

19 March 2021

CIRCULAR No. 13/2021

Dear Member,

**TWELVE NEW PANDEMIC MEASURES COME INTO EFFECT ON MONDAY
22 MARCH 2021**

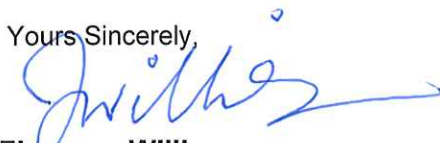
We inform that the Controller of the PNG COVID-19 National Pandemic Response, and Commissioner of Police, David Manning has issued twelve new COVID-19 Pandemic Measures as the reported cases in PNG continue to increase. These measures will come into effect on Monday 22 March 2021.

- Measure 1 - Revocation of Previous Measures;
- Measure 2 - International Travel;
- Measure 3 - Domestic Travel;
- Measure 4 - Provincial Coordination;
- Measure 5 - Burial of Deceased Persons;
- Measure 6 - Customs Duties;
- Measure 7 - COVID-19 Testing;
- Measure 8 - COVID-19 Surveillance & Testing;
- Measure 9 - Business & Social;
- Measure 10 - National Mandatory Mask Wearing;
- Measure 11 - National Public Transport; and
- Measure 12 - COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing & Trials.

We encourage employers to maintain their efforts in enforcing virus prevention measures at the workplace including installation of handwashing stations, enforcing facemask rules, regularly sanitizing the workplace, minimizing unnecessary movement of people in and out of the workplace, and enforcing physical distancing rules.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Federation Office.

Yours Sincerely,



Florence Willie
Executive Director



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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO. 1 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 state that on Monday 22 March 2021 all previous Measures issued under the *National Pandemic Act 2021* are revoked and replaced by the following Measures.

Signed:

Date:



18 March 2021

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO.2 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; or
 - 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.





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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. Subject to paragraph 9, 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. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form prior to boarding a flight into PNG.
11. 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.
12. Persons who has been vaccinated against COVID-19 are not exempt from quarantine upon arrival in PNG.
13. Except for persons subject to paragraph 14, all persons required to quarantine in compliance with paragraph 11 are required:
 - a. to quarantine under these Measures at a designated place in Schedule 5, or at another location directed by the Controller; and





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- b. 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
 - c. 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.
 - d. the fee applicable for the purposes of paragraph 13(c) is set out in schedule 9.
14. Foreign personnel travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 11 and 13, but 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.
15. For the purposes of paragraph 14, failure to adhere to quarantine for 14 days is not an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
16. For the purposes of paragraph 14, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for 14 days may be declared a persona non grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961*.
17. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
18. 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.
19. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:
- a. for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care; or
 - b. with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies; or
 - c. in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or





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- d. for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.
20. A person subject to quarantine shall at the request of the Controller undertake a COVID-19 PCR test while in quarantine.
21. A person who refuses to comply with a request to undertake a COVID-19 PCR test under paragraph 20, 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.
22. 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 refueling.
23. 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.
24. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 11 and 13, 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.
25. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 11 and 13, the hotel shall:
- take custody of a person's passport for the duration of the persons quarantine;
 - not return a person's passport to the quarantined person for the duration of the persons quarantine; and
 - return a person's passport once the person has been released from quarantine by an authorised person.
26. A person travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from paragraphs 20 and 24.
27. The Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.





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28. Subject to paragraph 27, for the purposes of paragraph 11 and 13 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*.
29. For the purposes of paragraph 27 a person who fails to adhere to the conditions imposed by the Controller 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 these paragraph 8 and 9 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
31. These measures are in compliance with the COVID-19 measures issued by the International Civil Aviation Authority.
32. 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.
33. These Measures come into effect on 22 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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Schedule 1 Port of Entry

| Column 1 | Column 2 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Jacksons Airport | Aircraft |
| Motukea Port, Port Moresby | Vessel |
| Port of Rabaul | Vessel |
| Port of Morobe | Vessel |
| Ports of Madang | Vessel |
| Port of Kimbe | Vessel |





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Schedule 2 – Countries/Regions

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| New Zealand | Federated States of Micronesia |
| Fiji | Vanuatu |
| Solomon Islands | Cook Islands |
| Australia | Samoa |
| New Caledonia | Singapore |
| Kiribati | Japan |
| Marshall Islands | |
| Tonga | |
| Tuvalu | |
| Hong Kong | |
| Philippines | |

