

21 January 2021

**CIRCULAR No. 03/2021**

Dear Member,

**TWELVE (12) NEW COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTROL MEASURES**

This is to inform that the COVID19 Pandemic Controller and Commissioner of Police, David Manning has issued twelve new Pandemic Control Measures on 20 January 2021. All previous Measures issued on 03 October 2020 are revoked and replaced by the measures listed below which come into effect on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

Measure No.1	Revocation of all previous measures
Measure No.2	International Travel Measures
Measure No.3	Domestic Travel Measures
Measure No.4	Provincial Coordination Measures
Measure No.5	Burial of Deceased Persons Measures
Measure No.6	Customs Duties Measures
Measure No.7	Covid-19 Testing Measures
Measure No.8	Surveillance Measures
Measure No.9	Business and Social Measure
Measure No.10	Mandatory Mask Wearing Nationwide Measures
Measure No.11	Public Transport – Nationwide Measures
Measure No.12	Covid-19 Vaccination, testing and Trials Measures.

Copies of the measures are attached herewith for your information and compliance.

Furthermore, we encourage employers to continue to maintain a safe work environment by applying the WHO recommended protocols on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Please note Measure No.10 on the Mandatory Mask Wearing Nationwide.

The Federation will endeavour to source and disseminate important information to its members as and when it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to contact the Federation Office if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



**Florence L. Willie**  
Executive Director



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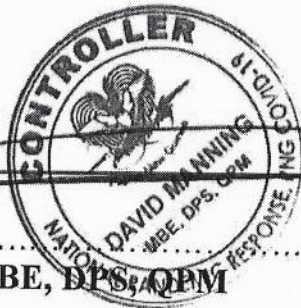
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MEASURE NO. 01 – REVOCATION OF ALL PREVIOUS MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby revoke all previous measures and issue the following Measures for immediate implementation:

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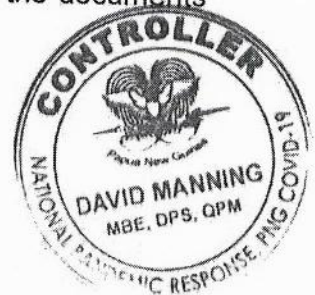
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MEASURE NO. 02 – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MEASURES

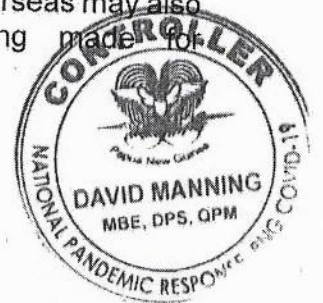
I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following Measures:

1. A port of entry stated in Column One in Schedule One, being a port of entry into Papua New Guinea ('PNG') from another country is:
  - a. a First Port of Entry for aircrafts or vessels coming from another country into PNG as stated in Column Two for the time period of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act; and
  - b. a quarantine station for the performance of quarantine by any authorised person on any vessel, person, animal, plant or goods coming from another country into PNG;
  - c. designated as a Point of Entry for the purposes of Article 20 (1) of the International Health Regulations (2005).
2. No vehicle, vessel or aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG which is not declared a First Port of Entry per Paragraph 1 of these Measures.
3. No aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG, unless:
  - a. the aircraft is departing from an airport in a country or region listed in Schedule 2; and
  - b. the aircraft is operated by an organization listed in Schedule 3; or
  - c. exempted in writing by the Controller.
4. No person(s) shall cause a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to arrive at a port of entry in Papua New Guinea which is not a declared First Port of Entry under Paragraph 1 of these Measures.
5. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless provided an exemption in writing by the Controller or his delegate, applications must include the documents contained in Schedule 5, and persons must have the documents set out in Schedule 6 when checking in.



