

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 135

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, CH. 12 No. 4

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 105 AND CONFIRMED BY THE
PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 167 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE

THE PUBLIC HEALTH [2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(2019-nCoV)] (NO. 19) REGULATIONS, 2020

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health [2019 Novel
Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 19) Regulations, 2020. Citation

2. (1) During the period specified in regulation 16, a person shall not, Public
gatherings
without reasonable justification—

- (a) be found at any public place where the number of persons gathered at any time exceeds twenty-five;
- (b) participate in any sport or team sports which involves the congregation of more than twenty-five persons; and
- (c) be found at or in any beach, river, stream, pond, spring or similar body of water in congregations of more than twenty-five persons.

(2) Religious or ecclesiastical services or any other religious gatherings, including funerals, weddings and christenings shall comply with the Guidelines for Places of Worship issued by the Ministry of Health.

(3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of six months.

3. All business establishments shall only be open until 10:00 p.m. Hours of
operation
every day.

4. All food establishments shall, when providing indoor dining or In-house
dining
outdoor dining facilities, comply with the guidelines for Restaurants and Bars issued by the Ministry of Health.

5. All cinemas and theatres shall comply with the guidelines for Cinemas and
theatres
Cinemas and Theatres issued by the Ministry of Health.

6. All gyms and fitness centres shall comply with the guidelines for Gyms and
fitness
centres
Gyms and Fitness Centres issued by the Ministry of Health.

- Business places 7. Small and large businesses shall comply with the guidelines for small and large businesses issued by the Ministry of Health.
- Party boats, clubs, parties and fetes 8. (1) Party boats and clubs are not permitted to be open for business.
(2) Public parties or public fetes are not permitted.
- Daycares and preschools 9. Daycares and pre-schools for children shall not be open for business for the care or education of young children.
- Education establishments 10. (1) All educational establishments, such as primary, secondary and tertiary institutions shall not be open for the purpose of providing education to persons.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to educational establishments, such as primary, secondary and tertiary institutions, which provide educational facilities for—
(a) persons for the purpose of examination for SEA, CSEC, CAPE and at tertiary institutions; and
(b) persons who are preparing to take any exam under paragraph (a).

(3) Educational establishments under subsection (2) shall comply with all guidelines for educational establishments issued by the Ministry of Health.
- Closure of air and sea ports 11. (1) All air and sea ports or any place where an aircraft or ship or vessel can land shall, except in relation to air and sea cargo, remain closed to the arrival or departure of aircraft or ships or other vessels carrying passengers unless permitted by the Minister with responsibility for national security.

(2) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of six months.
- Requirement on private medical laboratories 12. (1) Notwithstanding the fact that the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has not yet approved any private medical laboratory to do testing for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), where a private medical laboratory does such testing on a person and the result of such testing is a positive result, the private medical laboratory and the person so tested shall immediately report and forward the results to the Chief Medical Officer and the Regional Health Authority of the area in which the person to whom the results apply resides or works.

(2) Where a private medical laboratory or a person fails to report and forward results to the Chief Medical Officer and the Regional Health Authority in accordance with subregulation (1), the owner or operator of the private medical laboratory or the person, as the case may be, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

13. (1) Where the result of a test conducted by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) or by a private medical laboratory under regulation 12 shows that a person is suffering from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), the Chief Medical Officer may give such directions, as he thinks fit, for—

Quarantine
and
treatment of
persons
suffering
from
2019-nCoV

- (a) the restraint, segregation and isolation of that person or any other person who, by exposure to infection from that person, is likely to suffer from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV);
- (b) the removal of a person referred to in paragraph (a) to a public hospital or a designated facility; or
- (c) the curative treatment of a person referred to in paragraph (a).

(2) The Chief Medical Officer may give a direction under subregulation (1) where, in his discretion, he considers it necessary to do so—

- (a) for the purposes of preventing or controlling the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus;
- (b) in the interests of the person in relation to whom the direction is given; or
- (c) in the interests of the public health system.

(3) Where the Chief Medical Officer gives a direction under subregulation (1), the person in relation to whom the direction is given shall be informed—

- (a) of the reason for giving the direction;
- (b) of the period during which the person is likely to be required to remain at a public hospital or a designated facility for observation, surveillance or curative treatment; and
- (c) that it is an offence to fail to comply with the direction or to obstruct a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out the direction.

(4) A person who—

- (a) fails to comply with a direction under subregulation (1); or
- (b) obstructs a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out a direction under subregulation (1),

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of six months.

Offences 14. A person who contravenes regulations 3 to 10 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Revocation of L.N. No. 116 of 2020 15. The Public Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No.18) Regulations, 2020 is revoked.

Duration 16. These Regulations shall have effect from 22nd June, 2020 to 30th June, 2020.

Made this 21st day of June, 2020.

T. DEYALSINGH
Minister of Health