

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

No. 205

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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 published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 15 September 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations "the Regulations" means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. 108 of 31 May 2021, No. 128 of 16 June 2021, No. 138 of 30 June 2021, No. 144 of 9 July 2021, No. 151 of 15 July 2021, No. 160 of 31 July 2021, No. 175 of 14 August 2021 and No. 189 of 6 September 2021.

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 16 September 2021 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 15 October 2021."

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 these regulations, a "prohibited gathering" means a group of more than 150 persons.".

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

- **4.** Regulation 5 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:
 - "(2) Subject to subregulation (3), a person may not leave his or her place of residence between 23:00 and 04:00 on each day.".

Amendment of regulation 7 of Regulations

- **5.** Regulation 7 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:
 - "(3) Despite any contrary condition applicable to any type of liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act, the sale of liquor in terms of a liquor licence and the purchase of liquor may -
 - (a) where the seller is the holder of an off-sales licence, only take place -
 - (i) starting from 09:00 until 18:00 on Mondays to Fridays; and
 - (ii) starting from 09:00 until 13:00 on Saturdays;
 - (b) where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence, only take place starting from 09:00 until 22:00 on Mondays to Saturdays, but this provision is subject to the restrictions on hours and days applicable in respect of the on-consumption licence; and
 - (c) not take place on a Sunday or a public holiday, except where -
 - (i) the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence;
 - (ii) the liquor is sold at an accomodation establishment, restaurant or similar establishment;
 - (iii) the applicable on-consumption licence permits the sale of liquor on Sundays and public holidays; and
 - (iv) liquor is not sold or purchased after 22:00.".

Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations

- **6.** Regulation 8 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1A) of the following subregulation:
 - "(1A) Despite subregulation (1), but subject to regulation 7(3), the following businesses, operations and activities may continue to operate:
 - (a) casinos, gambling houses and betting houses;
 - (b) other recreational places or activities, including swimming pools and playgrounds;
 - (c) nightclubs; and
 - (d) gymnasiums,

except that the number of persons inside a facility may not exceed 50 per cent of the floor area of the facility or 150 persons at any time when the facility is open for business, operations or activities."

Amendment of regulation 10 of Regulations

- 7. Regulation 10 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:
 - "(2) Sporting events are permitted, provided that the total number of spectators at the sporting event do not exceed 150 persons."

Amendment of regulation 19 of Regulations

- **8.** Regulation 19 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for paragraph (l) of subregulation (3) of the following paragraph:
 - "(l) a total of 150 mourners, exclusive of persons who are providing critical services or essential goods in connection with the burial, memorial service or similar gathering, are allowed at the burial and at all memorial services or similar gatherings held in connection with the death of the deceased person and of these -
 - (i) close family members are allowed at a distance of not less than three metres from the grave; and
 - (ii) other mourners are allowed at a distance of not less than 10 metres from the grave:

Provided that in all cases the persons conducting the burial must wear personal protective equipment as approved by an authorised officer and maintain a physical distance of not less than two metres from each other;".