

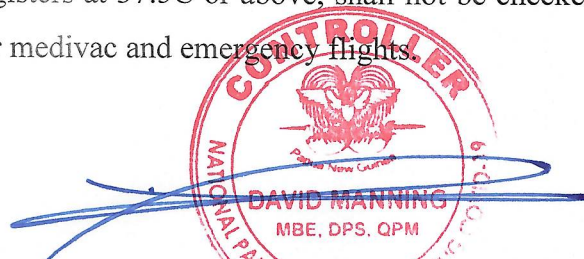


INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO.3 DOMESTIC MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The Provincial Health Authority of each province will make a weekly assessment based on available health data regarding whether they view their provinces as being high risk, this is to be provided to the Provincial Administrator who will consider other provincial factors and who shall then recommend to the Controller whether their province should be classified as high risk or medium risk.
2. The Controller shall consider the assessment provided in paragraph 1, and shall at his sole discretion determine by Direction whether a province is high risk, failure to provide an assessment by a province may be considered by the Controller when making a determination.
3. All provinces not declared to be high risk are considered medium risk for the purpose of these Measures.
4. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. no person may travel if they are symptomatic for COVID-19;
 - b. hygiene and physical distancing restriction as issued by the Controller; and
 - c. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.
5. Persons checking in for a domestic flight shall have their temperature checked by the airline staff, a person whose temperature registers at 37.5C or above, shall not be checked-in or allowed to board the flight, except for medivac and emergency flights.





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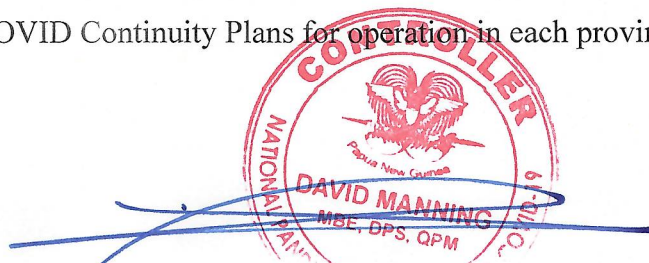
6. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19.
7. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 6, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days, but does not commit a criminal offence.
8. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.
9. The following Measures apply to High Risk Provinces:
 - a. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 20 people.
 - b. Venues or parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the Pandemic that:
 - i. provide night club and pub activities and services; or
 - ii. sell and supply alcohol for consumption on the premises without food, except restaurants.
 - c. No club, recreational or professional sporting matches shall be allowed to played, except for recreational sporting games of no more than 4 persons, except as exempted by the Controller.
10. The following Measures apply to Medium Risk Provinces:
 - a. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 people.
11. The following Measures apply to all Provinces, regardless of their risk level:
 - a. Venues or parts of venues that operate as a restaurant or for food consumption on premises may operate subject to:
 - i. all persons on entry and exist from venues must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and





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- ii. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
 - b. Venues or parts of venues that provide gambling activities and services may open if they ensure strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety guidelines issued by the Controller in relation to operating a gambling activity and service.
 - c. No licensed premises shall sell takeaway alcohol on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, except restaurants who may continue to serve alcohol as regulated by their liquor license.
 - d. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centers must comply with physical distancing requirements and safe and hygienic practices as issued by the Controller, including:
 - i. physical distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person; and
 - ii. all persons on entry and exit the market must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser.
12. Religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow restrictions:
- a. physical distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person;
 - b. all persons on entry and exist into the place of worship must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - c. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
13. The Council of Churches in consultation with the National Department of Health and all faith groups in PNG, shall prepare Standard Operating Procedures for all religious activities and gatherings.
14. The respective provincial chamber of commerce or provincial business peak body shall ensure that businesses develop COVID Continuity Plans for operation in each province.





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15. A person or organization that fails to comply with these Measures, may be directed to close by the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator.
16. A person or organization may apply in writing to the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator for an exemption for a gathering exceeding the restrictions specified in paragraph 9(a) and 10(a), a request for an exemption must include the following steps taken to ensure compliance with Nuipela Pasin and to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 at the gathering.
17. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of paragraphs 4 and 5 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
18. An individual or organisation that fails to comply these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
19. A person or organization that does not comply with the directions of an Authorised Officer in accordance with preceding paragraphs shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
20. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
21. These Measures come into effect on 15 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



15th September 2021

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