Schedule 3 – Permitted Airline Operators

Air Niugini
PNG Air
Hevilift
Tropic Air
Pacific Direct Limited





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Schedule 4 – Designated Hotel and Facilities

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Holiday Inn Hotel | Ok Tedi Mining LTD |
| Ela Beach Hotel | Oil Search LTD |
| Grand Papua Hotel | Exxon 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 | Dougura Isolation Facility |
| NKW | Lae 9 Mile Isolation Facility |

Schedule 5 – International Travel Requirements for Travel Applications

- Cover Letter





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- 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



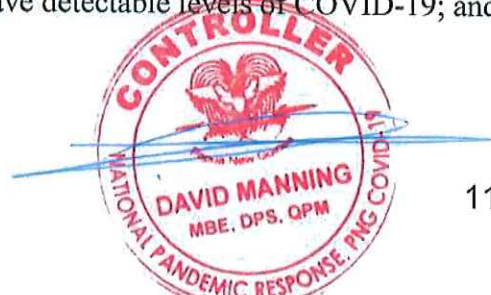


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NO.3 DOMESTIC TRAVEL MEASURES

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 roadblocks at provincial borders and as Directed in writing by the Controller or the relevant provincial police commander.
2. Subject to paragraph 3 and 4, no person may travel, by foot, vehicle, vessel or aircraft, from one province in PNG to another province, except for persons who have a valid reason for travel as listed in Schedule 1 or have approval from the Controller, his delegate or the provincial administer from the province from which the persons journey originates.
3. Travel between the National Capital District and Central Province shall not be restricted and no roadblocks shall be established between the National Capital District and Central Province, unless Directed in writing by the Controller.
4. Travel between Central Province and Kerema Open Electorate in Gulf Province shall not be restricted and no roadblocks shall be established between Central Province and Kerema Open Electorate in Gulf Province.
5. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. hygiene and social distancing restriction as issued by the Controller;
 - b. all passengers have been tested negative for COVID-19 within 1-day period prior to boarding an aircraft;
 - c. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19; and





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- d. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.
6. For the purposes of paragraph 5(b), an Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test shall be accepted.
7. If a person returns a positive RDT, they may not fly unless they return a negative RT-PCR test.
8. Persons checking in for a domestic flight shall have their temperature checked by the airline staff, a person whose temperature registers at 37.5C or above, shall not be checked-in or allowed to board the flight.
9. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19. Only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests shall be allowed to be used.
10. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 7, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days, but does not commit a criminal offence.
11. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.
12. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of paragraphs 5 and 8 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
13. An individual or organisation that fails to comply with paragraph 2 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
14. 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.





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15. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.

16. These Measures come into effect on 22 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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Schedule 1 – Valid Reasons for Travel

- Students returning to their usual place of residence or returning to their educational institution (for air travel, one way tickets to be issued);
- Persons returning to their usual residence (one way tickets to be issued);
- Essential business travel;
- Seeking medical assistance and medivac; and
- Emergency transport, including but not limited to repatriation of deceased persons.

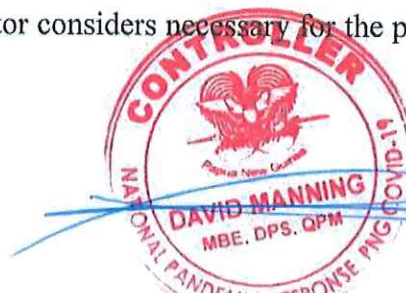


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NO.4 PROVINCIAL COORDINATION MEASURES

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 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 Administrators (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 and the Public Services (Management) Act 1995*.
4. A Provincial Advisory Committee shall be set up within each Province. The membership in each Committee shall be:
 - a. Chairperson - Provincial Administrator;
 - b. Provincial Police Commander (PPC);
 - c. Chief Executive Officer of the Provincial Health Authority (PHA);
 - d. Chief Executive Officers of the District Development Authorities;
 - e. Other persons who the Provincial Administrator considers necessary for the purposes of the Committee;





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- f. Church Representative;
 - g. Provincial Business Council Representative or if no such representative exists then as appointed by the Provincial Administrator; and
 - h. Other non-voting members may be coopted by the Taskforce.
5. Provincial Administrators will ensure that a Provincial Response Plan is developed consistent with the National Response Plan. The Plan is to outline:
- a. The key actions for implementation in the province, and
 - b. The allocation of core responsibilities.
6. A Provincial Control Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Control Centre shall be managed by a Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce, 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.
7. The Provincial Control Centre shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Measures, public awareness, and shall report on all matters set out in paragraph 5.
8. The Provincial Administrator must report to the Controller, daily by 5pm, to the COVID-19 Police Hotline or email address on the following:
- a. all suspected cases of COVID-19;
 - b. all cases showing COVID-19 symptoms, 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 the 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.





