

- (2) The four *notifiable conditions* of COVID-19 as set out in paragraph (1) are to be determined upon the following criteria as defined, and amended by the WHO from time to time –
- (a) *A suspected case* of COVID-19 shall be a person:
- (i) with acute respiratory illness with fever and at least one sign or symptom of respiratory disease (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **AND** with no other aetiology that fully explains the clinical presentation **AND** a history of travel to or residence in a country, area or territory reporting local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to onset of symptoms; **OR**
 - (ii) with acute respiratory illness **AND** having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 (see definition of contact) in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms; **OR**
 - (iii) with severe acute respiratory infection with fever and at least one sign or symptom of respiratory disease (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **AND** requiring hospitalisation **AND** no other aetiology that fully explains the clinical presentation; **OR**
 - (iv) who travels to Tonga either by air or sea and is subject to a quarantine or isolation order and is required to be in a designated quarantine or isolation facility under the Public Health Act 2008.
- (b) *A probable case* of COVID-19 is a person who:
- (i) is a suspect case;
 - (ii) whose blood samples had been sent for COVID-19 testing in a WHO endorsed laboratory; **AND**
 - (iii) the WHO endorsed laboratory has reported the tests as inconclusive.

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DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY NOTIFIABLE CONDITION

Pursuant to sections 171 and 172 of the Public Health Act 2008, and after due consideration of the following relevant factors –

- (1) The World Health Organization's ("WHO") declaration of novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), on 30th January 2020, as a *Public Health Emergency of International Concern* (PHEIC) pursuant to the International Health Regulations 2005;
- (2) On the 11th March 2020, due to the alarming levels of spread and severity of COVID-19 globally, WHO has declared COVID-19 as a pandemic;
- (3) The confirmed cases of COVID-19 in countries proximate to Tonga; and
- (4) The significant risks of global transmission of COVID-19.

I HEREBY DECLARE that COVID-19 is an emergency notifiable condition under the Public Health Act 2008. The emergency notifiable condition of the COVID-19 is set out below:

- (1) COVID-19, as an emergency notifiable condition, shall be identified according to the following four *notifiable conditions* as defined and amended by the WHO from time to time –
 - (a) suspected case of COVID-19;
 - (b) probable case of COVID-19;
 - (c) confirmed case of COVID-19; and
 - (d) contact to any of above three notifiable conditions (a) to (c).

(c) A *confirmed case* of COVID-19 is a person whose blood sample is confirmed by a WHO endorsed laboratory of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

(d) A *contact case* is a person that is involved in the following:

- (i) Providing direct care without proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for suspect, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 patient(s);
- (ii) Staying in the same close environment of a suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case (including a workplace, classroom, household and any other gatherings); and
- (iii) Traveling together in close proximity (1 meter) with a suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in any kind of conveyance within a 14-day period after the onset of symptoms in the case under consideration.

THIS DECLARATION shall be applied over all the land and sea areas of the Kingdom of Tonga, commencing on the **12th September 2020** until **12th March 2021**, unless amended pursuant to section 175 of the Public Health Act 2008.

DECLARED in Nuku'alofa on this **11th day of September 2020**.

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FAKAHAOHAMAHAKIFANONGONONGOFAKATUUTMAKI

Fakatatau ki he kupu 171 mo e 172 'o e Lao ki he Moui 'a e Kakai 2008, pea hili a hono fakakaukau'i 'o e ngaahi tafa'aki ko eni –

- (1) Fakaha 'o e novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) 'e he Kautaha Moui 'a Mamani (“WHO”), 'i he aho 30 Sanuali 2020, ko ha *Tu'unga Fakatu'utamaki ki he Mo'ui 'oku Tokangaekina Fakavaha'apule'anga* (PHEIC) 'o fakatatau ki he Ngaahi Tu'utu'uni Fakavaha'apule'anga ki he Moui 2005;
- (2) 'I he 'aho 11 Ma'asi 2020, koe'uhi ko e ngaahi tu'unga fakamanavahe 'o e mafola mo e fakatu'utamaki 'o e COVID-19 ki he ngaahi fonua o mamani, kuo fakaha ai 'e he WHO ko e COVID-19 ko e mahaki kuo mafola fakamamani lahi;
- (3) Ko kinautolu kuo fakapapau'i 'oku nau mau 'a e COVID-19 'i ho tau ngaahi fonua kaunga'api; mo e
- (4) Ngaahi faingamalie lahi ke mafola fakamamani lahi 'a e COVID-19.

'OKU OU FAKAHA 'I HENI ko e COVID-19 ko e mahaki fanongonongo fakatu'utamaki 'i he Lao ki he Moui 'a e Kakai 2008. 'Oku ha atu 'i lalo 'a e mahaki fanongonongo fakatu'utamaki ko e COVID-19:

