

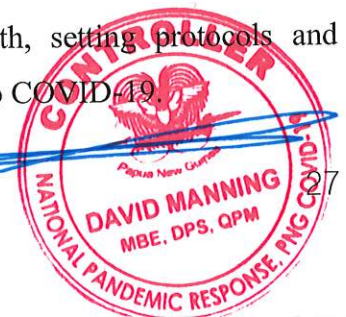


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NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO.9 BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All business, social venues, markets, shopping centers, schools, educational institutions, and places of worship must comply with the Niupela Pasin guidelines for the duration of the Pandemic.
2. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 50 people.
3. Venues of parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the Pandemic that:
 - a. provide night club activities and services; and
 - b. only serve alcohol without food.
4. Venues or parts of venues that operate for the purpose of the sale and consumption of alcohol may operate subject to:
 - a. all persons on entry and exist from venues must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - b. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
5. Licensed premises that sell takeaway alcohol, shall not sell alcohol on Saturdays or Sundays.
6. PNG Sports Foundation shall be responsible for:
 - a. approving requests for affiliated bodies to play matches;
 - b. approving requests for affiliated bodies to resume training; and
 - c. in consultation with the National Department of Health, setting protocols and guidelines for sporting clubs, teams and matches relating to COVID-19.





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7. No club or sporting matches shall be allowed any spectators.
8. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centers must comply with social distancing requirements and safe and hygienic practices as issued by the Controller, including:
 - a. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person; and
 - b. all persons on entry and exit the market must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser.
9. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow restrictions:
 - a. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person;
 - b. all persons on entry and exist into the place of worship must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - c. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
10. The Council of Churches in consultation with the National Department of Health and all faith groups in PNG, shall prepare Standard Operating Procedures for all religious activities and gatherings.
11. The respective provincial chamber of commerce or provincial business peak body shall ensure that businesses develop COVID Continuity Plans for operation in each province.
12. All restaurants in every province shall submit to their respective provincial chamber of commerce and industry or provincial business peak body the following information:
 - a. physical size of restaurant seating area; and
 - b. seating plans.
13. The respective provincial chamber of commerce and industry or provincial business peak body will determine maximum patronage for restaurants in each province according to Standard Operating Procedures received from the National Control Centre.





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14. Licensed bookmakers may only operate:
 - a. On Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and
 - b. Only at venues located in places listed in Schedule 1.
15. A person or organization may apply in writing to the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator for an exemption for a gathering of over 50 persons, a request for an exemption must include the following steps taken to ensure compliance with Nuipela Pasin and to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 at the gathering.
16. The Controller or the relevant provincial administrator may in writing exempt persons or organisations from the ban in paragraph 2.
17. The ban on public gatherings in paragraph 2, shall not affect any events related to mourning of Sir Michael Somare.
18. Non-compliance with paragraph 1 is not an offence under the Act.
19. Non-compliance with these Measures is unlawful and may be penalised under the Act or other applicable laws.
20. Non-compliance with this measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
21. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.
22. These Measure come into effect on 10 March 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



9th March 2021

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DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM
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Schedule 1 – Licensed Bookmakers Venues

- Port Moresby
- Lae
- Mount Hagen
- Madang
- Goroka
- Kundiawa