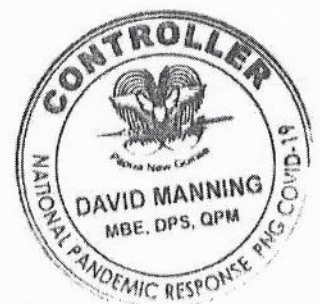


6. All travel exemptions obtained after 15 January 2021, in accordance with paragraph 5 will be valid for 90 days from the date of approval.
7. All travel exemptions obtained in accordance with paragraph 5 may only be used once.
8. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless:
  - a. they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 7-day period prior to boarding an aircraft; and
  - b. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.
9. For the purposes of paragraph 8, only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests shall be accepted.
10. Subject to paragraph 14, all persons entering PNG must be quarantined at a designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 4, at the individual's cost, or at a location designated by the Controller.
11. Foreign diplomats travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport, or persons traveling on official travel document or official passport must quarantine at an appropriate residence, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG.
12. For the purposes of paragraph 11, failure to adhere to quarantine for the required period is an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
13. For the purposes of paragraph 12, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for the required period may be declared a persona non grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961*.
14. Except for persons subject to paragraph 11 all persons are required:
  - a. to quarantine under these Measures at a designated place in Schedule 5, or at another location directed by the Controller, must reside and remain in that place, self-quarantined and segregated from other persons, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG; and
  - b. for the duration of a person's quarantine be monitored through an approved tracking device, as listed in schedule 7, by an approved organization as listed in schedule 8.
  - c. the fee applicable for the purposes of paragraph 10(b) is set out in schedule 9.
15. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
16. Persons unable to live independently without ongoing or regular support due to significant health needs, and their carer who arrive in PNG from overseas may also be quarantined together, with suitable arrangements being made for accommodation.





17. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:
- for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care;
  - with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies;
  - in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or
  - for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.
18. A person subject to quarantine shall at the request of the Controller undertake a COVID-19 PCR test while in quarantine.
19. A person who refuses to comply with a request to undertake a COVID-19 PCR test under paragraph 18, shall be quarantined for fourteen days from the date of refusal to be tested, at the individual's cost, but shall not be deemed to have committed an offence.
20. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the plane or the immediate vicinity of the aircraft for the purposes of conducting pre-flight inspections and refuelling.
21. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the vessel.
22. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, listed in Schedule 4 or as directed by the Controller, a person required to quarantine shall surrender their passport to the hotel in which they are quarantined immediately upon arrival.
23. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraph 22 above, the hotel shall:
- take custody of a person's passport for the duration of the person's quarantine;
  - not return a person's passport to the quarantined person for the duration of the person's quarantine; and
  - return a person's passport once the person has been released from quarantine by an authorised person.
24. A passport surrendered in accordance with paragraph 23, shall be returned to the person immediately upon release from quarantine by the hotel.
25. The Controller may upon receiving health advice in writing from the Secretary of the National Department of Health, issue a written direction listing countries or regions from which he will impose a moratorium on all applications to enter PNG for persons who are or have been in the listed region or country, the direction shall provide the following information:
- the duration of the moratorium; and
  - the period of time a person must have been outside that region or country for, so as to not be affected by the moratorium.





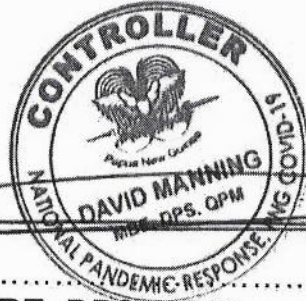
26. For the purpose of paragraph 25 the health advice must state the following:
- a. places, regions or countries to be included in the list;
  - b. the health reasons for restricting travel from each area, including the risks posed by each area; and
  - c. any other information that may inform the Controller when making a decision to restrict entry to persons travelling from those regions.
27. Subject to paragraph 11 and 28, an individual who fails to adhere to the required period of quarantine shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
28. Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.
29. For the purposes of paragraph 28, a person who fails to adhere to the conditions imposed by the Controller or who fails to adhere to the required period shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
30. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of paragraphs 5 and 8 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
31. Subject to paragraph 32, an approved organisation under Schedule 7 must keep secret and confidential and not disclose or sell any information relating to a quarantine person gained through providing tracking services under these Measures.
32. An approved organisation under Schedule 7 may disclose information:
- a. if required by an applicable law; or
  - b. if required by authorised officers under the National Pandemic Act 2020 to ensure persons are complying with quarantine requirements; or
  - c. where the disclosure is required for use in legal proceedings.
33. Subject to paragraph 32, for the purposes of paragraph 31 an organisation designated under Schedule 7 who wilfully or negligently fails to keep the required information secret and confidential shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
34. For the purposes of paragraph 3, a person or organisation who fails to adhere to the requirement shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
35. Any person who has been vaccinated against COVID-19 is not exempt from quarantine and isolation upon arrival in PNG.
36. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form 24 hours prior to boarding.



