

*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