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9. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Measures which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws.
10. Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices as recommended by the NDoH and their PHA to prevent COVID-19.
11. 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.
12. Provincial authorities may impose additional conditions, necessary to implement these Measures, as authorised by the Controller.
13. The Provincial Control Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Measures, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
14. These Measures come into effect on 22 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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NO.5 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.





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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 22 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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NO.6 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 Act.
2. The medical supplies referred to in paragraph 1 are exempted from the provisions under the relevant tax legislation 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 22 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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NO.7 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. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test, must provide all positive tests results to the Controller within 24 hours of the result being known, and all negative results once a week.
4. A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
5. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
6. These Measures come into effect on 10 March 2020 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)
- Gene Xpert
- Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) – solely for research purposes and for the purposes described in Measure 3.2.

Schedule 2 – Approved Persons and 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
- Sky Health and Medical Services
- Morobe Consolidated Goldfields Ltd
- Pacific International Hospital
- ExxonMobile
- ASPEN Medical





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NO.8 COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE & 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. 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 RT-PCR or Gene Xpert test is conducted that returns a negative result:
 - a. all cases of respiratory illness, including cases classified as pneumonia; and
 - b. all cases classified as Severe Acute Respiratory Infection;

regardless of travel or case contact history.

3. Any person admitted to a hospital for the purposes of paragraph 2 must have a sample collected for the purposes of testing 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 health facilities must establish a screening service at the entrance point(s) and must screen all persons, including, patients, visitors, staff and contractors to identify suspected COVID-19 cases.

6. The purpose of the pre-triage facilities is to identify potential COVID-19 cases so they may be tested without delay and to prevent transmission to others.





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7. All health facilities set must ensure that all adult patients are masked prior to entering, individuals remain physically distanced, and must ensure that staff apply appropriate infection control measures.
8. In addition to suspect COVID-19 cases, all health facilities must collect specimens for COVID-19 testing from all fever $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$, 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, the NCC Surveillance Team and the relevant Provincial Administrator, including:
 - a. case investigation forms for all suspected COVID-19 cases per paragraph 2 of this these Measures;
 - b. case investigation forms for all confirmed COVID-19 cases;
 - c. details of all deaths related to respiratory illness;
 - d. details of all death certificates or death reporting forms for all confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - e. details on the number of persons swabbed for COVID-19 testing; and
 - f. 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.





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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 and report the results to the Controller and the NCC surveillance team on a weekly basis, positive results must be reported within 24 hours, per Measure 7.3.
12. For the purpose of these Measures, the delegate of the Controller, is Dr Osborne Liko.
13. These Measures come into effect on 22 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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Schedule 1 – Definitions

National case definition for COVID-19 is:

- a) a person with respiratory illness who has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:
- i. Fever of 37.5°C or above, or a history of fever;
 - ii. cough;
 - iii. shortness of breath;
 - iv. sore throat; or
 - v. loss of smell or taste.

Schedule 2 – Health Facilities

- All private urban health facilities; and
- All public health facilities classified as level 3 and above.





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NO.9 BUSINESS AND SOCIAL 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:

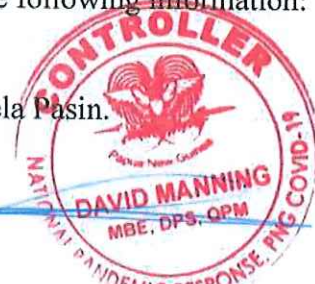
1. All business, social venues, markets, shopping centers, schools, educational institutions, and places of worship must comply with the Niupela Pasin guidelines for the duration of the Pandemic.
2. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 10 people.
3. Venues of parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the Pandemic that:
 - a. provide night club and pub activities and services;
 - b. provide gambling activities and services; or
 - c. sell and supply alcohol for consumption on the premises without food.
4. Venues or parts of venues that operate as a restaurant or for food consumption on premises may operate subject to;
 - a. all persons on entry and exist from venues must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - b. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
5. Licensed premises that sell takeaway alcohol, shall not sell alcohol on Saturdays or Sundays.
6. The following operating hours shall apply:
 - a. Retail outlets and shops may only operate from 7am to 8pm;
 - b. Restaurants may only operate from 7am to 10pm; and





