

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment)
(National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 6)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health and Child Care has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020) made the following order: —

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 6).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020 (“the principal order”), is amended in section 2 (“Interpretation”)—

(a) in the definition of “essential service” by the repeal of paragraph (m) and the substitution of—

“(m) all criminal courts and, to the extent directed by the Chief Justice by a Practice Direction, other courts, together with their support staff (including the Sheriff of the High Court or messengers of court for every purpose other than the carrying out evictions or executions or conducting sales in execution).”;

(b) by the repeal of the definition of “face mask” and the substitution of—

““face mask” means a protective mask capable of covering the nose and mouth of the wearer (whether improvised or manufactured, and whether or not of a standard specified in the Public Health (Standards for Personal Protective Apparel, Materials and Equipment) Regulations, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 92 of 2020);”.

4. Section 4 (“National lockdown”) of the principal order is amended—

(a) in subsection (1) by the repeal of paragraph (i);

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- (b) by the repeal of subsection (4) and the substitution of the following subsections—

“(4) Any person covered by any of the exceptions listed in subsection (1), who is in a public place must comply with the social gathering rule and wear a face mask.

(4a) Any person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (4) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to fine not exceeding level 12 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both such fine and such imprisonment.”.

5. Section 5 (“Prohibition of gatherings”) of the principal order is amended in subsection (1)—

- (a) by the deletion of “4th April, 2020” and the substitution of “4th May, 2020”;
- (b) in paragraph (a) by the insertion after “complies with the social gathering rule” of “and wears a face mask”;
- (c) in paragraph (b) by the insertion after “complies with the social gathering rule” of “and wears a face mask”;
- (d) in paragraph (c) by the insertion after “complies with the social gathering rule” of “and wears a face mask”;
- (e) in paragraph (d) by the insertion after “complies with the social gathering rule” of “and wears a face mask”;
- (f) in paragraph (e) by the insertion after “complies with the social gathering rule” of “and wears a face mask”.
- (g) in paragraph (f) by the insertion after “complies with the social gathering rule” of “and wears a face mask”.