

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19 PANDEMIC)
(TROPICAL STORM) ORDER, 2020**

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REGULATIONS, 2020
(CHAPTER 34)**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation and duration.

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (Tropical Storm) Order, 2020.
- (2) This Order shall expire at 5:00 am on Tuesday the 4th day of August, 2020.

2. Application and suspension.

- (1) This Order shall apply to all Islands of The Bahamas.
- (2) The Emergency Powers (Grand Bahama)(Lockdown) Order, 2020¹, is suspended for the duration of this Order.

3. Restricted movement during tropical storm.

- (1) Effective 10:00 pm Friday, the 31st day of July, 2020 until 5:00 a.m. Tuesday the 4th day of August July, 2020, every agency, business, establishment or undertaking, other than those specified in paragraph (2) shall remain closed.
- (2) The following agencies, businesses, establishments or undertakings are permitted to operate —
 - (a) The Princess Margaret Hospital;
 - (b) Doctors Hospital (Shirley Street and Blake Road);
 - (c) Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre;
 - (d) the National Emergency Management Agency;
 - (e) the Disaster Reconstruction Authority;
 - (f) any hotel with guests provided that guests shall not be permitted to leave the premises except as permitted by this Order;
 - (g) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;
 - (h) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;

¹*S.I. No. 113 of 2020.*

- (i) Fire Services;
- (j) Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT);
- (k) the Department of Correctional Services;
- (l) the Department of Immigration;
- (m) the Customs Department;
- (n) the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (air traffic controllers);
- (o) the Ministry of the Environment and Housing;
- (p) the Ministry of Social Services;
- (q) the National Insurance Board;
- (r) a wholesale grocer, bakery or water production company;
- (s) the Bahamas Humane Society;
- (t) the Bahamas National Trust;
- (u) waste disposal and sanitation services;
- (v) governmental, non-governmental and religious organisations operating for the distribution of food supplies;
- (w) a business licensed to provide security guard services;
- (x) a business that provides veterinarian emergency services;
- (y) essential workers, including contractors or subcontractors, in any public or privately owned utility provider of water, electricity or electronic communications sector, including the print and electronic news media;
- (z) ports of entry, container ports, freight forwarders and private terminals for the conduct, where applicable, of basic port maintenance services (inclusive of garbage removal), domestic trade, imports and exports of containerised freight, and the import, treatment, bunkering and export of oil products;
- (aa) any public or privately owned terminal and ancillary or support services for the receipt of imported wholesale petroleum products for domestic consumption, for the purpose of the storage and onward delivery of the same to any public or private entity for utility or retail distribution throughout The Bahamas over land or by barges;
- (ab) a business engaged in inter-island transportation of freight; and
- (ac) any agency, business or undertaking referred to in the Emergency Powers (Grand Bahama)(Lockdown) Order, 2020².

²S.I. No. 113 of 2020.

- (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a healthcare worker may conduct home visits to members of the general public for the purpose of providing medical or therapeutic care.
- (4) No person, except an essential worker for a business or establishment specified in paragraph (2), shall leave his place of residence for any purpose whatsoever, other than for —
 - (a) the purpose of seeking urgent medical care at a hospital specified in paragraph (2); or
 - (b) securing groceries, gas, pharmaceuticals or water.
- (5) Any person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for a term not exceeding eighteen months or to both in accordance with regulation 30 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020³.

4. Opening of grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.

Notwithstanding order 3, the following businesses shall be permitted to operate on Saturday the 1st day of August, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm —

- (a) grocery stores;
- (b) pharmacies;
- (c) gas stations; and
- (d) water production companies.

5. Abaco.

Notwithstanding order 3, the following businesses, undertakings and activities in Abaco are permitted to continue in operation —

- (a) gas stations, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of refuelling generators;
- (b) non-governmental organisations for the production and provision of water; and
- (c) for reconstruction generally.

6. Religious services.

Notwithstanding order 3, churches that conduct services on —

- (a) Saturdays, shall be permitted to operate on Saturday the 1st day of August, 2020;

³*S.I. No. 101 of 2020.*

- (b) Sundays, shall be permitted to operate Sunday the 2nd day of August, 2020,

via live stream between the hours of of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. from their place of instruction, provided that not more than ten persons shall be permitted to participate in such service.

7. Exercise.

Notwithstanding order 3, a person is permitted to exercise in his yard.

8. Hurricane preparedness.

Notwithstanding order 3 —

- (a) hardware stores shall be permitted to operate on Saturday the 1st day of August, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm;
- (b) a person shall be permitted to make the necessary hurricane preparations to secure himself and his property including any building, vehicle or boat.

9. Emancipation Day.

Notwithstanding order 3, a hardware store shall be permitted to operate on Monday the 3rd day of August, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm.

10. Restriction on travel.

All airports and other ports of entry into an island to which this Order applies shall —

- (a) be closed to travel whether by air or sea for the carriage of passengers except where the Director-General of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority or the Director of the Bahamas Maritime Authority has approved the travel for the return of a person to a jurisdiction outside of The Bahamas; and
- (b) remain operational only for the carriage of cargo whether by air or sea.

11. Event of necessity or emergency.

A person shall be permitted to leave his place of residence in the event of an emergency.

12. Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 3) Order, 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt —

- (a) this Order shall apply to every establishment or business permitted to operate pursuant to order 5 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 3) Order, 2020;
- (b) the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No. 3) Order, 2020 as amended from time to time, shall continue to have effect subject to this Order;
- (c) orders 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 3) Order, 2020, shall apply for the duration of this Order; and
- (d) the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(No.3) Order, 2020 shall take effect upon the expiry of this Order.

Made this 31st day of July, 2020



PRIME MINISTER