

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

No. 15 of 2021

Public Health (Restriction of Movement) Regulations, 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 9:21, Act, the Minister of Health with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers makes the following Regulations:

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1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Restriction of Movement) Regulations, 2021.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations,

“COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act” means the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 16 of 2020;

“COVID-19” means the COVID-19 novel coronavirus (2019-n CoV).

3. Restriction of Movement.

(1) A period of restriction of movement is imposed every day from 11:00 p.m. of each day until 5 a.m. of the following day, commencing on Tuesday 25th May, 2021 and ending on Tuesday 8th June, 2021.

(2) Subject to subregulations (3) and (4), in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus or COVID-19 during a period of restriction of movement, every person shall remain confined to their place of residence, inclusive of their yard space, to avoid contact outside of their family, except

- (a) essential workers, who are required to report to work;
- (b) workers required to work under subregulation 4;
- (c) for essential travel for medical emergencies;

provided that such persons shall ensure at all times to distance themselves at least six feet from any other person.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), a person, other than an essential worker, who is required to move from his or her home during the period of restricted movement, shall first obtain the approval of the Commissioner of Police to do so.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, an “essential worker” includes essential officers of

- (a) the Royal Saint Christopher and Nevis Police Force;
- (b) the Saint Christopher and Nevis Defence Force;
- (c) the Fire and Rescue Services Department;
- (d) National Emergency Management Agency and Nevis Disaster Management Department, the National Emergency Operating Centre, the Health Emergency Operating Centre and any other Disaster Management Services;
- (e) the prisons, correctional facilities, or other similar establishments;
- (f) any hospital, health care or medical facility;
- (g) the Customs Department;
- (h) the Immigration Department;
- (i) the Air and Sea Ports Authorities;
- (j) the essential media personnel of a Media House;
- (k) the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General’s Chambers, Members of Parliament, the Secretary to the Cabinet;
- (l) the emergency technical personnel of any water, electricity or other sector encompassing the provision of electronic communications including print and electronic media;
- (m) the Government Printery.

(5) All essential workers shall, at all times, carry personal identification and official work identification where possible.

4. Restriction on Regional and International Travellers.

(1) Subject to subregulation (3) and the applicable travel Protocols established pursuant to the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, from Saturday 29th May, 2021, all regional and international travellers shall be required to submit official proof of full vaccination against the COVID-19 virus prior to entry into Saint Christopher and Nevis.

(2) Pursuant to subregulation (1), upon arrival in Saint Christopher and Nevis, a traveller shall be required to produce proof of full vaccination.

(3) The provisions of subregulations (1) and (2), shall not be applicable to citizens and residents of Saint Christopher and Nevis.

5. Penalty.

A person who contravenes or fails to comply with these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment

not exceeding 6 months or to both and to forfeiture of any goods or money in respect of which the offence has been committed.

Made this 25th day of May, 2021.

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