37. Authorised Officers shall ensure appropriate levels of surveillance and border monitoring systems are in place throughout the country for international travel and in particular at the traditional border crossing areas.
38. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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## Schedule 1 – Port of Entry (POE)

Column 1	Column 2
Jacksons International Airport	Aircraft
Motukea Port, Port Moresby	Vessel
Port of Rabaul	Vessel
Port of Lae	Vessel
Port of Madang	Vessel
Port of Kimbe	Vessel

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## Schedule 2

Australia  
Singapore  
Japan  
Hong Kong  
Philippines  
Fiji  
Solomon Islands  
Nauru  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Vanuatu  
Cook Islands  
Samoa  
Palau  
Niue

## Schedule 3 - Permitted Airline Operators

Air Niugini  
PNG Air  
Hevilift  
Tropic Air  
Pacific Direct Limited

## Schedule 4 - Designated Hotels and Facilities

Holiday Inn Hotel	Ok Tedi Mining LTD
Ela Beach Hotel	Oil Search LTD
Grand Papua Hotel	Exon Mobil
Laguna Hotel	Ramu Nickel
Hilton Hotel	Hidden Valley
Stanley Hotel	NewCrest Lihir
Airways Hotel	Summer Institute of Linguistic
Comfort Inn	Pacific Helicopters
Hideaway Hotel	Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
Lamana Hotel	Air Niugini Apartments
Gateway Hotel	Simberi
Dixies Bungalows	Swiss Evangelical Bible Mission
New Tribes Mission	Puena
AES Facility	LE Guest Haus
Northbuild Camp facility	TWM Roku facility
MSF Facilities	





## **Schedule 5 – International Travel Requirements for Travel Applications**

- Cover Letter
- International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- Passport Biodata Page
- Work Permit (if applicable)
- Visa (if applicable)
- Home quarantine request (if applicable)

## **Schedule 6 – International Travel Requirements for Flight Check In**

- PCR Test Result (Negative)
- Approved International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- e-Health Declaration Form barcode (<https://www.pnghdf.info>)

## **Schedule 7 – Approved Tracking Devices**

- Schedule 4 Designated Locations and Hotels – Smart Phone Application.
- All other approved quarantine locations – Smart Phone Application or Ankle Bracelet.
- For the purposes of the above paragraphs if a person does not have a smart phone, then an Ankle Bracelet will be used.

## **Schedule 8 – Approved Tracking Organisations**

- Trakpro

## **Schedule 9 – Approved Fees for Tracking Devices**

- Smart Phone Application – K40 per day
- Ankle Bracelet – K100 per day





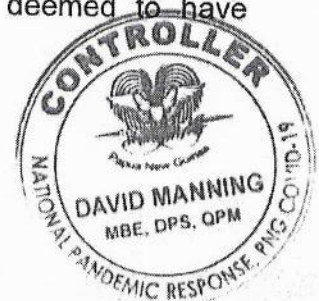
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**MEASURE NO. 03 – DOMESTIC TRAVEL MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No roadblocks are to be established by any person, including authorised officers, except for those Directed by the Controller.
2. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
  - a. Face masks, hygiene and social distancing restriction as issued by the Controller; and
  - b. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.
3. Travel by air, foot, vehicle and vessel between Provinces, unless otherwise restricted by the Controller by written Direction, shall not be restricted.
4. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19. Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (rt-PCR) tests, shall be allowed to be used.
5. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 4, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days at individual's cost, but does not commit a criminal offence.
6. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft or a vessel in breach of paragraph 2 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
7. A person or organization that does not comply with the directions of an Authorised Officer in accordance with preceding paragraphs shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.

