

Enforcement.

11. (1) An authorised person shall, where he shows that there is sufficient evidence that a person is in contravention of any of the provisions of these Regulations, impose such fine or other penalty, specified in these Regulations for that offence, on that person.

(2) A fine levied under sub-regulation (1) shall be paid by means of an electronic payment system specified by the Coordinator.

Authorised person to maintain and submit record of fines, etc.

12. An authorised person who imposes a fine or other penalty, specified in these Regulations shall maintain a record of fines or other penalties imposed and submit to the Coordinator of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Operations for auditing purposes.

MADE this day of July, 2020

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THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (Act No. 6 of 1991)

THE COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION (PROTECTIVE MEASURES) REGULATIONS, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by subsection (5) of section 29 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 and by Proclamation made by the President and published in the Gazette as (Public Notice No. 6 of 2020) the President hereby makes the following Regulations - Short title.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires - Definitions.

"authorised person" means a person authorised by the Coordinator to carry out a Covid-19 Emergency Response Coordination function under these Regulations;

"Coordinator" means the person appointed by the President to be responsible for COVID-19 Response Coordination operations;

2. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of April, 2020 and shall be in force until revoked. Commencement.

Assembly in a place of worship.

3. (1) A person who convenes or causes to be convened, an assembly of persons in a place of worship, including a church, mosque or temple, for the purpose of conducting, observing, or participating in a religious or other ceremony, shall ensure that -

- (a) the place of worship is clean and disinfected;
- (b) worshipers wear face masks throughout the ceremony, even when speaking or singing;
- (c) a distance of 2 metres is maintained in between persons, including persons conducting or officiating the ceremony;
- (d) soap, water and hand sanitizer is available at all times, for use by worshipers;
- (e) a worshiper is not allowed into the place of worship if his body temperature is 37.5 degrees Centigrade or 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit or over;
- (f) the number of persons in the place of worship does not exceed 50% of its capacity;
- (g) a worship session does not exceed one and a half hours at a time;
- (h) movement in or out of the place of worship is done in a controlled and organised manner, using different exit and entrance points;
- (i) an internal monitoring committee is constituted to -
 - (i) promote health awareness about COVID 19 pandemic;
 - (ii) ensure maximum safety in the -

- (aa) use of appliances, including microphones,
- (bb) use of utensils, for the distribution of food or drinks; and
- (cc) collection of offerings.

(2) Any place of worship which contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, in the event of -

- (a) a first offence, to be issued a notice of warning or reprimand;
- (b) a second offence, to closure of the place of worship.

4. (1) A person shall not assemble with another person or cause another person, to assemble with another person or persons in -

- (a) a sporting facility or any other place used for the purpose of conducting, observing or participating in sporting or other physical activity that involves body contact;
- (b) a nightclub, cinema or video centre, for the purpose of conducting, observing or participating in group entertainment.

Assembly for sporting activities and other group entertainment prohibited.

(2) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Le 500, 000.

5. (1) A person shall not convene or cause to be convened, for the purpose of conducting, observing or participating in a wedding, funeral, baptism or other traditional ceremony, a gathering of persons that exceed 50% of the capacity of the place in which the event is held.

Convener of weddings, funerals, baptism and other traditional ceremonies

(2) A person who convenes or causes to be convened, a gathering of not more than 50% of the capacity of the place in which the event is held under subregulation (1) shall ensure that -

- (a) a person attending the ceremony is wearing a face mask;
- (b) a distance of, at least, 2 metres is maintained between each person attending the ceremony; and
- (c) soap, water and hand sanitizer is available at all times, for use by persons attending the ceremony.

(3) A person who contravenes sub-regulations (1) and (2) commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Le 500, 000.

Public space.

6. (1) A person who is in charge of a public space, including a park, road, beach, government building, marketplace and other place that is generally open and accessible to the public, shall ensure that -

- (a) a person in or using the public space is wearing a face mask;
- (b) a distance of, at least, 2 metres is maintained between each person in or using the public space; and
- (c) soap, water and hand sanitizer is available at all times, for use by persons entering or using the public space.

(2) A person who enters or otherwise accesses a public space in contravention of directives issued by a person in charge of the public space under sub-regulation (1), commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Le. 100, 000.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), persons using a public space shall not come together in a cluster or close group exceeding 35 persons.

(4) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Le. 500, 000.

7. (1) A person who is in charge of a vehicle, including a car, bus, truck, ferry, boat, tricycle, motorcycle, bicycle shall not carry another person as passenger unless -

Carrying passenger in vehicle, ferry, boat etc.

- (a) he is wearing a face mask;
- (b) the other person or passenger is wearing a face mask.

(2) Paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1), shall not apply where the person who is in charge of a vehicle is alone in the vehicle.

(3) A person who enters a vehicle in violation of directives issued by the person in charge of the vehicle under sub-regulation (1), commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Le 100, 000;

(4) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable to -

- (a) a fine of Le 100, 000;
- (b) in the event of a second offence, have his vehicle impounded and shall be released on the payment of a fine, in the case of -
 - (i) a motorcycle or tricycle - Le250,000; and
 - (ii) a car, bus or truck - Le1,000,000.

8. (1) A person who carries another person as passenger in a vehicle, a ferry, boat etc. under Regulation 7 shall not carry, in the case of -

Maximum number of persons to be carried.

- (a) a car, more than 4 persons, including himself;
- (b) a mini bus, more than 50% of its capacity;
- (c) a bus or truck carrying passengers, more than 50% of its capacity;
- (d) a ferry or a boat, more than 50% of its capacity;
- (e) a tricycle, more than 3 persons, including himself;

- (f) a motorcycle or bicycle, more than 2 persons, including himself.

(2) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine, in the case of -

- (a) a motorcycle or bicycle - Le50,000;
- (b) a tricycle - Le100,000;
- (c) a car - Le250,000
- (d) a mini-bus - Le500,000;
- (e) a bus or truck carrying passengers - Le1,000,000;
- (f) a ferry - Le2,000,000;
- (g) a boat - Le500,000.

Inter-district travel.

9. (1) A person who being in charge of a vehicle, carries another person as passenger from a district into another district, shall record in the manifest system, and in the form specified by the Coordinator, such details relevant for the purpose of tracing and identifying himself and the passenger.

(2) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Le 500, 000.

Responsibility of business establishment.

10. (1) A person who owns, manages or is otherwise in charge of a business establishment, including a hotel, restaurant, bank, supermarket, shop or pharmacy, offering goods or services to the public shall -

- (a) not allow a person to enter the business establishment unless that person is wearing a face mask;

- (b) provide soap, water and hand sanitizer at all times, for use by persons entering or using the business establishment;

- (c) ensure that a distance of, at least, 2 metres is maintained between each person in the business establishment;

- (d) ensure that the number of persons permitted into the business establishment at any one time do not exceed the number that will enable them to maintain a distance of, at least, 2 metres between each other;

- (e) ensure the safety of employees by-

- (i) providing face masks for them;

- (ii) ensuring that they put on their face masks; and

- (iii) erecting protective barriers between employees and customers in areas where employees are in close or direct contact with another person.

(2) A person shall not enter or otherwise access a business establishment unless he complies with directives issued by a person in charge of the business establishment under sub-regulation (1).

(3) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable -

- (a) to a fine of Le. 500, 000;

- (b) in the event of a second offence, to closure of his business premises.