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I assent,



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## SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

### No. 16 of 2020

AN ACT to provide for public health and other interventions to prevent, control and suppress the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and for related matters.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis and by the authority of the same as follows:

#### PART I - PRELIMINARY

##### 1. **Short Title and Commencement.**

This Act may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, 2020 and shall come into force from such date as the Minister may by order, appoint.

##### 2. **Interpretation.**

“Chief Medical Officer” means the Chief Medical Officer appointed pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 9.21;

“compliance team” means the compliance team referred to under section 3;

“COVID-19” means the novel coronavirus (2019-n CoV);

“Emergency Powers Act” means the Emergency Powers Act, Cap. 19.02;

“Health Emergency Operating Centre” means the Health Emergency Operating Centre established under section 8A. of the Public Health Act;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Health;

“National Emergency Operating Centre” means the National Emergency Operating Centre established under the National Disaster Management Act;

“National COVID-19 Task Force” means the National Task Force referred to under section 3;

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“National Disaster Management Agency Act” means the National Disaster Management Agency Act, Cap. 19.06;

“Public Health Act” means the Public Health Act, Cap. 9.25;

“public place” includes an indoor or outdoor area, whether privately or publicly owned, to which the public has access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, including

- (a) shopping centres, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and utility departments;
- (b) bars, drinking places and restaurants;
- (c) hotels;
- (d) schools and all other educational institutions;
- (e) hospitals, whether publicly or privately operated;
- (f) churches or other religious establishments;
- (g) public transportation;
- (h) community centres;
- (i) Government offices;
- (j) public markets; and
- (k) other places or buildings of all types, accessible to the public;

“Quarantine Act” means the Quarantine Act, Cap. 9.23;

“vacation-in-place” means quarantine at a hotel or other accommodation with access to an approved package of services in the context of COVID-19.

## **PART II - ADMINISTRATION**

### **3. Chief Medical Officer.**

(1) The Chief Medical Officer has ultimate responsibility for the management of the public health response to COVID-19 on the island of Saint Christopher and on the island of Nevis.

(2) Pursuant to subsection (1), all national decisions related to the public health management and response to COVID-19, shall be in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Chief Medical Officer who shall have the final say in respect of those decisions.

(3) All health officers and other relevant officers, shall, in the exercise of their powers and in the performance of their duties under this Act, or other related legislation for the management, control and response to COVID-19, act under the general and specific directions and control of the Chief Medical Officer.

(4) The Chief Medical Officer shall liaise with and report to the National Emergency Operating Centre, once it has been activated for the purposes of COVID-19.

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(1) Subject to the provisions of section 3, the National COVID-19 Task Force is responsible for the coordination of the national response to COVID-19.

(2) The composition of the National COVID-19 Task Force is as set out in Schedule I and the Task Force may liaise and consult with such other public and private agencies and bodies as may be necessary.

(3) The powers and duties of the National COVID-19 Task Force are as follows:

- (a) to implement, pursuant to section 3, national initiatives as it pertains to the prevention, mitigation and suppression of the spread of COVID-19;
- (b) to inspect or visit various facilities including schools, hotels, guest houses, places of business, places of quarantine, places of isolation and other relevant locations or facilities, for the purposes of ensuring conformity with the provisions of this Act and any relevant laws pertaining to the prevention, mitigation and control of the spread of COVID-19;
- (c) to liaise and consult with relevant public or private agencies as may be necessary;
- (d) to conduct programmes of public information and education on the mitigation of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from COVID-19;
- (e) to identify compliance teams to assist it in its operations;
- (f) to guide the public on the implementation of measures to combat the spread of COVID-19.

(4) A compliance team may

- (a) visit or inspect any business, enterprise or office;
- (b) monitor any social event;
- (c) issue fixed penalty notices;

to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act.

(5) A person who obstructs any member of the National COVID-19 Taskforce or a member of a compliance team, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

**PART III- PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS****5. Work remotely from home.**

(1) Where a public or private business, enterprise or office is able to continue its operations by its employees practicing social distancing and physical distancing in accordance with the provisions of section 6, it may do so.

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all public or private businesses, enterprises or offices may continue their operations by allowing their employees to work remotely from home utilising virtual means.

(3) Where a business continues part of its operations utilizing virtual means, senior persons, older persons or persons in the pre-retirement age range and persons with chronic underlying conditions should be given priority to work remotely from home.

#### **6. Social distancing and physical distancing protocols.**

All public and private businesses, enterprises or offices that are operating in accordance with section 4(1), shall make the necessary arrangements to facilitate social distancing and physical distancing and shall

- (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain physical distancing of at least six feet in or outside of their business, if in a line to enter the business;
- (b) determine the total number of persons that may be permitted in the establishment at any one time by permitting one person for every thirty square feet of store space;
- (c) place distance markers at least six feet apart, indicating where each customer must stand on a line at a check out point or other line; and
- (d) place distance markers at least six feet apart on the outside of the establishment, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the establishment.

#### **7. Hygiene protocols.**

The hygiene protocols that shall be followed by public or private businesses, enterprises or offices are as set out under Schedule II.

#### **8. Wearing masks outdoors.**

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Small Charges Act, Cap. 4.36, a person shall wear a face mask, covering the nose and mouth, when in a public place.

- (2) A person may not be required to wear a mask:
  - (a) if he or she is under the age of six years;
  - (b) if he or she is between the ages of six and 11 years and if there is a lack of adult supervision for putting on and taking off the face mask.
  - (c) if he or she suffers with a disability, cognitive impairment, dementia, asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease or other similar condition that inhibits their capacity to wear the mask for a prolonged period;
  - (d) if he or she is within a private space including in a private vehicle.

(3) Where the person not wearing the mask is under the age of 18 and over the age of 11 the parent or guardian of that person may be charged with an offence and

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- (a) the person would be required to provide contact information for the parent or guardian, if they are not present; and
- (b) the person may be taken to the nearest police station and be held there until released to a parent or guardian.

(4) A person who contravenes the provisions of this section, commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), a police officer or a member of a compliance team may, in accordance with the provisions of section 22(2), issue a fixed penalty notice to any person who contravenes the provisions of this section.

