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National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus Covid-19)(Community Transmission) and (Public Health Safety) Regulations 2020

Regulation 19

RULES FOR SELF-ISOLATION IN PLACES OTHER THAN IN DESIGNATED RESIDENCES OR REMAND CENTRE

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under *Regulation 19*, **I, Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, MP,** Minister for National Emergency Services, do hereby **MAKE** the following Rules for Self-Isolation in places other than in Designated Residences or Remand Centre for the purposes of the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

1. Objective of the Rules

The purpose and objectives of these Rules are to supplement the *National Disaster Risk Management* (*Coronavirus (COVID-19))* (*Community Transmission)* and (*Public Health Safety*) Regulations 2020 and to prevent the likely outbreak or minimisation of the spread of the declared disease, Coronavirus (COVID-19) for reasons of public safety and public health.

2. Familiarity with laws

Any person who is required to self-isolate and remain in his or her home or residence must familiarise himself or herself with these Rules, other written laws pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the health and safety instructions provided by health practitioners or any authorised person.

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3. Requirements

- (a) The members of a household must remain in their home or residence.
- (b) All members of the household must:
 - (i) comply with all verbal or written instructions and directions of a health practitioner, authorised person, police or security officer to avoid being forced to comply with the same;
 - (ii) not leave or attempt to leave the house for any reason except for the purposes of obtaining essential medical care on the instructions of a health practitioner or to escape a genuine risk of harm:
- (iii) refrain from any physical contact, interaction or meeting with any other person including family members, relatives, friends or visitors for the purposes of safety of health of all such persons as physical contact interaction or meeting may result in other family members, relatives, friends or visitors being required to isolate themselves for at least 14 days;
- (iv) maintain high level of hygiene as may be directed by a health practitioner or an authorised person;
- (v) request family members, relatives or friends who do not live in the same home or residence to deliver food or other necessities including non-prescription medication and which must be dropped off with the police or security officers stationed outside the home or residence;
- (vi) must not permit any family members, relatives, friends or visitors or any other person who do not reside in the same home or residence to enter the premises until such time the risk of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is eliminated;
- (vii) allow reasonable attendance or access by a health practitioner to any person in the household for the purposes of health examination;
- (viii) allow a police officer or authorised person to enter the home or residence for the purposes of surveillance of any person who may be potentially suffering from or have contracted Coronavirus (COVID-19); and
- (ix) self-isolate for a period of 14 days or for such other period as instructed by the Secretary for Health and Medical Services, health practitioner or authorised person.
- (c) If you are required to self-isolate in a place other than at your home or residence, you must travel directly from that other place to your home or residence.

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4. Maintaining contact

You are free to contact and communicate with family members, relatives and friends by telephone, IMO, messenger, hangout, Whatsapp, Viber and other video links.

5. Offence

If you do not comply with these Rules, you commit an offence under the Regulations and you will be prosecuted and also liable to pay a fixed penalty of up to \$5,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment up to 6 months or both.

6. YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN

As a resident and citizen of Nauru, it is your duty and responsibility to ensure and assist the Government in keeping the community safe to defeat Coronavirus (COVID-19).

These Rules are to assist you to understand your responsibilities under the laws but your civic duty as a resident and citizen of Nauru is more important for public safety and public health.

It is your moral, social and legal duty to protect each member of your family, relatives and friends from the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

7. Rules to be provided to household member

These Rules must be given to a senior member of a household where self-isolation is necessary in a private home or residence.

DATED this 27th day of May, 2020

HON. LIONEL ROUWEN AINGIMEA, MP
MINISTER FOR NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES