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Statutory Instrument

No. 202 of 2021 — COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing)
(No. 19) Order.

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(Physical Distancing) (No. 19) Order*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2021, No. 202

[9th December, 2021]

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

Citation and commencement

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

(2) This Order comes into force on the 13th day of December, 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, “fully vaccinated” means that two weeks have passed since a person received —

- (a) a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson;
- (b) the second dose in a two-dose series of Astrazeneca, Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna; or
- (c) another COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer.

Purpose

3. The purpose of this Order is to impose physical distancing on individuals within the entire country in the interest of public health.

Physical distancing

4. 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.

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Duty of business, establishment or office

5. A business, establishment or office —

- (a) shall ensure that a customer and staff maintain physical distancing in accordance with section 4 in or outside the business, establishment or office;
- (b) shall determine the number of persons that may be permitted in the business, establishment or office at any one time by permitting one person for every nine or more square feet of space;
- (c) may place prominent distance markers, indicating where each customer must stand on a line at a checkout point; and
- (d) may place distance markers apart on the outside of the business, establishment or office, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the business, establishment or office.

Operation of educational institutions

6. An educational institution shall continue to operate within the hours specified under the Education Act, Cap. 18.01.

Operation of business, establishment or office

7.—(1) A business, establishment or office specified in Schedule 1 —

- (a) may open at minimal operation using a blended approach;
- (b) shall cease operation —
 - (i) on Monday the 13th day of December, 2021 at 4 p.m.,
 - (ii) on Monday the 27th day of December, 2021 at 4 p.m.,
 - (iii) on Monday the 3rd day of January, 2022 at 4 p.m.,
 - (iv) from Mondays, that are not specified under subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii), to Saturdays at 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day.

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(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the essential services, business, establishment or office specified in Schedule 2.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (1)(a), a restaurant and other food establishments approved by the Ministry responsible for Health and the Ministry responsible for Tourism may provide a dine-in service to persons who are fully vaccinated and allow the sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor at the restaurant and other food establishment.

(4) In this section, “blended approach” means operations that combine —

- (a) physical attendance;
- (b) working remotely; or
- (c) virtual means.

Suspension of sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor

8.—(1) A person with a valid liquor licence for the sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor granted under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 may permit a fully vaccinated person, on the licensed premises to consume intoxicating liquor.

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

- (a) the sale and manufacture of hand sanitizers;
- (b) the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for sale outside of Saint Lucia.

(3) A person with a valid liquor licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 that offers for sale or disposes of intoxicating liquor shall —

- (a) in the case of a bar or refreshment business, commence operations at 10 a.m. on each day;
- (b) cease operation at the time specified under section 7(1).

(4) 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.

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Confinement to residence

9.—(1) In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a person shall remain confined to their place of residence to avoid contact outside of their family —

- (a) from Monday the 13th day of December, 2021 at 5 p.m. to Tuesday the 14th day of December, 2021 at 4 a.m.;
- (b) from Tuesday the 14th day of December, 2021 to Saturday the 18th day of December, 2021 at 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day;
- (c) from Sunday the 19th day of December, 2021 at 5 p.m. to Monday the 20th day of December, 2021 at 4 a.m.;
- (d) from Monday the 20th day of December, 2021 to Saturday the 25th day of December, 2021 at 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day;
- (e) from Sunday the 26th day of December, 2021 at 5 p.m. to Monday the 27th day of December, 2021 at 4 a.m.;
- (f) from Monday the 27th day of December, 2021 at 5 p.m. to Tuesday the 28th day of December, 2021 at 4 a.m.;
- (g) from Tuesday the 28th day of December, 2021 to Saturday the 1st day of January, 2022 at 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day;
- (h) from Sunday the 2nd day of January, 2022 at 5 p.m. to Monday the 3rd day of January, 2022 at 4 a.m.;
- (i) from Monday the 3rd day of January, 2022 at 5 p.m. to Tuesday the 4th day of January, 2022 at 4 a.m.;
- (j) from Tuesday the 4th day of January, 2022 to Saturday the 8th day of January, 2022 at 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day;
- (k) from Sunday the 9th day of January, 2022 at 5 p.m. to Monday the 10th day of January, 2022 at 4 a.m.;
- (l) from Monday the 10th day of January, 2022 to Friday the 14th day of January, 2022 at 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on each day.

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(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent —

- (a) travel to the hospital, work by essential service workers or a place by a person authorized by the National Emergency Management Organization; or
- (b) outdoor exercise, whether alone or together with family members living under the same roof.

(3) In this section, “residence” includes the enclosed yard space of the person’s home.

Expiry

10. This Order expires on the 14th day of January, 2022.

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SCHEDULE 1

(Section 7(1)(a))

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

Service/Activity	Component
Financial or Banking Services	Teller Services ATM Services Online Services Counter Services General Administration
Public or private electricity, water, telecommunications and other utility services	Counter Services Data Centre General Administration
Supermarkets, minimarts, small shops, bakeries	In Store At location Delivery activities
Hardware Stores	Sale of hardware supplies
Food Supply and preparation services	Supply of raw food
Restaurants	Delivery Take-away Drive-thru
Food trucks and food stalls	Take-away
Hotel and guesthouse restaurants	Service for house guest only
Farming and Fishing Activities	Fresh fruit Raw food Local Butchers Fishing production and distribution activities
Construction	All Services

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Gas Stations and Petroleum Services	Gas station services Cooking Gas including operations and delivery Production Storage Delivery
Telecommunications Services	Operations Maintenance Counter Services Data Centre General Administration
Vending of food or agricultural produce	Operations Delivery
Automobile Garages	All Services
Automobile parts supplies services	All Services
Law Offices	All Services
Accounting Firms	All Services
Hotels	All Services
The Public Service	All services except the services specified in Schedule 2
The Judiciary	All Services

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SCHEDULE 2

(Section 7(2))

**PART I
ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Health Services	Hospital Clinic Public and Private Pharmacies Medical Shops Dialysis Centre Diagnosis and Lab Services Private Doctor practices Veterinary Services
Police Fire Emergency Services Safety and Security Private Security	All Services
Public Transportation and Taxi Services	All Services
The Public Service	Immigration Customs and Excise Department Department of Infrastructure Department of Transport
The National Emergency Management Organization	All Services
Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Services	Collection Disposal Cleaning operations
Air and Sea Ports	Airport operations, subject to travel restrictions Cargo Services Port Police Security Airport Transfers General Administration

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Customs Brokerage Courier Services Online Commerce	Operations Delivery
Broadcasting and Media	Production Operations and Information Dissemination
Postal Services	All Services
Public or private electricity, water, telecommunications and other utility services	Production Operation Repairs Maintenance
Cleaning services	All Services

**PART II
BUSINESS, ESTABLISHMENT OR OFFICE**

Manufacturing	All Services
COVID-19 Certified Accommodation Provider	All Services
Call Centres	All Services
Farming Activities	All activities carried out by a farmer registered with the Ministry of Agriculture and who presents the identification card issued on registration
Fishing Activities	All activities carried out by a fisherman licensed under the Fisheries Act, Cap. 7.15

Made this 8th day of December, 2021.

MOSES JN. BAPTISTE,
Minister responsible for health.