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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020¹, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order, which amends the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 5) Order, 2020, may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 5) (Amendment) Order, 2020.

2. Amendment of order 16 of the principal Order.

Order 16 of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (10) by the deletion of the figures “5(b)” and the substitution therefor of the figures “6(b)”.

3. Amendment of order 33 of the principal Order.

Order 33 of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (1) —

- (a) by the deletion and substitution of subparagraphs (b) and (c) as follows —

“(b) a private medical facility, may operate daily —

(i) between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 pm;

(ii) between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am for the provision of emergency care only; and

(c) a dental practice may operate daily between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 pm;”;

- (b) by the deletion and substitution of subparagraph (q) as follows —

“(q) a retail store selling clothing, jewellery, shoes or fabric shall be permitted to operate Monday through Saturday between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm;”.

4. Revocation and replacement of order 35 of the principal Order.

Order 35 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“35. Religious and educational instruction.

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- (1) A worship service may be conducted in accordance with the protocols established by The Bahamas Christian Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- (2) A school shall be permitted to operate virtually provided that a teacher shall be permitted to attend the premises for the purposes of performing tasks necessary for the conduct of virtual learning.
- (3) A school at which a national exam is being hosted shall be permitted to open for the purposes of making the necessary preparations for the sitting of that exam and for the administration of that national exam.
- (4) A person is permitted to operate a home school programme provided that no more than five students are in attendance unless permission for the attendance of more than five students has been granted by the Ministry of Education.
- (5) Preschools and infant daycare centres are permitted to operate.
- (6) Every religious organisation, school or preschool permitted to operate in accordance with this order may do so provided that —
 - (a) the physical distancing protocols under order 3 are adhered to;
 - (b) all persons in attendance wear face masks in accordance with order 4;
 - (c) the premises are sanitised in accordance with order 5; and
 - (d) any guidelines, notices or protocols issued or approved by the Competent Authority, the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Health are adhered to.
- (7) Notwithstanding the operation of a school or preschool in accordance with this Order, the principal or other person responsible for the management of the school may, in writing, exempt a teacher from attendance at a school in accordance with health protocols established by the Ministry of Health.
- (8) For the avoidance of doubt, a “religious organisation” —
 - (a) includes a church, synagogue, mosque, sanctuary or other premises which is utilised for the purpose of communal worship; and

- (b) shall only operate as permitted in paragraph (1),
subject to the conditions of paragraph (6).”.

Made this 1st day of SEPTEMBER, 2020



PRIME MINISTER