- (1) ko e COVID-19, ko ha mahaki fanongonongo fakatu'utamaki, kuo pau ke faka'ilonga'i 'o fakatatau ki hono muimui'i 'o e *ngaahi mahaki fanongonongo* 'e fa i hono faka'uhinga'i mo fakatonutonu 'e he Kautaha Moui 'a Mamani mei he taimi ki he taimi –
 - (a) taha oku mahaloi 'oku ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19;
 - (b) taha 'oku ngalingali ke ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19;
 - (c) taha kuo fakapapau'i 'oku ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19; mo e
 - (d) fetu'utaki mo ha taha 'o e ngaahi mahaki fanongonongo 'e tolu 'i 'olunga (a) ki he (c).
- (2) Ko e *ngaahi mahaki fanongonongo* 'e fa o e COVID-19 'oku ha 'i he palakalafi (1) ke fakapapau'i 'aki 'a e ngaahi tu'unga ko 'eni 'i hono faka'uhinga'i, mo liliu 'e he Kautaha Mo'ui 'a Mamani 'i ha taimi 'o kapau 'e fiema'u –
 - (a) Ko ha *taha oku mahalo'i oku ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19* kuo pau ko ha taha oku ne:

ma'u 'a e puke 'o e halanga manava fakataha mo e mofi mo ha faka'ilonga 'e taha 'o e mahaki 'o e halanga manava (eg. tale, nounou a e manava) **PEA** 'ikai ha tupuanga kehe 'oku ne fakamatala'i kakato ene hâ sino fakafaito'o **MO HA**

hisitolia fefolau'aki ki he/pe nofo 'i ha Fonua, 'elia pe feitu'u kuo lipooti mei ai 'a e mafola fakalotofonua 'o e mahaki COVID-19 lolotonga 'a e 'aho 'e 14 ki mu'a pea kamata 'asi 'a e ngaahi faka'ilonga; **PE:**

- (ii) ma'u 'a e puke 'o e halanga manava **PEA** kuo ne fetu'utaki mo ha taha kuo fakapapau'i pe ngalingali ke ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19 (vakai ki he 'uhinga 'o e fetu'utaki) 'i he 'aho 'e 14 kuo 'osi ki mu'a pea kamata 'asi 'a e ngaahi faka'ilonga; **PE:**
- (iii) ma'u 'a e mahaki 'o e halanga manava fakataha mo e mofi mo ha faka'ilonga 'e taha 'o e mahaki 'o e halanga manava (eg. tale, nounou 'a e manava) **PEA** 'oku fiema'u ke tauhi fakafalemahaki **PEA** 'ikai ha tupu'anga kehe ke ne fakamatala kakato 'ene ha sino fakafaito'o; **PE**
- (iv) folau mai ki Tonga 'o tatau pe ko e 'ea pe tahi 'a ia 'e fakahoko ki ai 'a e tu'utu'uni kolonitini pe fakamavahe pea 'oku fiema'u ia ke ne nofo 'i ha naunau kolonitini pe fakamavahe kuo vahe'i 'i he Lao ki he Mo'ui 'a e Kakai 2008.

(a) Ko ha *taha ngalingali ke ne ma'u* 'a e COVID-19 ko ha taha:

- (i) 'oku mahalo'i;
- (ii) kuo 'ave ha ngaahi sipinga 'o e toto ke sivi COVID-19 'i ha fale fekumi kuo fakangofua 'e he Kautaha Mo'ui 'a Mamani; **PEA**
- (iii) kuo lipooti 'e he fale fekumi kuo fakangofua 'e he Kautaha Mo'ui 'a Mamani 'a e ngaahi sivi 'oku faka'alo'alongaua.

(b) Ko ha *taha kuo fakapapau'i 'oku ne ma'u* 'a e COVID-19 ko ha taha, 'a ia ko e sipinga hono toto kuo fakapapau'i 'e ha fale fekumi kuo fakangofua 'e he Kautaha Mo'ui 'a Mamani 'oku 'i ai 'a e mahaki COVID-19, tatau ai pe pe ko e ha 'a e ngaahi faka'ilonga fakafaito'o 'oku ne ma'u.

(c) Ko ha *taha fetu'utaki* ko ha taha 'a ia 'oku ne kau ki he ngaahi me'a ko eni:

- (i) Fakahoko fakahangatonu hono tokanga'i 'o e (kau) mahaki COVID-19 kuo mahalo'i, ngalingali ke ne ma'u, pea kuo fakapapau'i na'e 'ikai ngaue'aki ha naunau malu'i fakaesino fe'unga (PPE);

- (ii) Nofo 'i he 'ataakai tatau pea malu mo ha taha 'oku mahalo'i, ngalingali ke ne ma'u pe kuo fakapapau'i 'oku ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19 (kau ki ai ha feitu'u ngaue'anga, lokiako, 'api pe ha ngaahi fakataha'anga kehe); pea
- (iii) Folau fakataha 'o vaofi (mita 'e 1) mo ha taha 'oku mahalo'i, ngalingali ke ne ma'u pe kuo fakapapau'i 'oku ne ma'u 'a e COVID-19 'i ha fa'ahinga me'a uta'anga 'i loto 'i he vaha'a taimi 'aho 'e 14 hili 'a e kamata 'asi 'a e ngaahi faka'ilonga 'i he taha 'oku lolotonga vakai'i.

KO E FAKAHA KO 'ENI kuo pau ke ngaue'aki ki he kotoa 'o e ngaahi feitu'u 'i 'uta mo e potu tahi 'o e Pule'anga 'o Tonga, 'o kamata ngaueaki 'i he 'aho **12 'o Sepitema 2020** ki he 'aho **12 'o Ma'asi 2021**, tukukehe ka kaniseli 'o fakatau ki he kupu 175 'o e Lao ki he Mo'ui 'a e Kakai 2008.

FAKAHA 'i Nuku'alofa 'i he 'aho **11 'o Sepitema 2020**.

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