**9. Restriction on social activities.**

(1) Subject to section 12, no person shall host, attend or visit a social activity or gathering of more than twenty-five persons including

- (a) a private party;
- (b) a banquet, ball or reception;
- (c) any other ceremony in any facility or public place;
- (d) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization;
- (e) any public beach, subject to sections 6 and 12; or
- (f) any other type of social event,

except with the written permission of the Commissioner of Police in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer.

(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of this section, commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 2, a police officer or member of a compliance team may in accordance with the provisions of section 8(4) and section 22(2), issue a fixed penalty notice to a person who contravenes the provisions of this section.

**10. Education and religious instruction.**

(1) All public, educational places of instruction shall comply with the minimum standards set out in Schedule II.

(2) The owner or operator of a private school shall

- (a) apply to the Ministry of Education for approval of opening in the form set out in Schedule III;
- (b) comply with the minimum standards set out in Schedule III.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-sections (1) and (2), a public or private educational place of instruction may require students and teachers to connect virtually or work remotely from home.

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(4) All religious places of instruction or worship may reopen in accordance with the provisions of this Act and any other conditions or directives given by the National COVID-19 Taskforce and the following persons should be encouraged to connect to virtual church services from home or may attend a separate early morning service designated for that purpose

- (a) senior persons, persons in the pre-retirement age range or persons over 65 years old;
- (b) persons with underlying health conditions;
- (c) individuals with disabilities; and
- (d) those who might not be able to wear a mask for the duration of the service.

(5) Where a public or private place of educational or religious instruction is found to be operating in a manner that does not comply with the requirements of this provision, the place of operation may be subject to additional inspections and the owner, operator, head or manager of the place may be

- (a) cautioned; and
- (b) if non-compliance persists, may be required to take remedial action.

(6) Any permission granted pursuant to this section may be revoked if remedial action is not taken within a specified time period.

#### **11. Weddings and funerals.**

- (1) Notwithstanding section 9, a person may attend a funeral except that
  - (a) the funeral shall have a maximum duration not exceeding one hour;
  - (b) the seating arrangements shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons and distance markers must indicate where each person may sit;
  - (c) the total number of persons that may be permitted to attend inside of the building is one person for every thirty square feet; and
  - (d) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to section 6.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 9, a person may attend a wedding except
  - (a) the wedding shall have a maximum duration not exceeding one hour;
  - (b) the seating arrangements shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons and distance markers must indicate where each person may sit;
  - (c) the total number of persons that may be permitted to attend inside of the building is one person for every thirty square feet; and
  - (d) all persons, except the bride and groom, shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to section 6.

**12. Public beaches.**

A person may visit a public beach

- (a) for the purposes of swimming or exercise;
- (b) where no more than eight members of the immediate family should be in close proximity to each other;
- (c) where there shall be no picnics, beach parties or other gatherings; and
- (d) where all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to section 6.

**13. Bars and restaurants.**

(1) Restaurants and take away food vendors may be opened and may

- (a) operate for the purposes of food delivery or food take away services;
- (b) offer in-dining service and
  - (i) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to section 6;
  - (ii) all persons shall adhere to the hygiene protocols pursuant to section 7 and Schedule II;
  - (iii) no more than eight members of the same household should be in close proximity to each other;
  - (iv) no more than two persons, who are not from the same household, shall be grouped together or share a table;
  - (v) spacing between tables shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons;
  - (vi) all persons, including restaurant staff, shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth in accordance with section 8, except when eating or drinking.

(2) A bar may be opened for the sale of liquor in accordance with the provisions of the Liquor Licences Act, Cap. 18.21 and

- (a) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to section 6;
- (b) all persons shall adhere to the hygiene protocols pursuant to section 7 and Schedule II;
- (c) no more than eight members of the same household should be in close proximity to each other;
- (d) no more than two persons, who are not from the same household, shall be grouped together or share a table;



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- (e) spacing between tables, at the bar or other seating arrangement shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons;
- (f) all persons shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth in accordance with section 8, except when eating or drinking.

(3) The owner or operator of a restaurant or bar who contravenes the provisions of this section, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to closure of the business or establishment or to both.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a police officer or a member of a compliance team may issue a fixed penalty notice to the owner or operator of a restaurant or bar who contravenes the provisions of this section.

#### **14. Hotels, Guest Houses and Similar Establishments.**

Hotels, guest houses and similar establishments shall apply to open to the Ministry of Tourism and shall comply with the minimum standards set out in Schedule IV Part I.

#### **15. Sports and training.**

(1) A person may attend sports training or practice sessions for amateur or other recreational sporting events and

- (a) all persons shall adhere to the social distancing and physical distancing protocol, as far as is reasonably practicable;
- (b) all persons shall wear a face mask, covering their nose and mouth in accordance with section 9, except during the training or practice exercise;
- (c) all persons shall adhere to the hygiene protocols pursuant to section 8 and Schedule II;
- (d) all training or practice sessions shall be in accordance with any other conditions or directives given by the National COVID-19 Taskforce and the Ministry of Sports.

(2) Sports management teams or clubs within each sport discipline may apply, to the Ministry of Sports in the form set out in Part II of Schedule IV, for permission to host inter-team or inter-club competitive matches with a maximum of fifty percent spectator capacity and

- (a) the seating arrangements shall allow for a minimum of six feet between persons and distance markers must indicate where each person may sit;
- (b) the total number of persons that may be permitted to attend inside of the building or stadium is one person for every thirty square feet; and
- (c) all persons shall adhere to social distancing and physical distancing protocols pursuant to section 6.

(3) Where a sports management team or club is found to be operating in a manner that does not comply with the requirements of this provision, the stadium, building or other place

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of operation may be subject to additional inspections and the head or manager of the sports management team or club may be

- (a) cautioned; and
- (b) if non-compliance persists, may be required to take remedial action.

(4) Any permission granted pursuant to this section may be revoked if remedial action is not taken within the specified time period.

**16. Restriction on visitation.**

No person shall visit or be permitted to visit

- (a) any place of quarantine or isolation station;
- (b) a patient in a hospital or residential care establishment, including an elderly nursing home.

**17. Domestic travel.**

(1) No person shall offer for hire or seek to travel on any motor omnibus, any hiring car, taxi, any passenger ferry or catamaran unless,

- (a) all persons wear a mask at all times, pursuant to section 8;
- (b) windows remain open or partially open depending on the weather conditions;
- (c) all persons shall practice social distancing protocols, good hand hygiene and proper sanitary behaviour in accordance with sections 6, 7 and Schedule III.

(2) The owner or operator of any motor omnibus, hiring car, taxi, passenger ferry or catamaran who contravenes the provisions of this section, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a police officer or a member of a compliance team may issue a fixed penalty notice to the owner or operator of a motor omnibus, hiring car, taxi, passenger ferry or catamaran.

**18. Regional and International Travel Protocol.**

(1) A person who is granted approval by the Ministry of National Security to enter Saint Christopher and Nevis, shall comply with the provisions of the Regional and International Travel Protocol set out in Schedule VII and the provisions of this Act and shall comply with the following:

- (a) the directions of the National COVID-19 Task Force;
- (b) the directions of the Immigration Department;
- (c) the directions of the Chief Medical Officer; and
- (d) the provisions of the Protocol as set out in Schedule VII.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of subsection (1), all persons desirous of entering the Federation, shall

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- (a) first apply to the Ministry of National Security through the National COVID-19 Task Force, in the form set out in Part I of Schedule VII;
  - (b) take a COVID-19 PCR test at an accredited laboratory and attach the evidence of a negative result from that test to the form;
  - (c) evidence of a confirmed booking with an approved hotel pursuant to the provisions of Schedule VIII;
  - (d) give written consent to being monitored electronically by a bracelet and mobile app and to giving health updates on a daily basis for the duration of their stay or for a period not exceeding fourteen days if the person is not infected with the COVID-19 virus;
  - (e) download the app on their mobile device upon receiving approval to travel; and
  - (f) where the person entering Saint Christopher and Nevis is a minor,
    - (i) be accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or an adult person authorised by his or her parent or guardian;
    - (ii) he or she must be quarantined with his or her parent or guardian or an adult person authorised by his or her parent or guardian.
- (3) Upon arrival within the Federation, a person shall be required to comply with the directions of the national authorities including
- (a) submitting to the wearing of an electronic monitoring bracelet;
  - (b) verification that the app has been correctly downloaded on his or her mobile device;
  - (c) allowing for temperature checks and any other relevant health checks to determine their COVID-19 status;
  - (d) taking approved transportation to convey him or her to the hotel or other COVID-19 approved accommodation set out in Schedule VII.
- (4) All data, statistics and other health information collected from a person pursuant to this section shall
- (a) be the property of the Ministry of Health;
  - (b) be secured by the Ministry of Health;
  - (c) not be disseminated to any other external agency or person in a manner that would reveal the identity of the person from whom it was collected; and
  - (d) be destroyed within a period of seven years of its collection.
- (5) A person who contravenes the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

(6) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a police officer or a member of a compliance team may issue a fixed penalty notice to a person who contravenes the provisions of this section.

#### **PART IV – TESTING AND TREATMENT**

##### **19. Requirement on private medical laboratories**

(1) Where a private medical laboratory tests a person for COVID-19 and the result of such testing yields a positive result, both the private medical laboratory and the person so tested shall immediately report and forward the results to the Chief Medical Officer.

(2) Where a private medical laboratory or a person fails to report and forward results to the Chief Medical Officer in accordance with sub-section (1), the owner or operator of the private medical laboratory or the person, as the case may be, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

(3) Where a person is tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting results from a medical laboratory, the Chief Medical Officer may take measures to prevent the possible spread of the COVID-19.

##### **20. Reporting Protocol.**

Where a person

- (a) has reason to believe that he or she has been exposed to COVID-19;
- (b) is suspected to have been exposed to COVID-19;
- (c) he or she is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19; or
- (d) has Covid-19

that person shall comply with the provisions of the Protocol set out in Schedule V to prevent or reduce community spread of COVID-19.

##### **21. Treatment of persons for COVID-19 and Quarantine.**

(1) Where a person meets the case definition of a suspected case of COVID-19 as outlined in Schedule IV, the appropriate sample may be taken to facilitate testing for COVID-19 and it may be processed at a local laboratory or the Caribbean Public Health Agency laboratory.

(2) Where the result of a test conducted by the Caribbean Public Health Agency or by a private medical laboratory under section 17 shows that a person is infected by COVID-19, the Chief Medical Officer may give such directions, as he or she thinks fit, for

- (a) the quarantine or isolation of that person or any other person who, by exposure to infection from that person, is likely to be infected by COVID-19;
- (b) the removal of a person referred to in paragraph (a) to a public hospital or a designated facility; or
- (c) the curative treatment of a person referred to in paragraph (a).

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(3) The Chief Medical Officer may give a direction under sub-section (1) where he or she considers it necessary to do so

- (a) for the purposes of preventing or controlling the spread of COVID-19;
- (b) in the interests of the person in relation to whom the direction is given; or
- (c) in the interests of public health.

(4) Where the Chief Medical Officer gives a direction under sub-section (1), the person in relation to whom the direction is given shall be informed

- (a) of the reason for giving the direction;
- (b) of the period during which the person is likely to be required to remain at a public hospital or a designated facility for observation, surveillance or curative treatment; and
- (c) that it is an offence to fail to comply with the direction or to obstruct a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out the direction.

(5) A person who

- (a) fails to comply with a direction under sub-section (1); or
- (b) obstructs a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out a direction under sub-section (1), commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

**PART V  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**22. General Penalty.**

(1) A person who contravenes a provision of this Act for which a penalty is not specified commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a police officer or a member of the compliance team, may issue a fixed penalty notice to any person who contravenes the provisions of sections 8, 9, 11, 16 and 17 in the form specified in Schedule VIII.

(3) A fixed penalty notice issued by a police officer in accordance with this Act shall be lawful notice that the person is charged with the commission of an offence and that a complaint will be made against that person in respect thereof requiring him or her to either pay the fixed penalty of five hundred within ten business days or to appear at the court specified in the notice on the day and at the hour stated therein to answer the said complaint.

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(4) The police officer or member of a compliance team shall send to the Magistrate for the magisterial district in which the offence is alleged to have been committed, a duplicate of the notice, which duplicate shall be deemed to be a complaint laid before the Magistrate and a summons issued by the Magistrate for the purposes of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act.

