

**BELIZE:**

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4)  
REGULATIONS, 2021**

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**BELIZE:****STATUTORY INSTRUMENT****No. 43 of 2021**

*REGULATIONS made by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 82A of the Public Health Act, Chapter 40 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.*

*(Gazetted 14th April, 2021).*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE  
SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19)  
(AMENDMENT) (NO.4) REGULATIONS, 2021,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Health (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations, 2021, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 9 of 2021  
S.I. 14 of 2021.  
S.I. 33 of 2021.

2. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended—

Amendment of  
regulation 4.

(a) by repealing sub-regulation (1) and replacing it with the following—

“ (1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 and maintaining peace and public order, a curfew is hereby imposed, for a period of thirty calendar days—

(a) from Sunday to Thursday, during the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. of the following morning; and

(b) on Friday and Saturday, during the hours of 12:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. of the morning.”;

(b) by repealing sub-regulation (2) and replacing it with the following—

“ (2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every minor shall be and remain within the confines of a private property during the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. of the following morning,

provided that a minor may move in any public road during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday and during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday if that minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian”.

Amendment of regulation 13.

3. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended by repealing Regulation 13 and replacing it with the following—

“ Closure of bars, rum shops, etc.

13. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of infectious disease COVID-19, discotheques, bars, rum shops and night clubs shall be closed.”

Insertion of new regulation 13A.

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 13 the following new regulation 13A—

“ Protocols and other requirements for casinos and gaming establishments.

13A.(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of infectious disease COVID-19, casinos and gaming establishments shall be allowed to operate, subject to the following conditions—

- (a)** that all patrons and employees maintain physical distancing of no less than six feet in or outside the casino or gaming establishment;
- (b)** that all patrons and employees wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(2) The owner or operator of a casino or gaming establishment operating under this regulation shall—

- (a)** ensure that gaming machines are arranged or made available to be used in a way that allows for social distancing of six feet between patrons of the casino;
- (b)** install hand sanitizing stations at the entrance and throughout the casino or gaming establishment;
- (c)** install touchless hand sanitizing dispensers at every gaming table;
- (d)** limit the seating capacity at gaming tables to observe social distancing;
- (e)** place signs at the entrance and throughout the casino or gaming establishment, reminding patrons of social distancing protocols and the proper use of face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering;
- (f)** ensure that the casino or gaming establishment is cleaned and sanitized twice a day;

- (g) ensure that gaming machines and tables are sanitized after every use;
- (h) keep a log of the name, contact number and temperature check of every patron entering the casino or gaming establishment for at least thirty days; and
- (i) any other health and safety protocols issued by the Ministry responsible for health.

(3) Every casino or gaming establishment shall employ a Peace Officer for every floor of that casino or gaming establishment.

(4) A person employed as a Peace Officer shall—

- (a) be a Justice of the Peace;
- (b) ensure compliance with these Regulations by—
  - (i) the owner, operators and employees of every casino or gaming establishment;
  - (ii) the proprietor of the land where the casino or gaming establishment is situated;
  - (iii) every patron entering and inside a casino or gaming establishment.
- (c) be paid an honorarium by the employer for the performance of

his functions as a Peace Officer under these regulations.

(5) The Ministry responsible for health or an officer of the security forces may carry out spot checks and inspections of any casino or gaming establishment allowed to operate under this regulation to ensure compliance with these Regulations.”

5. Regulation 39(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting after the word “10” the following “13A,”.

Amendment of regulation 39.

6. These Regulations come into force on the 15th day of April, 2021.

Commencement.

**MADE** by the Minister responsible for public health this 14th day of April, 2021.



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