

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19) (PREVENTION
AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.8) RULES, 2022**

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**HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(CH. 231)**

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The Minister in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Health Services Act (*Ch. 231*) hereby makes the following rules —

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Health Services (Covid 19)(Prevention and Management of Community Spread)(Amendment)(No.8) Rules, 2021.

2. Revocation and replacement of rule 26 of the principal Rules.

Rule 26 of the principal rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“26. Residential care establishments.

Every residential care establishment shall —

- (a) ensure that all persons entering and remaining in the establishment shall adhere to all Covid 19 protocols;
- (b) have at least one isolation area that is clearly identified and appropriately equipped as may be specified by the Minister;
- (c) ensure that all employees are either fully vaccinated or submit to Covid 19 testing every three days; and
- (d) adhere to any guidelines issued or approved by the Ministry.”.

3. Revocation and replacement of rule 28 of the principal Rules.

Rule 28 of the principal rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“28. Salons, barbershops, and spas.

- (1) A hair stylist, barber or other cosmetologist may operate subject to being certified by the Ministry.
- (2) The operator of a salon, barbershop or spa shall ensure that the occupancy of the salon, barbershop or spa is limited to fifty percent of the seating capacity of that salon, barbershop or spa.”.

4. Revocation and replacement of rule 30 of the principal Rules.

Rule 30 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“30. Public transportation.

The operation of a public bus, tour or charter or taxi service shall be subject to the Covid 19 protocols and other guidelines issued or approved by the Ministry.”.

5. Revocation and replacement of rule 36 of the principal Rules.

Rule 36 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“36. Attendance at sporting or other activity.

A spectator or attendee at an activity or event to which rules 34A, 34B, 35 or 36A apply shall —

- (a) if fully vaccinated, present proof of vaccination upon entry to the activity or event;
- (b) if not fully vaccinated, present a negative Covid 19 test result upon entry to the activity or event;
- (c) wear a face mask, when not eating or drinking;
- (d) comply with all other Covid 19 protocols.”.

6. Insertion of new rule 36AA into the principal Rules.

The principal Rules are amended by the insertion immediately after rule 36A of the following new rule —

“36AA. Conditions of approval.

- (1) Where the Advisory Committee considers it necessary in the interest of public health to impose conditions upon an application pursuant to rule 36A(3)(a), the conditions shall apply to —
 - (a) the conspicuous posting and broadcasting of the Covid 19 protocols;
 - (b) the sale and presentation of food and beverages;
 - (c) the duration of the event;
 - (d) the seating or standing capacity of the event space or facility or parts thereof; and
 - (e) the maintenance of testing records of participants including presenters, facilitators and servers at the vent.
- (2) The Advisory Committee shall cause the conditions imposed upon an application to be published on an

official website of the Government no less than one day before the activity or event.”.

7. Revocation and replacement of rule 36B of the principal Rules.

Rule 36B of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“36B.Modification of validity of Covid 19 test results.

- (1) Notwithstanding rule 10, the Advisory Committee may recommend in respect of an activity or event to which rules 34A, 34B, 35 or 36A applies, a modification of the period of validity of a Covid 19 test result required for entry into and participation in such an event.
- (2) The Minister shall by notice published in the *Gazette*, modify the period of validity of a Covid 19 test result as recommended pursuant to paragraph (1).”.

8. Revocation and replacement of rule Third Schedule of the principal Rules.

The Third Schedule to the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“THIRD SCHEDULE

(rule 36A)

PART A

List of Events

Concerts

Fetes

Carnivals or fairs

Junkanoo or Carnival parades (inclusive of practice)

Rallies

Expos, craft markets or trade shows

PART B

Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall comprise —

- (a) the Director of Environmental Health Services;
- (b) the President of the Medical Association of The Bahamas;
- (c) the President of the Nurses' Association of The Bahamas;
- (d) a member of civil society nominated by Civil Society Bahamas; and

(e) a representative nominated by the Attorney-General.”.

Made this 8 day of March, 2022

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MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH