

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing)
(No. 4) Order*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 196

[30th November, 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

1. This Order may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 4) Order, 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 customers must stand while waiting to enter the business, establishment or office.

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Operation of educational institutions

4.—(1) An educational institution shall remain closed until the 14th day of December, 2020.

(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 shall cease operation at 9 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.

Sale and disposal of intoxicating liquor

6.—(1) A person may only consume intoxicating liquor at a certified accommodation provider.

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(2) A person with a valid licence under the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17 other than a certified accommodation provider under subsection (1), shall not permit a person, on the licensed premises, to —

- (a) consume intoxicating liquor, drink or food;
- (b) loiter;
- (c) assemble; or
- (d) socialize.

(3) Notwithstanding the Liquor Licence Act, Cap. 13.17, a person who operates a bar or refreshment house shall not, after 4 p.m. each day —

- (a) sell, or expose for sale, any intoxicating liquor; or
- (b) open, or keep open the licensed premises.

(4) Subsection (3) applies to licensed premises devoted during any time of operation predominantly or totally to serve intoxicating liquor for consumption on the licensed premises; in which the serving of food, if any, is incidental to the consumption of the intoxicating liquor.

(5) 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.

Expiry

7. This Order expires on the 14th day of December, 2020.

Made this 30th day of November, 2020.

MARY ISAAC,
Minister responsible for health.