

## BOUGAINVILLE EMERGENCY CONTROLLER

### EMERGENCY ORDERS#: 3

I, FRANCIS N. TOKURA OBE, QPM, DPS, Chief of the Bougainville Police Service and Bougainville Emergency Controller, by virtue of Powers conferred on me by *section 6 of Bougainville Emergency Act 2006*, as authorized under *section 200 of the Bougainville Constitution*, made pursuant to *section 322 of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea*, hereby issue the following Orders for immediate implementation;

#### COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Order. 3 of Emergency Order. 1 is revoked with the following emergency orders.
2. All teachers of Government and Churches run schools including private schools shall resume duties at their designed schools on the **27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.
3. All schools, except tertiary institutions shall resume classes on the **11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**, however, schools are required to comply with the following;
  - a) Sick students, teacher and other staff should not come to school;
  - b) Reinforce frequent handwashing (at least 20 seconds). Install handwashing stations with soap and water in strategic areas of the school, with information on how to wash hands properly. If possible, place hand sanitizers in each classroom, at the entrances and exits and near lunchrooms and toilets.
  - c) Clean and disinfect school buildings, classrooms and especially water and hand sanitation facilities at least once a day, particularly surfaces that are used by many people ( railings, lunch tables, sport equipment, door and window handles, toys, teaching and learning aides etc.)
  - d) Ensure trash is removed daily and disposed safely.
  - e) Provide adequate, clean and separate toilets latrines for students;
  - f) Implement physical distancing practices that may include;
    - i. Staggering the beginning and end of the day,
    - ii. Cancelling assemblies, sports games and other events that create crowded conditions,
    - iii. When possible, create space for children's desks to be one meter apart,
    - iv. Impose strict measures to avoid unnecessary touching.

4. The Education Department is assigned to ensure all schools comply with these orders and ensure that appropriate guidelines are developed consistent with Health, Safety and Hygienic procedures in order to manage the spread of COVID19 as schools.
5. All schools in the region are required to comply with the *ABG Department of Education Checklist for Protocols in Schools*; copy shall be made available by the Department.

#### TRAVEL IN AND OUT OF BOUGAINVILLE

6. Paragraph 5 of Emergency Order #.2 remains in force, in that all flights coming to Bougainville are restricted only to medical equipment and other essential materials and as approved by the Controller.
7. Subject to the above paragraph, commercial flights into Bougainville shall commence only after the required quarantine, isolation and triage facilities are secured in Bougainville.
8. Once the facilities are established and designated, all passengers coming into Bougainville must be quarantined at the designed quarantine facilities.
9. No passenger arriving in Bougainville is allowed to be quarantined at their own facility.
10. Following consultations with the National Controller and airline operators, the Controller can allow flights to take passengers out of Bougainville.

#### RESUMPTION OF FOR BOUGAINVILLE PUBLIC SERVICE


11. Order. 2 of Bougainville Emergency Order. 2 is hereby revoked.
12. The DPM Circular Instruction NO: 12/2020 is adopted by the Bougainville Public Service and applied in the following;
  - i. Normal public service duties for essential and non-essential public services resumes as of **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020**;
  - ii. All government offices must ensure proper 'new normal' safe workplace arrangements are consistent with the Health, Safety, and Hygienic procedures to be in place at the work environment with technical advice from National Department of Health as adapted from WHO practices in order to manage the spread of COVID19 at the workplace;

- iii. Ensure proper record keeping of staff during work hours to enable tracing in the event of employees showing symptoms of COVID19 and are tested positive;
- iv. Public employees delivering essential services under the SOE who may be exposed to COVID19 must be provided with personnel protective equipment as prescribed by the National Department of Health for the performance of their duties;
- v. "New Normal" Procedures from DPM shall be adopted and applied in all government offices in Bougainville.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- 13. There shall be no street sells in the urban town of Arawa, Buka, Buin and other District Centers where people congregate for business activities, seek government services and other congregating activities.
- 14. Order 2 of Emergency Order#: 22 is revoked with the following;
  - i. All 24 ft. outboard motor operated boats shall carry not more than 10 passengers including the skipper;
  - ii. All 23 ft. outboard motor operated boats shall carry not more than 8 passengers including the skipper;
  - iii. All 19 ft. outboard motor and below shall carry less 6 passengers including the skipper
- 15. In consistent with Order 14 of Emergency Order#: 2, there is total ban on consumption, transportation and production of beer on Bougainville.
- 16. Order 18 of the Emergency Order. 2 is amended to increase church gatherings from 10 to 50 people, however, Church leaders are required to clearly mark 1.5 meters apart seating allocation.

*These Emergency Orders are effective as of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020*

  
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