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- c. Service stations may only operate from 7am to 10pm.
7. No club, recreational or professional sporting matches shall be allowed to played, except for recreational sporting games of no more than 4 persons.
8. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centers must comply with social distancing requirements and safe and hygienic practices as issued by the Controller, including:
 - a. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person; and
 - b. all persons on entry and exit the market must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser.
9. Religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow restrictions:
 - a. congregation size of any religious activity to be at a maximum of 50;
 - b. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person;
 - c. all persons on entry and exist into the place of worship must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - d. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
10. Funerals and haus cries shall be limited to only 50 persons.
11. 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.
12. The respective provincial chamber of commerce or provincial business peak body shall ensure that businesses develop COVID Continuity Plans for operation in each province.
13. All restaurants in every province shall submit to their respective provincial chamber of commerce and industry or provincial business peak body the following information:
 - a. Physical size of restaurant seating area; and
 - b. COVID-19 safe seating plans in accordance with Nuipele Pasin.





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14. Respective provincial chamber of commerce and industry or provincial business peak body shall submit the information provided to them under paragraph 12, to the National Control Centre for NCD, or their relevant Provincial Control Centre.
15. A person or organization that fails to comply with a paragraph 12, may be directed to close by the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator.
16. A person or organization may apply in writing to the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator for an exemption for a gathering of over 10 persons, a request for an exemption must include the following steps taken to ensure compliance with Nuipela Pasin and to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 at the gathering.
17. Non-compliance with paragraph 1 is not an offence under the Act.
18. Non-compliance with these Measures is unlawful and may be penalised under the Act or other applicable laws.
19. Non-compliance with this measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
20. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.
21. These Measure come into effect on 22 March 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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NO.10 NATIONAL MANDATORY MASK WEARING

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 persons should where possible wear masks to protect Papua New Guinea from COVID-19.
2. No person shall be permitted entry into, or otherwise remain within, any market designated in Schedule 1 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 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The pilots of the plane are exempt from paragraphs 5 and 6.
8. All persons working in a market, in-door 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.
9. Businesses and government departments and agencies must ensure all employees have Masks or Face Coverings.





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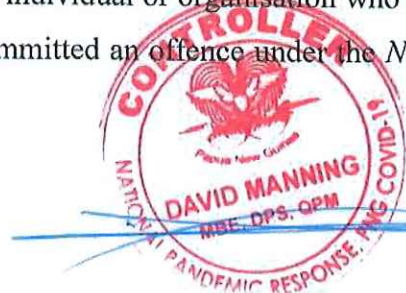
10. The following persons are exempted from these Measures:
- a. Children under 12;
 - b. Persons with underlying medical conditions which inhibit their ability to wear a Mask or Face Covering, including persons with physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
 - c. Persons who are unable 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;
 - g. When directed to remove the face covering to ascertain identity; and
 - h. During emergencies.
11. A person is exempted from these Measures if she or he removes their mask or face covering to eat, drink or take medication.
12. 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 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.





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13. The following premises are not an Establishment for the purpose of these measures:
- a. Child care facilities; and
 - b. Banks.
14. Transport for the purpose of these Measures are
- a. Buses;
 - b. Vessels; and
 - c. Taxis.
15. 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.
16. 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*.
17. For the purpose of paragraph 15, 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.
18. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 to 8 inclusive, an individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.





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19. Non-compliance with this Measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
20. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.
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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO. 11 NATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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. 25-30 seater public transport vehicles may continue to operate during if passenger numbers are limited to 15 passengers.
2. All other public transport vehicles, including vessels may continue to operate but only if passenger numbers are limited to 5 less than the vehicle licensed capacity.
3. Taxis may operate but only if passenger numbers are limited to 2.
4. All persons on public transport including the driver and passengers must at all times while on the public transportation wear a mask of face covering in compliance with the requirements in Measure 10.
5. Private transportation may continue to operate, including but not limited to hotel and security transportation.
6. An individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.





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7. Any vehicle found to be transporting persons in breach of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, or 4 by an authorised officer shall be impounded by an Authorised officer for the period of the Pandemic or at an earlier date as issued by the Controller or relevant Provincial Police Commander.
8. Non-compliance with this Measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
9. 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 22 March 2020, 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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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO. 12 COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING AND TRIALS

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 written approval of the Controller and Secretary for Health.
2. These Measure come into effect on 22 March 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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