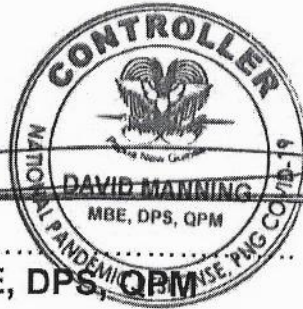




8. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
9. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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MEASURE NO. 04 – PROVINCIAL COORDINATION MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All Measures issued under the National Pandemic Act 2020 apply to all provinces in Papua New Guinea unless otherwise specified in the Measures.
2. All Provincial Administrators (including acting Provincial Administrators) appointed as Authorised Officers pursuant to the Act, will be responsible for the implementation of the Measures in the respective provinces. In the case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the Chief Secretary of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government shall be responsible for the implementation of these Measures.
3. In the case of a province that does not have any Provincial Administrator (whether substantively appointed or appointed in an acting capacity), then the Controller shall appoint a person he considers can perform the responsibilities under these Measures, until a substantive or acting appointment of a Provincial Administrator is made pursuant to the *Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments 1997* and the *Public Services (Management) Act 1995*.
4. A Provincial Control Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Control Centre shall be managed by the Provincial Administrator, and will facilitate the implementation of Measures to ensure full adherence in the provinces. The Provincial Control Centre shall be supported by local law enforcement, health authorities, and other relevant bodies, who shall be Authorised Officers appointed pursuant to the Act.
5. The Provincial Control Centre shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Measures and public awareness.
6. The Provincial Control Centers will ensure that a Provincial Response Plan is developed consistent with the National Response Plan under the guidance of the Provincial Administrator as the PCC Chair. The Plan is to outline:
  - a. The key actions for implementation in the province, and
  - b. The allocation of core responsibilities.





7. The Provincial Administrator must report to the Controller or his delegate, daily by 5pm, to the COVID-19 National Control Center on the following:
  - a. all suspected cases of COVID-19;
  - b. all confirmed cases of COVID-19, and the measures that have been taken by the relevant health authorities and medical experts;
  - c. the implementation of these Measures in the provinces;
  - d. instances of non-compliance with these Measures;
  - e. the implementation of other measures undertaken in the provinces;
  - f. status of Provincial Emergency Plans and implementation status; and
  - g. all other matters relating to the Pandemic and the functions of the Controller as set out in the Act.
8. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Measures which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws.
9. Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices as recommended by the NDoH and their PHA to prevent COVID-19.
10. Where measures have been taken prior to the issuance of the Measures, the relevant provincial authorities must ensure that these measures are brought in line with these Measures and Directions as issued by the Controller.
11. Provincial authorities may impose additional conditions, necessary to implement these Measures, as authorised by the Controller.
12. The Provincial Control Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Measures, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
13. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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**MEASURE NO. 05 – BURIAL OF DECEASED PERSONS MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct a mass grave to be dug for the interment of deceased persons and designate the location of this mass grave.
2. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct deceased persons to be buried in a designated mass grave.
3. Bodies buried according to paragraph 2 of these Measures will be buried at the Government's expense.
4. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated grave, taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
5. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may requisition refrigerated shipping containers for the purpose of temporary interment of deceased persons.
6. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may direct deceased persons to be interred temporarily in refrigerated shipping containers until such time as they are interred in a grave.
7. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated refrigerated shipping container taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
8. Bodies interred temporarily according to paragraph 6 of these Measures will be interred at the Government's expense.





9. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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**MEASURE NO. 06 – CUSTOMS DUTIES MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All incoming medical supplies and equipment procured on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea to enable testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19, are hereby exempted from all customs duties and other import duties until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
2. The medical supplies referred to in paragraph 1 are exempted from the provisions under the relevant tax legislation/s to the extent necessary to give effect to these Measures.
3. All medical supplies shall be given priority and released without delay.
4. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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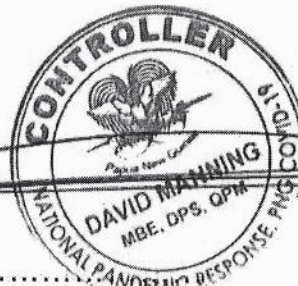
MEASURE NO. 07 - COVID-19 TESTING MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
  - b. as authorised by the Controller.
2. No person or organisation may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
  - b. as authorised in writing by the Controller.
3. No COVID-19 test results shall be released by any person or organisation without the express written authorisation of the Controller.
4. All organisations as listed in Schedule 2 that conduct any form of COVID-19 test must provide mandatory reporting of all tests conducted and results to the Controller or his delegate within 24 hours of the result being known.
5. A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures is deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
6. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
7. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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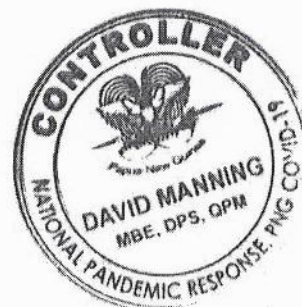
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### **Schedule 1 — COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment**

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
  - GeneXpert
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### **Schedule 2 — Approved Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing**

- National Department of Health
- Institute of Medical Research Papua New Guinea
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- St John Ambulance
- OkTedi Mining
- Simberi Gold
- 2K Medical Clinic
- Newcrest Mining
- K92 Mining
- Morobe Consolidated Goldfields Ltd
- Pacific International Hospital
- ASPEN Medical
- ExxonMobil
- Sky Medical







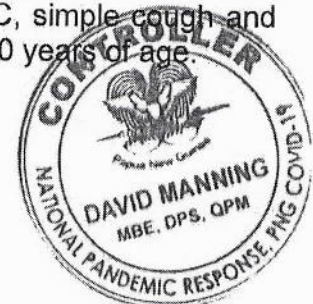
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**MEASURE NO. 08 - SURVEILLANCE MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The following terms are defined in Schedule 1 of these Measures:
  - a. National case definition for COVID-19; and
  - b. Severe Acute Respiratory Infection.
2. The following shall be considered suspected COVID-19 cases until a PCR and Genexpert test is conducted that returns a negative result:
  - a. all hospitalised/admitted cases of respiratory illness, including cases classified as pneumonia and Influenza Like Illness (ILI);
  - b. all cases classified as Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI); and
  - c. if there are any contacts of ILI, SARI; regardless of travel or case contact history.
3. Any person admitted to a hospital for the purposes of paragraph 2 must be tested for COVID-19 within 24 hours of being admitted.
4. Any patient admitted to a hospital for the purposes outlined in paragraph 2 must be managed using COVID-19 infection prevention and control protocols.
5. All facilities set out in Schedule 2 must establish a pre-triage service to identify and screen persons potentially infected by COVID-19.
6. The purpose of the pre-triage facilities is to prevent potential COVID-19 cases from entering health facilities based on fever and symptom check.
7. All facilities set out in Schedule 2 must ensure that any patient with respiratory symptoms are masked and physically distanced prior to entering, and must ensure that staff apply appropriate infection control measures.
8. In addition to COVID-19 suspect cases, all health facilities in the National Capital District (NCD), including Port Moresby General Hospital and private clinics, must collect specimens for COVID-19 testing from all fever > 38C, simple cough and inpatient pneumonia and outpatient pneumonia cases over 10 years of age.



9. All Provincial Health Authorities, Port Moresby General Hospital and all private hospitals must submit daily reports by 6pm to the Controller and the relevant Provincial Administrator, including:
- a. case investigation forms for all suspected COVID-19 cases per paragraph 2 of these Measures;
  - b. details of all deaths related to respiratory illness;
  - c. details on the number of persons swabbed for COVID-19 testing (including indication for testing); and
  - d. any other information directed to be provided.
10. Where a cluster of respiratory illness or influenza like illness cases are reported (through a health facility i.e. District Hospital/Health Centre or in a common setting i.e. a village, church, school, etc.), the relevant Provincial Health Authority must:
- a. swab between 5-10 cases from the cluster for testing; and
  - b. report the cluster to the Controller or his delegate;

within 24 hours from the identification of the cluster of cases.

11. Each Provincial Health Authority shall swab for the purposes of testing for COVID-19 a minimum of 5 patients with influenza like illness symptoms per week.
12. These Measures come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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## **Schedule 1 – Definitions**

### **National case definition for COVID-19 is:**

- a) a person with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset; or
- b) a person with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (see definition of contact) in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset; or
- c) a person with severe acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), requiring hospitalisation/admission, and in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

### **Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) means;**

an acute respiratory infection with:

- history of fever or measured fever of 38 C° or higher; and
- cough - with onset within the last seven days; and
- requires hospitalisation/admission.



## Schedule 2 – Health Facilities

- All private urban health facilities; and
- All public health facilities classified as level 3 and above.
- 6 Mile UC
- 9 Mile UC
- Bomana CIS UC
- Bomana Police College UC
- Gordons UC
- Jacksons Airbase UC
- Port Moresby General HO
- PNG Education Institute UC
- Susu Mamas
- Gerehu UC
- Morata UC
- Murray Barracks UC
- St Theresa UC
- Tokarara UC
- University UC
- PNG IPA UC
- St Pauls UC
- Marie Stopes UC
- Badili UC
- Kaugere 4 Square UC
- Kila Kila UC
- Lawes Road UC
- Pari UC
- PNGDF Taurama UC
- Ulamagi Nazarene UC
- Vabukori UC
- Salvation Army Koki UC







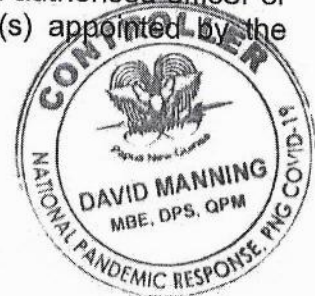
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MEASURE NO. 09 - BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred to me by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All business and social venues including formal market venues, informal market venues, and sporting facilities must comply with the *Niupela Pasin* guidelines for the duration of the Pandemic.
2. Licensed premises that sell takeaway alcohol, shall not sell alcohol on Saturdays or Sundays.
3. PNG Sports Foundation shall be responsible for:
  - a. approving requests for affiliated bodies to play matches;
  - b. approving requests for affiliated bodies to resume training; and
  - c. in consultation with the National Department of Health, setting protocols and guidelines for sporting clubs, teams and matches relating to COVID-19.
4. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centres must comply with *Niupela Pasin* guidelines.
5. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the *Niupela Pasin* guidelines.
6. The Council of Churches in consultation with the National Department of Health and all faith groups in PNG, shall prepare Standard Operating Procedures for all religious activities and gatherings.
7. Licensed bookmakers may only operate:
  - a. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and
  - b. only at venues located in places listed in Schedule 1.
8. Non-compliance with these Measures is unlawful and may be penalised under the Act or other applicable laws.
9. Non-compliance with this measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the




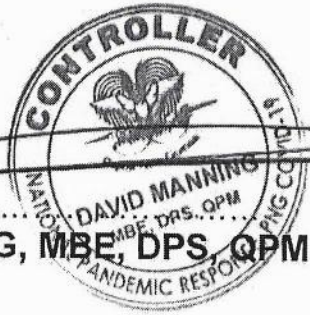
Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.

10. These Measure come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the National Pandemic Act 2020, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:

  
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## Schedule 1 — Licensed Bookmakers Venues