(5) A notice issued under these Sections shall be signed by the police officer or the member of the compliance team and shall specify

- (a) the date, time and place of the giving of the notice;
- (b) the provision of the Sections creating the offence alleged and such particulars of the offence as are required for proceedings under the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Cap. 3.17;
- (c) the time within which the fixed penalty may be paid in accordance with the provisions of these Sections;
- (d) the amount of the fixed penalty;
- (e) the Clerk of the Magistrate to whom, and the address at or to which the fixed penalty may be paid;
- (f) the address of the Magistrate's Court at which the person is required to appear in the event of his or her failure to pay the fixed penalty within the specified time, and the date and time of such appearance.

(6) Where a notice has been given under these Sections, the person may pay the fixed penalty in accordance with the notice.

(7) The time within which the fixed penalty shall be payable shall be ten business days from the date of the notice, and where payment reaches the Clerk of the Magistrate after that time, it shall not be receivable and shall be returned to the sender.

(8) Where the fixed penalty is duly paid in accordance with the notice, the proceedings instituted by the notice shall be discontinued.

(9) Payment of the fixed penalty shall be made to the Clerk of the Magistrate's Court District "A" Basseterre or the Clerk of the Magistrate's Court, District "C", Charlestown and shall be dealt with in the same manner as payment of a fine imposed for an offence under the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act.

(10) The fixed penalty notice shall be presented for payment of the fixed penalty.

(11) In any proceedings, a certificate that payment of the fixed penalty was or was not made to the Clerk of the Magistrate by a date specified in the certificate shall, if the certificate is signed by the Clerk, be sufficient evidence of the facts stated, unless the contrary is proved.

(12) Where the fixed penalty is not paid within the time specified in the notice, proceedings in respect of that offence shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act.

**23. Suspension of Liquor Licences.**

The Minister of Health, in consultation with the Minister of Finance may, by Order, temporarily suspend the operation of Liquor Licences for a specified period.

**24. CMO may make Emergency Orders.**

(1) When, in the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer, a COVID-19 emergency exists, the Chief Medical Officer may, by order, direct special measures to be taken during the continuance of that emergency for the purposes of this Act and any such order shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any regulations or rules in force by virtue of those sections.

(2) An order made under subsection (1) may be varied or rescinded by order of the Minister.

**25. Regulations.**

The Minister, in consultation with the CMO, may make Regulations and Orders to better give effect to the provisions of this Act.

**26. Curfew and Closure of Borders.**

A curfew may be imposed or borders may be closed for the purposes of the prevention, mitigation or suppression of the spread of COVID-19 in Saint Christopher and Nevis in accordance with Regulations made by the Governor General under the Emergency Powers Act.

**27. Schedules may be amended by Order.**

The Schedules may be amended by Order of the Minister.

**SCHEDULE I**

The National COVID-19 Task Force shall be comprised of the following members:

- (a) the National Disaster Coordinator who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) the Chief Medical Officer as Co-Chairperson;
- (c) Medical Officer of Health for Nevis;
- (d) Medical Chief of Staff;
- (e) a senior representative of Nevis Disaster Management Authority
- (f) a senior representative of the Ministry of Health;
- (g) a senior representative of the Ministry of National Security;
- (h) a senior representative of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force;
- (i) a senior representative of the St. Kitts and Nevis Defence Force
- (j) a senior representative of the Immigration Department;

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- (k) a senior representative of the Customs and Excise Department;
- (l) a senior representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- (m) a senior representative of the Department of Information and Technology;
- (n) a senior representative of the St. Kitts Air and Sea Ports Authority;
- (o) a senior representative of the Nevis Air and Sea Ports Authority.

**SCHEDULE II****Hand Washing and Sanitizing Protocol for Good Hygiene**

(section 7)

The following are the recommended guidelines for hand washing and hand sanitizing to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Be sure to scrub the backs of the hands, in between the fingers and under the nails. Wash your hands before putting on and after removing your mask.
2. If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands including the back of the hands and in between the fingers and rub them together until they feel dry.
3. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
4. A motor omnibus, hiring car or taxi or any passenger ferry must sanitize all door knobs and hand rests after each trip.

**SCHEDULE III****Protocol for Educational places of instruction**

(section 10)

**PROTOCOL FOR PRIVATELY RUN EDUCATIONAL PLACES OF INSTRUCTION****Physical Distancing**

- Physical distancing of at least six feet (6ft) outside of the classroom
- Distance markers are at six feet (6ft) apart at check point or other line for adults dropping off or picking up children and signing in and out register.
- Daily routine reflects activities done in small groups
- Cots, chairs and cribs are arranged at least two feet (2ft) apart
- Adequate number of learning areas/workstations



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- Pictures/drawings are posted to indicate the number of children allowed in each play area
- Twenty-five (25) square feet per child for preschoolers and forty (40) square feet per infant are observed indoors.
- Limit large groups. No more than three (3) babies/four-five (4-5) infants/ten (10) preschool children coming together for activities.

**Mask**

- Face mask must be worn by ALL parents and staff on the compound

**Arrival & Departure Screening Protocols**

- Sanitizing stations available on entry
- Mandatory temperature checks upon arrival (children and staff)
- A Temperature Record Book is implemented
- Each centre has a register system implemented recording all in attendance.

**Hygiene**

- Soap and water or liquid soap is readily available for hand washing throughout the day (before preparing food, before and after eating, after using the toilet, where hands are dirty, after sneezing or coughing, before and after wearing gloves, when arriving or leaving the workplace, after changing tasks, after touching contaminated surfaces and if in contact with someone displaying any COVID-19 symptoms after blowing nose and using the bathrooms)
- Hand sanitizers & sanitizing wipes are available throughout the centre
- Regular cleaning and sanitizing is done in the classroom throughout the day. A written schedule for sanitizing frequently touched surfaces such as chairs, tables cots, toys, equipment, tabletops, door handles, handrails is posted
- COVID-19 related signage and posters are posted

**Hygiene Protocol**

- Personalized items are labelled and stored in individual bags (sheets, towels etc.)
- Bathrooms are sanitized and toilets flushed after each use
- Floors are mopped three (3) times daily (before arrival of children, before naptime and before closure of centre). A written schedule for cleaning is posted
- Hand sanitizers and soap are available for staff and children as well but kept out of reach for children
- Soap dispensers and paper towels are in bathrooms, kitchen and diaper change area

**Food Preparation**

- Food is stored in clean & covered containers
- Utensils are adequate and sufficient
- Utensils are in good condition
- A written schedule posted showing:
  - All surfaces to be cleaned
  - The frequency of cleaning
  - The materials used for cleaning
  - The staff responsible for cleaning
- A written schedule is posted in the kitchen: wash hands, cleaning and food preparation

**Health And Safety Protocol**

- Screening of adults and children should be done daily.
- Staff and children who are sick must remain at home.
- Children or adults are sent home immediately should coughing, sneezing, blowing of nose or any signs of a cold manifest. An area or room is identified if staff or child becomes sick and the following steps should be taken:
  - Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
  - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick
  - Once area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.
- Staff and parents of children inform Supervisor about any illnesses
- Paper towels are used to dry hands and must be properly disposed of in bins.
- Cleaning materials are safe for use in classroom and properly stored out of children's reach at all times; a cleaning schedule should be posted
- Proper measurement of cleaning agents is observed
- Garbage bins are covered, emptied and sanitized daily.
- Hand washing is done after using gloves
- All windows and doors are opened daily and classrooms are properly ventilated.
- Parents and staff are aware of the COVID-19 measures in place for safe reopening of Early Childhood Centres.

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Date:

Date of minimum standards inspection:

Name of school:

Name of Owner:

Name of principal/head teacher:

Address and Contact Information:

Number of teacher and other staff:

Number of classrooms:

Number of students

Size of classroom:

Documents to be attached:

- Approval of Ministry of Education to operate as a private school
- Certificate of compliance with minimum standards COVID-19

**SCHEDULE IV****Part I****Application and Protocol for Hotel Industry**

(section 14)

**1. Protocol for Hotel Industry**

Sector	Requirements
Accommodations	<p><b>1. <u>General Requirements</u></b></p> <p>a) All Operations must pay special attention to the protection of the following high-risk individuals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Immune compromised</li> <li>ii. Over the age of 60</li> <li>iii. Hypertensive</li> <li>iv. Diabetic</li> <li>v. Pre-existing respiratory conditions such as asthma</li> </ol> <p>b) Each accommodation of 50 rooms or more shall have a full-time nurse on staff and a doctor on call.</p> <p>c) Each establishment shall identify quarantine and isolation procedures for guests who may develop a communicable disease while at their property. These procedures must be included in the guest welcome package.</p>

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	<p>d) Each establishment must have an established health and safety policy that is updated annually before November that outlines the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Testing for COVID-19 and the clear assignment of cost.</li> <li>ii. Quarantine and isolation areas</li> <li>iii. Name and telephone number of staff nurse</li> <li>iv. Name and telephone number of on-call doctor</li> <li>v. Policy and procedures for staff members who become ill (e.g. contraction of COVID-19) as a proven result of contact with guests. This policy must be communicated to all staff members.</li> <li>vi. Staff nutrition program that aims to build the immune system</li> </ul> <p>e) Employees are required to change out of uniform and shower prior to departing the property.</p> <p>f) Employees shall be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 or any other contagious illness before they are permitted to work if they displayed symptoms of any of the mentioned illnesses.</p> <p>g) All employees must wash hands before and after interacting with guests. Employees must wash hands frequently throughout the day. Hands must be washed with soap and water for a minimum of twenty (20) seconds and should be dried with a hot air hand dryer or a disposable paper towel.</p> <p>h) Hotel Associates must complete training on housekeeping, hygiene protocols, and COVID-19 awareness training.</p> <p><b>2. <u>Front of the House – Front Desk, Lobbies, Public Areas. E.g. Restrooms</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Each establishment shall have a hand washing station on the exterior of their establishment to facilitate the washing of hands for the public, taxi operators and other service personnel.</li> <li>b) All employees shall wash their hands before and after interacting with the guest.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Each chair or sofa of non-fabric surfaces must be wiped every 30 mins to 1 hour or after use by each guest minimum.</li> <li>d) Each counter- top shall be wiped every 30 mins to 1 hour minimum,</li> <li>e) Hand sanitizer stations will be prominently placed thorough out the accommodation, public and employee areas and entrances.</li> <li>f) All frequently touched surfaces in public areas such as elevator buttons and door handles must be disinfected with hospital grade disinfectants a minimum of every 30 mins to 1 hour. A checklist must be available to employees to log times when areas are cleaned. This must be presented to any inspector under the Authority of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority or the Ministry of Health.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. <u>Recreational Areas- e.g. Kids Club, Beach Areas, Pool Side, Arcade Room</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All beach chairs must be sanitized before and after use by each guest.</li> <li>b) All beach chairs must be sanitized at the beginning of the day before use by any guest.</li> <li>c) All toys and surfaces in any play area must be disinfected prior to opening and every 30 mins to 1 hour. Kid Clubs should be closed mid-day for thorough cleaning.</li> <li>d) The number of individuals in any recreational area must be compliant with the square footage requirement as per social distancing protocols. E.g. 30 square feet of space per individual.</li> <li>e) Beach chairs that are severely worn must be discarded.</li> <li>f) All furniture that has fabric surfaces must be washed daily. Where washing is not an option, the fabric must be disinfected after use by each guest. It is recommended that accommodations use fabric that is spill proof and that can be easily wiped.</li> <li>g) Management of the accommodation shall deny access to recreation areas to individuals who display any symptoms of sickness. For e.g. H1N1 or COVID-19.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>h) All queues must adhere to the 6 feet social distancing requirement.</li><li>i) All entertainers must wash their hands before and after each performance. There shall be no touching of guests during performances. A face shield that does not detract from the performance may be worn during the performance as Personal Protective Equipment. (PPE)</li></ul> <p><b>4. <u>Food and Beverage</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Self-serve buffets or bar areas shall not be permitted.</li><li>b) Utensils and crockery shall not be left open in the public.</li><li>c) All utensils and crockery used to prepare food must be properly sanitized.</li><li>d) All employees engaged in the preparation of food must wear a hair covering.</li><li>e) Male employees engaged in the preparation and service of food service shall not have facial hair.</li><li>f) Employees engaged in food preparation and service must practice strict sanitation and hygiene practices. Hands must be washed for 20 seconds minimum or sanitized before and after preparation of each meal in the case of the kitchen team and after serving each customer.</li><li>g) Food shall be prepared using the highest level of sanitation and hygiene to prevent contamination.</li><li>h) All kitchen counters must remain clean and shall be disinfected every hour.</li><li>i) The quality cuisine, service, accommodation, and amenities should meet international standards. Each accommodation offering food and beverage should always seek to maintain quality service.</li><li>j) Enhanced food safety and hygiene protocols for restaurants, room service, and group meetings, and events must be implemented.</li><li>k) Social distancing protocols shall be implemented in public areas across hotel properties. Guests and employees must adhere to the six (6) feet minimum distance. Social distancing markers should be placed in all public areas which include but are not limited to Lobby areas and waiting areas for food and beverage areas.</li></ul>
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	<p><b><u>5. Back of the House: e.g. Housekeeping, Administrative Offices</u></b></p> <p>a) Establishments shall use cleaning and disinfecting protocols to clean rooms after guests depart and before the next guest arrives, with attention to high-touch items e.g. door handles and lamps</p> <p>b) Glasses in the guest room must be changed twice daily and sanitized using heat.</p> <p>c) Employees working in the administrative and sales offices shall wash their hands before returning to their desk after each interaction with the public.</p> <p>d) Employees shall not share workspaces.</p> <p>e) The number of employees in a workspace shall be compliant to the 30 square foot of space per employee sections or as per protocols established by the Ministry of Health.</p>
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## 2. Application Form for Hotel

