

BELIZE:

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 8)
REGULATIONS, 2021**

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BELIZE:**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT****No. 106 of 2021**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 82A of the Public Health Act, Chapter 40 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 17th September, 2021).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE
SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 8) REGULATIONS, 2021,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Health (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations, 2021, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 74 of 2021.
S.I. 78 of 2021.
S.I. 80 of 2021.
S.I. 81 of 2021.
S.I. 86 of 2021.
S.I. 88 of 2021.
S.I. 92 of 2021.
S.I. 96 of 2021.

2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 2 by inserting the following new terms and definitions in the proper alphabetical order—

Amendment of
regulation 2.

“essential service” means the offices listed in Schedule IA;

“essential worker” means an employee of an essential service;

“Placencia Peninsula” means the peninsula located in the Stann Creek District comprising of the following communities or villages as the case may be—

- (a) Riversdale;
- (b) Maya Beach;
- (c) Seine Bight; and
- (d) Placencia”.

Amendment of
regulation 4.

3. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 4 by repealing sub-regulations (1) and (2) and substituting the following–

“(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 and maintaining peace and public order, during the period September 20, 2021 to October 3, 2021, a curfew is hereby imposed, during the hours of 7:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. of the following morning,

provided that curfew for Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker Village, Hopkins Village and the Placencia Peninsula shall be during the hours of 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. of the following morning.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every minor shall be and remain within the confines of a private property during the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. of the following morning,

provided that a minor may move in any public road during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. if that minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian; and

provided further that a minor in Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker Village, Hopkins Village and the Placencia Peninsula may move in any public road during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. if that minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian.”.

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following new regulations immediately after regulation 4–

Insertion of new regulations 4A and 4B.

“Restriction on movement on specific days.

4A.–(1) Notwithstanding regulation 4, on September 26, 2021 and October 3, 2021, a person’s right to move during the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:59 p.m. is restricted to movement for the purpose of–

- (a) purchasing essential needs of food supplies, fuel or pharmaceutical drugs;
- (b) attending for medical or veterinary attention;
- (c) emergencies;
- (d) an essential worker or employee of a business allowed to operate under regulation 4B going to or from work;
- (e) a home-health care provider of services to sick and elderly only, going to and from work;
- (f) an essential worker acting within the scope of his duties, including but not limited to security guards patrolling, whether on foot or by conveyance, agricultural or factory workers or other similar operations requiring the movement of personnel

for the effective conduct of the business or operations; or

- (g) traveling by any means to and from the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport.

(2) An officer of the security services may stop and question any person found moving with an aim to ascertain that person's motives for moving.

(3) A person stopped and questioned by an officer of the security forces on the days specified, who is unable to reasonably explain or prove that his reasons for movement fall within the reasons set out in sub-regulation (1), commits an offence and shall be issued a violation ticket in accordance with Part VII.

Operation of businesses on specific days.

4B.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, the following businesses may operate on September 26, 2021 and October 3, 2021 during the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:59 p.m.—

- (a) fuel stations;
- (b) pharmacies;
- (c) grocery stores;
- (d) medical and veterinary institutions;
- (e) businesses that provide public transportation; and

- (f) hotels and resorts for the purpose of servicing guests–
 - (i) arriving from the Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport; and
 - (ii) already lodged at the hotel or resort.”.

5. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 12 by repealing sub-regulation (2) and substituting the following–

Amendment of regulation 12.

“(2) A person may engage in–

- (a) non-contact sports; or
- (b) contact sports for training purposes only,

provided that during the period September 20, 2021 to October 3, 2021, a person shall not engage in contact sports.”.

6. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 14 by inserting the following new sub-regulation immediately after sub-regulation (5)–

Amendment of regulation 14.

“(6) Notwithstanding this regulation, during the period September 20, 2021 to October 3, 2021, no casino or other gaming establishment shall be allowed to operate.”.

7. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 16 by–

Amendment of regulation 16.

- (a) renumbering the regulation as sub-regulation (1); and

(b) inserting the following new sub-regulation–

“(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), during the period September 20, 2021 to October 3, 2021, no church or other place of worship shall be allowed to operate.”.

Amendment of
regulation 18.

8. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 18 by repealing sub-regulations (2), (4) and (5) and substituting the following–

“(2) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, street food vendors shall be allowed to operate for take out services only.

(4) Restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments allowed to operate under this regulation may offer take out services only.

(5) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (4), a restaurant, saloon, diner or other similar establishment that has proper ventilation or a restaurant that is an open air restaurant, outdoor restaurant, or an al fresco dining allowed to operate under this regulation, situated in Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker Village, Hopkins Village and the Placencia Peninsula may offer dining in services by reservation only, for no more than seventy five per centum of its seating capacity.”.

Insertion of
new Schedule
IA.

9. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following new Schedule immediately after Schedule I–

“SCHEDULE IA
[regulation 2]

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

1. Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Department of Border Management and Immigration Services
3. Customs and Excise Department
4. medical and auxiliary services including–
 - (a) veterinary services;
 - (b) services by private medical institutions including private clinics; and
 - (c) ambulance services,
5. private security services
6. public utility workers and auxiliary staff responding to emergencies
7. social workers authorized to respond to emergencies
8. sanitation workers and auxiliary staff
9. productive sector industries, personnel and auxiliary workers (potable water production, agricultural workers)
10. Belize Port Authority
11. The National Fire Service

12. Belize Electricity Limited
13. Belize Water Services Limited
14. Belize Telemedia Limited
15. Speednet Communications Limited (Smart)
16. Department of Civil Aviation
17. BPO”.

Commencement. **10.** These Regulations shall come into force on the 20th day of September, 2021.

MADE by the Minister responsible for public health this 17th day of September, 2021.



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