- Port Moresby
- Lae
- Mount Hagen
- Madang
- Goroka
- Kundiawa





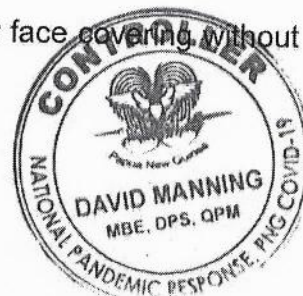
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**MEASURE NO. 10 - MANDATORY MASK WEARING NATIONWIDE  
MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The following Measures shall apply across the country, except as otherwise stated.
2. No person shall be permitted entry to, or otherwise remain within, any enclosed space within an establishment unless the person is wearing a mask or face covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
3. No person shall be permitted entry into or otherwise remain on, public transport unless the person is wearing a mask or face covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
4. No person shall be permitted entry into an aircraft anywhere in PNG unless the person is wearing a mask or face covering in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
5. No person shall remove their mask or face covering whilst on an aircraft in PNG in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin, except in the case of an emergency.
6. All persons working in a designated market, establishment or on public transport in which they interact in person with customers, clients or work in an enclosed space with other colleagues must wear masks at all times.
7. Businesses and government departments and agencies must ensure all employees have mask or face covering.
8. The following persons are exempted from these Measures:
  - a. Children under 12;
  - b. Persons with underlying medical conditions which inhibit their ability to wear a mask or face covering, including persons with physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability;
  - c. Persons who are unable to place or remove a mask or face covering without assistance;





- d. Persons undergoing dental treatment or other medical care to the extent that the procedure requires that no face covering may be worn;
  - e. Persons within an area of work designated for them and not for public access, and who can work in an environment whereby they are a minimum of 2 meters from any other person;
  - f. Persons participating in sporting activities during the event;
  - g. Pilots whilst operating an aircraft;
  - h. When directed to remove the face covering to ascertain identity; and
  - i. During emergencies.
9. A person is exempted from these Measures if she or he removes their mask or face covering to eat, drink or take medication.
10. An establishment for the purpose of these measures are:
- a. premises or any portion thereof which are used as a place of business for the sale or offering for sale of goods or services, and includes a mall, supermarket, shop or similar structure which contains multiple places of business;
  - b. health facilities;
  - c. sporting venues;
  - d. churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or other places of worship;
  - e. community centres including indoor recreational facilities;
  - f. libraries, art galleries, museums, zoos and other similar facilities;
  - g. convention centres, arenas, stadiums, and other event spaces; and
  - h. government facilities.
11. The following premises is not an establishment for the purpose of these measures:
- a Child care facilities; and
  - b Banks.
12. Transport for the purpose of these Measures are:
- a. Buses;
  - b. Aircrafts & Vessels; and
  - c. Taxis.
13. For the purpose of these Measures a mask or face covering must cover the nose, mouth and chin, and includes any article of clothing including any paper or textile covering designed or made to be worn over the nose, mouth and chin to protect the wearer. It does not have to be medical grade, may be handmade and includes scarfs and bandanas.
14. For the purposes of paragraph 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, a business, organisation or government department or agency who fails to take reasonable steps to ensure adherence to the Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
15. For the purpose of paragraph 16, reasonable steps shall include but are not limited to:
- a denying entry to persons not wearing a mask or face covering;
  - b requesting a person to leave an establishment if they are not wearing a mask or face covering and are not exempted by these Measures from wearing a mask or face covering;



- c providing a mask or face covering to employees and making it the company or organisations mandatory policy that masks and face coverings are worn in compliance with these Measures.
- 16. For the purposes of paragraph 6 an individual who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
- 17. Non-compliance with this Measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
- 18. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.
- 19. These Measure come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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NO. 11 - PUBLIC TRANSPORT - NATIONWIDE MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The following Measures apply to the entire country.
2. Taxis may operate so long as the driver and all passengers are wearing a mask or face covering in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
3. All persons on public transport including the driver and passengers must at all times while on the public transportation wear a mask or face covering in compliance with the requirements in Measure 10.
4. These Measure come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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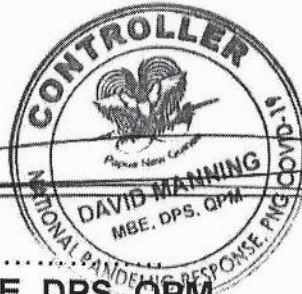
NO. 12 - COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING AND TRIALS MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No vaccine testing or trials for COVID-19 shall occur within Papua New Guinea without the approval of the government or relevant authorities.
2. A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
3. Introduction of new COVID-19 vaccine shall be in place when the vaccines are available and approved in writing by the appropriate national regulatory authority and Controller.
4. These Measure come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021, and shall apply until the end of the end of the duration of the Pandemic.

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