Date:

Date of minimum standards inspection:

Name of Hotel:

Name of Owner:

Name of General Manager:

Address and Contact Information:

Number of staff members:

Number of rooms:

Documents to be attached:

- Valid business licence
- Certificate of compliance with minimum standards COVID-19

## Part II

(section 15)

### Application Form for Practice or other Matches

Date:

Management Team / CLUB:

Reason for application:

Proposed date of practice match:

Participating Teams / Clubs:

Number of players:

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Number of supporting staff:

Number of spectators (if application is for an event with spectators):

Proposed health measures:

**SCHEDULE V**

**REPORTING PROTOCOL** (section 20)

What to do if you suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19

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What to do if you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19

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What to do if you believe that someone else has been exposed to/has COVID-19

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What to do if you have a patient who is suspected of being exposed to/has COVID-19

[Reporting of cases/suspected cases may be done via telephone call to the Quarantine Authority/Chief Medical Officer or using the Notifiable Disease Form as set out in Schedule II to the Public Health Quarantine Regulations, SRO 2 of 2020.]

**SCHEDULE VI**

(section 21)

**TREATMENT OF PERSONS FOR COVID-19 AND QUARANTINE**

**1. Taking Swab**

Pursuant to section 20, where a person meets the case definition of a suspected case of COVID-19, the appropriate sample (oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal swab) will be taken to facilitate the molecular, Real –Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction – (RT-PCR) test for COVID -19 which will be processed at the local laboratory or the Caribbean Public Health Agency laboratory ( CARPHA).

**2. National surveillance case definitions for COVID-19**

Health personnel should report confirmed, suspected and probable cases of COVID-19 nationally to the National Epidemiologist, Health Information Unit, MOH and the Chief Medical Officer within 24 hours of their own notification.



### 3. Suspected case

A person with symptoms that include two or more of:

- Fever (signs of fever)
- Cough (new or exacerbated chronic)
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache

**Or**

- Meets the exposure criteria

Or

- Had close contact with a probable case of COVID-19

### 4. Probable

**A person (who has had a laboratory test):**

- with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough

And

- who meets the COVID-19 exposure criteria and in whom a laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 is inconclusive ( indeterminate test).

**Or**

**A person (who has not had a laboratory test):**

- With fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough,

And

- Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19,

Or

- Lived in or worked in a closed facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 (e.g., long-term care facility, prison)

### 5. Confirmed

A person with laboratory confirmation of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 performed at a community, hospital or reference laboratory.

### 6. Exposure criteria

In the 14 days before onset of illness, a person who:

- Traveled to an affected area (including hotspots outside the Federation)

Or

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- Had close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who traveled to an affected area within 14 days prior to their onset of illness

Or

- Participated in a mass gathering identified as a source of exposure (e.g., conference)

Or

- Had laboratory exposure to biological material (e.g. primary clinical specimens, virus culture isolates) known to contain COVID-19.

**SCHEDULE VII**

**(section 18)**

**REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROTOCOL**

**PART I**

**Form for “Entry into Federation”**

1. **Name of Person.....**
2. **Address of Person.....**
3. **Proposed Date of travel.....**
4. **Name of Airline and Flight No.....**
5. **Name and location of Accredited Testing Laboratory.....**  
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6. **Result of Test.....**
7. **Name of COVID-19 Approved facility for Accomodation..**  
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**PART II**

**1.1 COVID ENTRY REQUIREMENTS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE ROBERT LLEWELLYN BRADSHAW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RLBA ST.KITTS) AND THE VANCE AMORY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NEVIS):**

All in-bound travelers to the Federation will be classified as having SIGNIFICANT risk of exposure to the virus.

**1.2 PRE-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL TRAVELLERS VIA AIR & SEA:**

- All inbound travelers to the Federation will be required to log onto the COVID-19 National website (URL: <https://www.knatravelform.kn>) before traveling.
- Complete and submit the **Customs, Border and Health** entry form with required details including evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test.
- The PCR Test must be done within 3 days of travel.
- This PCR test must be done at an ISO17025 / CLIA Accredited Laboratory in the traveler's host country and the test result must be recorded in English language.
- All persons must present an authentic laboratory report as supporting evidence of negative PCR test .
- Wear a face mask covering both nose and mouth.
- Undergo focused health screening done by a Port Health Surveillance Officer inclusive of a temperature check.
- If the focused health screening is satisfactory (no evidence of COVID-19 symptoms), that person is then free to leave the RLBIA in an approved COVID-19 taxi.

**2.0 PERSONS TRAVELLING TO THE FEDERATION WITH SIGNIFICANT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS.**

In-bound travellers include returning nationals, residents, work permit holders and tourists.

