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No. 202A of 2020 — COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 5) Order.

No. 202B of 2020 — COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 5) Order.

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COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 5) Order

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 202A

[December 11th, 2020]

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.—(1) This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 5) Order, 2020.
- (2) This Order comes into force on the 15th day of December, 2020.

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 Christmas party,
 - (ii) a New Year's Eve party,
 - (iii) Assou Square,
 - (iv) National Day Jouvert,
 - (v) a Staff party,
 - (vi) a wake.
 - (vii) a boat ride, or
 - (viii) a beach picnic;
 - (c) a competitive or recreational contact sporting activity.

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- (2) A faith-based organization shall not hold a religious ceremony unless
 - (a) the physical distancing protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order are complied with;
 - (b) 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;
 - (c) there are no more than fifty persons in attendance unless the Chief Medical Officer approves a different number.
 - (3) Subsection (2) applies to special religious rites including
 - (a) christenings;
 - (b) weddings; and
 - (c) funerals.
 - (4) This section 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 having a birthday celebration, a retirement celebration or a marriage celebration at home if—
 - (i) there are no more than twenty-five persons in attendance, and
 - (ii)the physical distancing protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order are complied with;
 - (c) the hosting and attendance at a non-contact sporting event;
 - (d) a gym to operate if the physical distancing protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order are complied with within the square footage of the gym;

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- (e) one-on-one coaching or training of an athlete for a contact sport;
- (f) a faith-based organization from holding daily religious ceremonies if
 - (i) the physical distancing protocols specified under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order are complied with within the square footage of the faith-based organization, and
 - (ii) the protocols for the faith-based organization are complied with; or
- (g) a street market on Jeremie Street in the City of Castries if a COVID-19 Response Plan is approved by the Chief Medical Officer.
- (5) In this section
 - "immediate family household", in relation to an individual, means the spouse, child, relative or other person living with the individual:
 - "street market" means a temporary public market set up on a road on certain days of the week.

Made this 11th day of December, 2020.

MARY ISAAC, Minister responsible for health COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 5)
Order

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 202B

[December 11th, 2020]

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 and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 5) Order, 2020.
- (2) This Order comes into effect on the 15th day of December, 2020.

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

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customers must stand while waiting to enter the business, establishment or office.

Operation of educational institutions

- **4.**—(1) An educational institution shall reopen on the 4th day of January, 2021.
 - (2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit
 - (a) an activity that can be performed by electronic or virtual means:
 - (b) a student at the tertiary level 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 evaluations;
 - (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, including a restaurant and a bar shall cease operation at 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on each day.
 - (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to
 - (a) essential services;
 - (b) public or private protective services;
 - (c) manufacturing services;
 - (d) public transportation;
 - (e) agricultural and agro-processing;
 - (f) a certified accommodation provider.

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Sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor

- **6.**—(1) A person with a valid licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 may permit a person, on the licensed premises, to consume intoxicating liquor, drink or food.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person with a valid licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 shall
 - (a) display a sign with the revised capacity,
 - (b) comply with the physical distancing protocols under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order; and
 - (c) implement the COVID-19 Response Plan approved by the Chief Medical Officer.
- (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.

Made this 11th day of December, 2020.

MARY ISAAC, Minister responsible for health.