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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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Statutory Instruments

No. 11 of 2021 — COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 1) Order.

No. 12 of 2021 — COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 1) Order.

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 1) Order*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2021, No. 11

[22nd January, 2021]

In exercise of the power conferred under section 16 of the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020, the Minister responsible for health, makes this Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 1) Order, 2021.

Restriction on social activities

2.—(1) A person shall not host or attend —

- (a) a mass crowd event; or
- (b) a social event including —
 - (i) a birthday celebration,
 - (ii) a retirement celebration,
 - (iii) a marriage celebration,
 - (iv) a wake,
 - (v) a boat ride,
 - (vi) a beach picnic, or
 - (vii) a river lime;
- (c) a competitive or recreational contact or non-contact sporting activity including —
 - (i) indoor and outdoor training,
 - (ii) local competitions, or
 - (iii) gym workouts.

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 1) Order*

- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent —
- (a) an individual or immediate family household from running, walking, cycling or exercising in a safe open space;
 - (b) an individual from being in public and private settings with immediate family household of no more than ten persons;
 - (c) one-on-one coaching or training of an athlete for a non-contact sport with the approval of the Chief Medical Officer.
- (3) A faith-based organization —
- (a) may hold a daily or regular religious ceremony and special religious rites including christenings, weddings and funerals by physical attendance or online services;
 - (b) shall not hold a daily or regular religious ceremony and special religious rites including christenings, weddings and funerals by physical attendance, unless —
 - (i) the physical distancing protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order is complied with,
 - (ii) the Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment, after consultation with the Chief Medical Officer, has approved a COVID-19 Response Plan prepared by the faith-based organization,
 - (iii) in the case of a daily or regular religious ceremony, there are no more than twenty-five persons including observers and the service leaders, in attendance,
 - (iv) in the case of special religious rites including christening, weddings and funerals, there are no more than ten persons in attendance.

(4) In this section, “immediate family household”, in relation to an individual, means the spouse, child, relative or other person living with the individual.

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 1) Order*

Expiry

3. This Order expires on the 1st day of February, 2021.

Made this 22nd day of January, 2021.

MARY ISAAC,
Minister responsible for health.

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Physical Distancing) (No. 1) Order*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2021, No. 12

[22nd January, 2021]

In exercise of the power conferred under section 17 of the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020, the Minister responsible for health, makes this Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 1) Order, 2021.

Physical distancing

2. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a person shall distance himself or herself no less than three feet from another person.

Duty of business, establishment or office

3. A business, establishment or office —
- (a) shall ensure that a customer and staff maintain physical distancing in accordance with section 2 in or outside the business, establishment or office;
 - (b) shall determine the number of persons that may be permitted in the business, establishment or office at any one time by permitting one person for every nine or more square feet of space;
 - (c) may place prominent distance markers, indicating where each customer must stand on a line at a checkout point; and
 - (d) may place distance markers apart on the outside of the business, establishment or office, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the business, establishment or office.

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(Physical Distancing) (No. 1) Order*

Operation of educational institutions

- 4.—**(1) An educational institution shall be physically closed.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit —
- (a) an educational institution from operating via multimedia platforms;
 - (b) a student at the tertiary level including a student who is enrolled in a medical and natural science programme or staff member to be at the educational institution for laboratory and practical evaluation;
 - (c) a student at the secondary level who is in Forms 4 and 5 or staff member to be at the educational institution in preparation for regional and international academic evaluation;
 - (d) a student at the primary level who is in Grade 6 or staff member to be at the educational institution in preparation for national and regional academic evaluations including the Common Entrance Examination.

Operation of business, establishment or office

- 5.—**(1) A business, establishment or office specified in Schedule 1 —
- (a) may open at minimal operation using a blended approach;
 - (b) shall cease operation at 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on each day.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the essential services specified in Schedule 2.
- (3) A business, establishment or office that is not specified in Schedule 1 shall close operations.
- (4) In this section, “blended approach” means operations that combine —
- (a) physical attendance;
 - (b) working remotely; or
 - (c) virtual means.

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(Physical Distancing) (No. 1) Order*

Sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor

6.—(1) A person with a valid licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 shall not —

- (a) dispose of intoxicating liquor;
- (b) permit a person, on the licensed premises, to consume intoxicating liquor.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to —

- (a) the sale and manufacture of hand sanitizers;
- (b) the manufacture of intoxicating liquor;
- (c) the disposal of intoxicating liquor or purchase from a registered wholesaler or manufacturer by a certified accommodation provider.

(3) In this section, “licensed premises” means a building or place for which a liquor licence has been granted under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17.

Expiry

7. —(1) Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 expire on the 1st day of February, 2021.

(2) Section 6 expires on the 10th day of February, 2021.

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(Physical Distancing) (No. 1) Order*

SCHEDULE 1

(Section 5(1)(a))

**BUSINESS, ESTABLISHMENT OR OFFICE TO OPEN AT
MINIMAL OPERATION**

1. Gas stations
2. Supermarkets, minimarts and community grocery shops
3. Financial services including insurance
4. Restaurants only for take-out service
5. Manufacturing
6. Construction
7. Exports
8. Hardware stores
9. Food and agricultural produce vendors
10. Agricultural sector
11. Call centers
12. Hotels for international tourists
13. The Judiciary
14. Law offices
15. Utility companies
16. Customs brokerage firms
17. Garages
18. The public service other than a ministry or department specified under Schedule 2.

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SCHEDULE 2

(Section 5(2))

1. Health care services including polyclinics, wellness centres and hospitals
2. Doctor's offices
3. Diagnostic and laboratory services and other health support services
4. Pharmacies
5. Fire station
6. Police Force
7. Immigration
8. Air and sea ports
9. Customs and Excise Department
10. Department of Infrastructure
11. Department of Transport
12. The National Emergency Management Organization
13. Public utility companies
14. Private protective services
15. Public transportation with no more than eleven persons on board the vehicle including the driver
16. Waste collection and disposal services
17. Postal and courier services
18. Media services
19. Cleaning services.

Made this 22nd day of January, 2021.

MARY ISAAC,
Minister responsible for health.