**2.1 Requirements for Tourists**

The in-bound traveller in this category will be required to complete entry form and submit a negative PCR COVID -19 result of test done within three (3) days of travel at an ISO 17025/ CLIA Accredited Laboratory.

The in-bound tourist must submit confirmation of hotel reservation at either of the following hotels: (1) Park Hyatt St. Kitts Christophe Harbour Hotel; (2) Four Seasons Resort Nevis; (3) St. Kitts Marriott Resort Hotel & Marriott's St. Kitts Vacation Beach Club; (4) Royal St. Kitts Hotel, (5) Koi Resort St. Kitts and (6) Paradise Beach Nevis.

- The tourist would be required to undergo focused health screening at the airport and would be asked to download and install the **St. Kitts & Nevis COVID-19 Mobile App (EXMAPP)**.
- If the tourist is asymptomatic (without COVID like symptoms) he or she would be allowed entry into the Federation.

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- In-bound tourists will be “vacationing in place “at their hotels **with access to an approved package of services** for the first fourteen days or for the duration of stay (if shorter).
- All in-bound tourists would be required to do serial testing.
- The tourist will be tested on day # 7 and on day #14, if the tourist is still on island. Anyone who is tested and receives a negative PCR test on day #7 may be allowed, (only through the hotel’s concierge or tour desk and by appointment only) access to COVID-19 approved tourist attraction sites on the island in a secure bubble.
- All tourists who are still on island, must receive a PCR test on day 14 of their stay and once the result of that PCR test is negative, the tourist would be allowed to integrate in the society.
- If the vacation period is less than 14 days, the tourist may depart the Federation having completed an exit COVID-19 PCR test, which is negative.
- Tourists & other in-bound travellers in this category can only use COVID-19 certified taxis or ground transport with appropriate partitions to move between the airport and their hotel and to move between hotel and the COVID-19 approved tourist attraction sites on St. Kitts or Nevis as the case may be.

## **2.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNING NATIONALS & RESIDENTS/ WORK PERMITHOLDERS**

- All returning nationals will be required to undergo focused health screening by Port Officers and would be required to: wear masks in the appropriate way by having both face and nose securely covered and must submit to having their temperature tested.
- Nationals who are returning to the Federation and who are free of COVID-19 have the option to stay at one of the following:
  1. Oualie Beach Resort Hotel, Potworks and Paradise Beach in Nevis,
  2. Ocean Terrace Inn & the Royal St. Kitts Hotel in St. Kitts,
  3. Any one of the four (4) Franchise Hotels; namely:
    - (a) Four Seasons Resort Nevis;
    - (b) St. Kitts Marriott Resort Hotel & Marriott’s St. Kitts Vacation Beach Club;
    - (c) Park Hyatt St Kitts Christophe Harbour Hotel;
    - (d) Koi Resort St. Kitts.
- Returning nationals and residents may also opt for pre-approved quarantine and pay for security facility fees.
- Interested returning nationals or residents may access the pre-approved option by visiting the following website: [www.covid19.gov.kn](http://www.covid19.gov.kn). **A returning national or resident** would not be allowed to go to any private home until after 14 days.

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- Returning nationals or residents would not be allowed the “self-quarantine” option in their homes unless they employ, at their own expense, the services of private security.

**2.3 REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-TRANSIT PASSENGERS****ON ARRIVAL**

- Before disembarking, an intransit passenger must have his or her COVID-19 PCR test result (in English language) visible, if applicable. These results will be checked for validity.
- A passenger must wear his or her face mask at all times while at the airport.
- All in-transit passengers must undergo a focused health screening at the airport.
- In-Transit Passengers will NOT be permitted to leave the airport after clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health Officials.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 while in St. Kitts and Nevis, you will be required by the Ministry of Health to undergo a period of isolation at your own expense, at one of six (6) hotels in Section 2.0 above. Alternatively, if you have moderate to severe COVID -19 disease you will be transferred to the COVID -19 ward for isolation. Upon recovery, you may return to country of origin.

**2.4 PERSON WHO MAY HAVE SYMPTOMS OR ARE ASYMPTOMATIC–**

- In-bound travellers who manifest symptoms of COVID-19 (Symptomatic) would be channelled to the testing booth in the isolation unit where a Naso-pharyngeal swab would be used to obtain a sample from such a person and the sample would be sent to the local laboratory for processing.

The symptomatic traveller would then be evaluated and triaged in the isolation unit. The symptomatic traveler would be transferred to either of the following locations: (1) the COVID Ward at JNF Hospital, where he or she would receive clinical care or (2), the quarantine room at the accommodation site where the in-bound traveller will be monitored, diagnosed and managed.

**2.5 TESTING ON ARRIVAL**

- All travellers are required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test, in order to enter the Federation. Such tests must be done within 72 hours of travel to the Federation.
- All tests must be done by a reputable IS170250/ CLIA Accredited Laboratory in the host country and must be the gold Standard PCR test.
- If the Health Authorities have reasons to suspect that the laboratory is questionable, or the test is outdated, fabricated or inadequate, the in-bound traveller would be required to be tested upon arrival.

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- In-bound travellers who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms would also be tested on arrival

**2.6 SERIAL TESTING IN THE FEDERATION**

- International travellers will be required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test done in their country of origin.
- If international travellers intend to remain in the Federation for 7 or 14 days, they will be required to do serial testing; and if their stay is shorter, they will be required to do an exit test or a pre-departure test at Next Generation Laboratory, the Laboratory may be contacted at- **1 869 466-1705**.
- If on day 7, a test result is negative and again negative on day 14, that traveller or tourist will be able to freely integrate into the society.
- If the test is positive, that person will be diagnosed with COVID-19 and as such will be isolated and clinically managed.
- The COVID-19 PCR test is US\$ 100.00/ XCD \$ 270.00 for Nationals and US\$ 150.00/ XCD \$ 405.00 for international traveler/ tourist.

**2.7 APPROVED HOTELS/VACATION IN PLACE**

- A tourist may opt to spend his or her vacation at any of the COVID-19-approved franchise hotels within the Federation.
- They will have at their disposal the approved packages of services offered by any of the franchise hotels.

