

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19) (PREVENTION
AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPREAD)
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**HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(CHAPTER 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. 10) Rules, 2022.

2. Revocation and replacement of rule 9 of the principal Rules.

Rule 9 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“9. Restriction on inter-island travel.

Where the Minister makes an order restricting travel to or from any island under rule 5(2) of the Health Services (Covid 19)(General) Rules, 2021, every operator of an aircraft or vessel shall comply with that order.”.

3. Revocation and replacement of rule 11 of the principal Rules.

Rule 11 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“11. Exemption where re-entry is within twenty-four hours of departure.

Where a person travels from The Bahamas and returns within a period of twenty-four hours, the person shall not be required to undergo a new Covid 19 test to re-enter The Bahamas.”.

4. Revocation of rule 12 of the principal Rules.

Rule 12 of the principal Rules is hereby revoked.

5. Revocation and replacement of rule 29 of the principal Rules.

Rule 29 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“29. Restaurants.

A restaurant may operate provided that —

- (a) the Covid 19 protocols are adhered to;

- (b) tables, chairs and other implements used by patrons are sanitised after each use; and
- (c) masks are worn by patrons when dining, at all times except when eating or drinking.”.

6. Revocation and replacement of rule 31 of the principal Rules.

Rule 31 of the principal Rules is revoked and replaced as follows —

“31. Religious instruction and activities.

A church or place of religious instruction or worship may conduct services including a wedding or a funeral in accordance with the protocols issued or approved by the Ministry.”.

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

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

“36A. Other activities.

- (1) A person who is desirous of hosting or promoting any event specified in Part A of the *Second Schedule* shall apply in writing to the Advisory Committee for approval no less than two weeks prior to the anticipated date of the event.
- (2) An application referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain —
 - (a) the number and demographics of persons expected to attend;
 - (b) information on the size and layout of the venue;
 - (c) proposed measures to mitigate the spread of Covid 19;
 - (d) a declaration of intention to comply with the Covid 19 protocols;
 - (e) the duration of the event;
 - (f) the names and contact information of —
 - (i) the hosts or promoters of the event;
 - (ii) the persons responsible for setting up and securing the event; and
 - (iii) a person designated as the contact for any query by the Ministry.
- (3) Upon review of an application, the Advisory Committee shall —
 - (a) approve the application, with or without conditions;
 - (b) deny the application; or

- (c) defer the application, pending the receipt of further information as may be requested by the Advisory Committee, for a period not exceeding seven days after which a decision to approve or deny the application must be made.
- (4) The Permanent Secretary to the Minister shall notify the applicant in writing forthwith of the decision.”.

8. Revocation of the Second Schedule to the principal Rules.

The Second Schedule to the principal Rules is hereby revoked.

9. Amendment of the Third Schedule to the principal Rules.

The Third Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by the deletion of the words “THIRD SCHEDULE” and the substitution therefor of the words “SECOND SCHEDULE”.

Made this 31st day of March, 2022



MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH