Approved/ Not Approved	
Reason for disapproval	
Signature: BEN NANGOMBE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Date:	



MINISTRY OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNEXURE B: APPLICATION FOR STATE FUNDED QUARANTINE DURING STAGE 4: COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

This form must be submitted two (2) weeks before the expected date of arrival. Completed form and supporting documents must be submitted to: health.travelapproval@mhss.gov.na

PERSONAL PARTICULARS	
1. Name	
2. Surname	
3. Date of Birth	
4. Passport Number	
5. Physical address in Namibia	
6. Contact details	Mobile Phone #: Email:
7. Occupation	
8. Employer	
TRAVEL INFORMATION	
9. Date last departed Namibia	
10. Reason for entering Namibia	
11. Expected date of arrival	
12. Mode of Travel (by road, air or sea)	
13. Port of Entry (name of border post/airport/seaport)	
14. Vehicle registration number/Flight /Vessel details	
MOTIVATION	
15. Please provide the motivation for the request for exemption from paying the cost of COVID-19 quarantine (use additional sheets if necessary)	

Recommended/ Not Recommended	Approved/ Not Approved	Date stamp
Signature: _____ Date: _____ Mwaala Shaanika Control Administrative Officer	Signature: _____ Date: _____ Ben Nangombe Executive Director	
Name of assigned quarantine facility: _____		

For enquiries, please contact Mr. Mwaala Shaanika ; health.travelapproval@mhss.gov.na

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