

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
PROTOCOL (SPECIAL) DIRECTIVE, 2020**

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person to observe such physical distancing and associated protocols in the interest of public health as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following Directive for the period from the 30th day of December, 2020 to the 6th day of January, 2021.

1. With effect from the 30th day of December, 2020 to the 6th day of January, 2021 every person and business establishment shall, in addition to the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Protocol (No.4) Directive, 2020*, hereinafter referred to as the principal Directive, comply with this Directive.
2. This Directive shall be read and construed as one with the principal Directive, subject to any provision in this Directive that derogates from the principal Directive, in which case to the extent of the derogation this Directive shall take precedence over the principal Directive.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 9(1) of the principal Directive, a person who wishes to host an activity that exceeds 150 persons shall first seek the permission of the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit, in this Directive referred to as the "Unit" and shall comply with such conditions as the Unit may determine.
4.
 - (1) No person shall host a pleasure cruise unless he first obtains the permission of the Unit which shall determine the maximum number of guests that the cruise can accommodate and the conditions and protocols applicable thereto.
 - (2) Every guest attending a pleasure cruise shall wear a face mask except when in the act of eating or drinking.
 - (3) Where the host of a pleasure cruise
 - (a) exceeds the maximum number of guests that the cruise can accommodate as determined by the Unit; or
 - (b) contravenes or fails to comply with the conditions or protocols applicable theretothe cruise is liable to be terminated, the vessel ordered to return to shore and the guests ordered to disembark.
5. No group of persons assembling at a beach or in a park shall exceed 50 persons and those persons shall observe the physical distancing protocols, unless they are members of the same household.
6. All persons who assemble in public places shall comply with the physical distancing protocols unless they are members of the same household.

7. Any person who contravenes this Directive or fails to comply with any conditions specified by the Unit is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16).
8. This Directive shall come into effect on the 30th day of December, 2020 and shall cease to have effect on the 6th day of January, 2021.

Made by the Prime Minister this 29th day of December, 2020.

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Prime Minister