REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



PUBLIC HEALTH INFECTIOUS DISEASE Regulation

(Section 2,16, 19,20)

CURFEW ORDER

- I, **Honorable Minister. Tinte itinteang**, in exercise of the power conferred upon me by Section 2,16,19 and 20 of the Public Health Infectious Disease Regulation, hereby declare the following orders for South Tarawa, Betio and Buota as follows:--
 - 1. All arms of government (government agencies) including private businesses will maintain their operations as usual and without restrictions on sales of goods that would cause the public to panic. All operations by the government agencies and private businesses must end before 10pm at night until 5am in the morning. The government agencies and private businesses are reminded to comply with the health directions issued by the Ministry of Health during their operational hours such as social distancing of 2 metres apart, no hand shaking, wearing face mask unless in open outdoor spaces and greater than 2 m distancing, Masks to be worn at all times indoors (not necessarily at your homes), regular hand wash with soap, covering mouth when coughing and sneezing, no spitting and nose blowing in public, etc. These requirements are also applicable to members of the public.
 - All travels from South Tarawa and Betio to the outer islands and vice versa and travels between the outer islands must continue as usual except for

- those who have not completed their covid-19 vaccination. This condition applies to passengers and crews of all sea transport and airplanes.
- 3. Cargoes and medical suppliers will continue to be delivered to the outer islands. All travels by sea and air is not allowed during the curfew hours of 10pm to 5am.
- 4. All public transportation on South Tarawa and Betio will continue to operate while passengers, bus operators and bus fare collectors must wear face mask at all times. Overcrowding is prohibited and all persons on the transport are expected to sit individually on their seat.

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- 5. All Kava and Liquors Bars will be closed during curfew hours however drinks can be sold by-takeaway for personal consumptions. They must not allow the public to drink in their bars.
- 6. All persons must remain at their residence and no one is allowed to wander around including fishing from 10pm to 5am. People are expected to stay at their homes during the curfew hours if they do not have permission from the Office of Te Beretitenti to leave their homes.
- 7. People are expected to get what they need outside the curfew hours and to return home before 10pm except when in need of medication from the hospital, police or fire extinction services, this does not require permission from the Office of the Beretitenti.
- 8. Workers whose services are urgently required MAY be allowed to attend to their work places during the curfew hours provided they have received approvals from the Office of the Beretitenti. The Kiribati Police Service will facilitate these requests as required.
- **9.** All social gatherings like bingo games, drinking kava and alcohol are hereby prohibited.
- **10.** Mass gatherings of more than 10 people outside of the household members and essential workplaces are banned except for small gatherings of up to 10 people permitted with masks and distancing. All Church leaders,

Island Councils and families are hereby reminded not to encourage social gatherings to their members and to observe this direction in line with this new normal.

- 11. All police officers are hereby ordered to ensure that this order is complied with by the public.
- **12.** Any person who contravenes any conditions of this order commits an offence and will be liable to be arrested by the police or imprisonment. For clarification purposes, any breach of all the requirements in the Regulation is an offence.
- **13.** In case of any inconsistencies between this version and the Kiribati version, the Kiribati version shall prevail.
- **14.** This Order repealed any previous Orders made under this Regulation and is effective today 18 January 2022 until further notice.

Dated 18 January Zorr

HON. DR. TINTE ITINTEANG
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

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