



BOUGAINVILLE EMERGENCY CONTROLLER


EMERGENCY ORDER # 7

I **Francis N. Tokura OBE, QPM, DPS** Chief of 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 Bougainville Constitution made pursuant to section 322 of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea, hereby issue the following Orders for the conduct of the 2020 Autonomous Bougainville Government Election for immediate implementation;

1. This emergency order outlines and gives effect to all Covid-19 standard operating procedures and Protocols to be used by OBEC Election Officials, Security Personnel, candidates, scrutineers and voters during the election period.
2. All OBEC Election officials, Security personnel, candidates and scrutineers, before participating in election duties must have undergone basic training on Covid-19 and preventative health measures.
3. All OBEC Election officials, Security personnel, candidates and scrutineers must all have the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) which they are required to use in all polling locations.
 - a. Face mask
 - b. Clinical hand gloves
 - c. Hand sanitisers
 - d. Alcohol wipes
4. All OBEC Election officials and Security personnel will ensure that the following measures are observed and implemented at all polling locations.
 - a. Hand washing before entering and leaving polling booths.
 - b. Use of Hand sanitizers before entering and leaving polling booths.
 - c. Compulsory wearing of face masks by all polling officials in polling areas.
 - d. Social distancing of 1.5-2 meters by all OBEC Polling Officials, security personnel and all persons taking part in the elections.
 - e. Use of Alcohol wipes by polling officials and voters in voting compartments.
 - f. None compliance with the above measures is a breach of these orders.
5. Polling should be conducted in locations that has adequate space to implement social distancing requirements.
6. Depending on the number of voting compartment, not more than three voters should be allowed into the polling booth at any one time.
7. As part of Covid-19 awareness, all Covid-19 posters should be displayed alongside official polling posters at all polling locations.

8. In the event that a sick is reported at a polling location, respective District Covid 19 Response Teams should be immediately notified by the Assistant Presiding Officer (APO) or a member of the polling security team.
9. Polling will commence at 8:00am and closes 6:00pm daily from Monday to Friday only.
10. Failure to comply with this Emergency Order is a breach of the Emergency Orders.

This Order supersedes any previous orders relating to elections and shall continue where it is inconsistent or is in conflict with other Orders, this Order shall prevail and continue to be effective as of this date the 7th Of August 2020.


Francis N. Tokura OBE, QPM, DPS
Deputy Commissioner of Police
Bougainville Emergency Controller