**3.0 Diplomats & inbound travelers with special needs**

Specific travelers with non-standard circumstances to be addressed are advised to contact the St. Kitts & Nevis COVID-19 Task Force via email: [covid19taskforce@gov.kn](mailto:covid19taskforce@gov.kn) at least five days prior to travel to the Federation, so as to have their requests considered for approval.

Specific travelers include:

- 1) Diplomats;
- 2) Persons with medical conditions warranting special considerations (to be certified by the Chief Medical Officer);
- 3) Persons with a disability or traveling with persons with disabilities;

**4.0 Flight Crew**

- 4.1 The local agents of commercial air carriers must provide the border agencies with the relevant data for the flight crew involved with flights with a layover stop.
- 4.2 Local agents of commercial air carriers must collaborate with Airport Authorities to provide a dedicated channel or public health corridor for flight crew members in clearing focused health screening, immigration and customs at the airport.

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- 4.3 All flight crew members would be required to submit their **Crew COVID-19 Status Card** as prescribed by International Civil Aviation Organization and undergo focused health screening, including a temperature check at the Medical or Health Screening Unit at the airport. If they are not exhibiting any symptoms they will be allowed to clear immigration and customs.
- 4.4 If any flight crew member is found to have COVID-19 like symptoms or if suspected to have COVID-19 they would be channeled to the testing booth in the isolation unit where a Naso-pharyngeal swab will be used to take a sample from such a person and the swab would then be sent to the local laboratory for processing. The flight crew member would then be evaluated and monitored in the isolation unit. The aircraft operator may medically repatriate crewmember to home base by appropriate modes.
- 4.5 All flight crew members must wear face masks while in the Federation and must adhere to the physical & social distancing measures. Flight crew members who are involved in flights with layover stops can only use COVID-19 certified ground transportation to and from the RLBIA.
- 4.6 Flight crew members who are involved in flights with layover stops may only stay at one of the following accommodations:
- Royal St. Kitts Hotel
  - Park Hyatt St/ Kitts Christophe Harbour Hotel
  - St. Kitts Marriott Resort Hotel & Marriott's St. Kitts Vacation Beach Club;
  - Four Seasons
  - Koi Resort St. Kitts
- 4.7 Flight crew members who are part of layover flights may only '**stay-in-place**' at the above stated accommodations. They can only access services on the hotel property and can only leave the hotel en- route to the airport for departure from the Federation.

**5.0 Entry via Seaports**

- In-bound Travelers entering the Federation via sea vessels will be required to log onto the COVID-19 National website (URL: <https://www.knatravelform.kn>) before traveling.
- An in-bound traveller must complete and submit the **Customs, Border and Health** entry form with required details including evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test.
- An in-bound vessel will be required to dock at one of the following six (6) ports, submit the **Maritime Declaration of Health** to the Port Health Officer and interact with the other border agencies.

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- The six Ports in the Federation are:
  1. Deep Water Port
  2. Port Zante
  3. Christophe Harbour
  4. New Guinea (St. Kitts Marine Works)
  5. Charlestown Pier
  6. Long Point Pier
- In-bound travellers who arrive via sea vessel will be classified as having a significant risk of the virus as outlined in paragraph 1.1 and will be processed accordingly and will quarantine as outlined in the relevant sections above.
- The prescribed quarantine time (14 days minus the transit time) will be determined by the transit time between the last port of call and the date of arrival into the Federation. The transit time must be supported by official documentation and the Sail Clear – Caribbean Advanced Notification System.
- Yachts and pleasure vessels that are greater than 60 feet must quarantine at Christophe Harbor in St Kitts;
- Yachts and pleasure vessels that are less than 60 Feet must quarantine at the following sites:
  1. Ballast Bay in St. Kitts;
  2. Pinney’s Beach and Gallows in Nevis;
- A fee of US \$ 30.00 per hour will be charged to monitor yachts and pleasure vessels that are less than 60 Feet that are in quarantine.

**6.0 Approval for Entry into St. Kitts & Nevis**

In-bound travellers will only be granted permission to enter the Federation if the following criteria are met:

- Submission of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result;
- Submission of a reservation for appropriate accommodation as per the protocols;
- Submission of consent forms and end use licensing agreement for the St. Kitts & Nevis COVID-19 Mobile App ( EXMAPP);

**6.1 St. Kitts & Nevis COVID -19 Mobile App (EXMAPP)**

- The St. Kitts & Nevis COVID-19 Mobile App (EXMAPP) is a clinical management tool that will be used to monitor the in-bound traveller for the first fourteen days or for the duration of stay (if less). The in-bound traveller



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is expected to use this mobile application to update the public health team regarding onset of any COVID-19 symptoms.

- The public health team will utilize this mobile application to communicate with all inbound travellers during the first fourteen days or duration of stay (if less).
- All in-bound travellers will be required to download and install the St. Kitts & Nevis COVID-19 Mobile App (EXMAPP).
- All in-bound travellers in both categories will be expected to have their mobile devices with them during this period of monitoring.

**SCHEDULE VIII**

(section 21)

**FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (TICKET)**

**SCHEDULE VII OF THE COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) ACT**

**TAKE NOTICE** that ..... was seen in/at .....  
(Name of Person)\* (location)

On the ..... day of ....., 20...., without a mask, contrary to the provisions of Section 7

contravention of restriction on social activities contrary to the provisions of Section 8

contravention of provisions for operating a restaurant or bar contrary to the provisions of section 12

contravention of provisions for domestic travel contrary to the provisions of section 15

contravention of provisions for international travel contrary to the provisions of section 16

contravention of Protocol set out under Schedule VIII

Fixed Penalty  
**\$100.00**

Name and Rank of Officer .....

Signature of Officer .....

Force Number .....

Payment

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If within 10 business days from the date of this notice the fixed penalty is paid to the Clerk of the Magistrate’s Court District “A”/”C”, the person’s liability to conviction of the alleged offence shall be discharged and the police will not prosecute. If not paid, the person shall appear at the Magistrate’s Court District “A”/”C”

..... at 9 a.m. on the ..... day of ....., 20...  
Basseterre/Charlestown

***\*Please note that if the person without the mask is between the ages of 11 and 18, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be issued with this Notice***

A MICHAEL PERKINS  
*Speaker*

Passed by the National Assembly this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

*SONIA BODDIE-THOMPSON*  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*