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## Government Notice

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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#### AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2015

In terms of section 29(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015 (Act No. 1 of 2015), I have amended the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as set out in the Schedule.

**DR. K. SHANGULA**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Windhoek, 15 October 2021

### SCHEDULE

#### Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. 108 of 31 May 2021, No. 128 of 16 June 2021, No. 138 of 30 June 2021, No. 144 of 9 July 2021, No.151 of 15 July 2021, No. 160 of 31 July 2021, No. 175 of 14 August 2021, No. 189 of 6 September 2021 and No. 205 of 15 September 2021.

**Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations**

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) These regulations come into operation at 00:00 on 16 October 2021 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 15 November 2021.”.

**Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations**

3. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of these regulations, a “prohibited gathering” means a group of more than 200 persons.”.

**Repeal of regulation 5 of Regulations**

4. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is repealed.

**Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations**

5. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1A) of the following subregulation:

“(1A) Despite subregulation (1), but subject to regulation 7(3), the following businesses, operations and activities may continue to operate:

- (a) casinos, gambling houses and betting houses;
- (b) other recreational places or activities, including swimming pools and playgrounds;
- (c) nightclubs; and
- (d) gymnasiums,

except that the number of persons inside a facility may not exceed 50 per cent of the floor area of the facility or 200 persons at any time when the facility is open for business, operations or activities.”.

**Amendment of regulation 10 of Regulations**

6. Regulation 10 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) Sporting events are permitted, provided that the total number of spectators at the sporting event do not exceed 200 persons.”.

**Amendment of regulation 11 of Regulations**

7. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is amended by the insertion after subregulation (4B) of the following subregulation:

“(4C) Persons permitted to enter Namibia under this regulation, including Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holders of Namibian employment permits who are returning to Namibia, but who -

- (a) were previously infected with COVID-19; and
- (b) after having been isolated in countries of departures, still test positive with the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test at the point of entry into Namibia,

will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirements, provided that such persons have valid de-isolation certificates, not older than three months from the date of discharge from isolation, issued by the health authority in the country of departure.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 19 of Regulations**

8. Regulation 19 of the Regulations is amended in subregulation (3) by -

(a) the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) the burial of the deceased person must take place within 10 days of the death or, where impractical, within such reasonable time as determined by an authorised officer;”;

(b) the substitution for paragraph (l) of the following paragraph:

“(l) a total of 200 mourners, exclusive of persons who are providing critical services or essential goods in connection with the burial, memorial service or similar gathering, are allowed at the burial and at all memorial services or similar gatherings held in connection with the death of the deceased person and of these -

- (i) close family members are allowed at a distance of not less than three metres from the grave; and
- (ii) other mourners are allowed at a distance of not less than 10 metres from the grave:

Provided that in all cases the persons conducting the burial must wear personal protective equipment as approved by an authorised officer and maintain a physical distance of not less than two metres from each other;”.

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