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TO : ALL MEMBERS

STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER #27 FOR EAST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE AND #29 FOR WESTERN PROVINCE.

Attached for your information and update are STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER #27 specifically for restrictions in East New Britain Province and STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER #29 specifically for Western Province as issued by the Emergency Controller and Commissioner of Police David Manning for the nationwide State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

The Federation will continue to update members on essential information as it becomes available.

Yours Sincerely



Florence Willie

Executive Director



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East New Britain Province – Provincial Restrictions

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. The measures set out in this Emergency Order apply to East New Britain Province.
2. Between the hours of 10pm and 5am daily, no person shall be allowed outside of their dwelling place, unless:
 - a. to seek urgent medical assistance;
 - b. to seek assistance from the police;
 - c. in case of an emergency (including but not limited to a fire); and
 - d. an exempted person listed in Schedule 1.
3. All forms of public gatherings are prohibited, except for markets listed in schedule 2, supermarkets, fuel stations, sea ports, airports, hotels, banks, pharmacies, restaurants, healthcare providers, and shops licensed to trade which may remain open.
4. Customary gatherings are limited to gatherings of 4 persons or fewer.
5. All persons must adhere to social distancing requirements, and safe and hygienic practices.
6. For purposes of this Order, no persons shall gather in groups of more than 4 persons in public places.



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7. Licensed restaurants, hotels, guest houses and resorts may sell alcohol and patrons may consume on the premise the alcohol that is sold. No takeaway alcohol may be sold.
8. Wholesalers of alcohol may sell alcohol to licensed hotels, guest houses and resorts .
9. Subject to Paragraph 7 and 8, the sale and purchase of alcohol is prohibited.
10. Subject to Paragraph 7, public consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
11. Sports and physical activity may continue, subject to paragraph 6.
12. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the following restrictions:
 - a. social 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 recommended by the Controller;
13. The following religious gatherings shall not occur:
 - a. Provincial church gatherings;
 - b. National church gatherings;
 - c. Crusades;
 - d. Conventions; and
 - e. Provincial or national outreach programs.



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14. All previous Emergency Orders continue to apply, unless provided for specifically in this Emergency Order.
15. Non-compliance with this Emergency Order should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
16. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
17. This Emergency Order comes into effect immediately and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.


David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM
Emergency Controller



DATE: 29/4/20



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East New Britain Province – Provincial Restrictions

Schedule 1

Any of the following persons on duty, returning from duty or going to duty.

- Police personnel;
- Defence Force personnel (and their contractors);
- Flight crews, cargo vehicle crews, vessel crews, flight engineers and technical crews;
- Licensed Security Companies – restricted to personnel providing security services;
- Essential Public Servants;
- Persons working on the COVID-19 response;
- Health workers or persons assisting in the delivery of health services;
- Emergency Personal and Support Staff;
- Diplomatic personnel with diplomatic travel documents or passports;
- United Nations Personnel;
- World Health Organisation Personnel; and
- Other essential service providers authorized by the Emergency Controller from time to time.





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Western Province – Provincial Restrictions

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. The measures set out in this Emergency Order apply to Western Province.
2. Between the hours of 10pm and 5am daily, no person shall be allowed outside of their dwelling place, unless:
 - a. to seek urgent medical assistance;
 - b. to seek assistance from the police;
 - c. in case of an emergency (including but not limited to a fire); and
 - d. an exempted person listed in Schedule 1.
3. All forms of public gatherings are prohibited, except for markets listed in schedule 2, supermarkets, fuel stations, sea ports, airports, hotels, banks, pharmacies, healthcare providers, and shops licensed to trade which may remain open.
4. Restaurants may remain open, but shall only serve takeaway food and non-alcoholic beverages.
5. Customary gatherings are limited to gatherings of 4 persons or fewer.
6. All persons must adhere to social distancing requirements, and safe and hygienic practices.
7. For purposes of this Order, no persons shall gather in groups of more than 4 persons in public places.



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8. The sale and purchase of alcohol is prohibited.
9. Public consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
10. Sports and physical activity may continue, subject to paragraph 7.
11. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the following restrictions:
 - a. social 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
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12. The following religious gatherings shall not occur:
 - a. Provincial church gatherings;
 - b. National church gatherings;
 - c. Crusades;
 - d. Conventions; and
 - e. Provincial or national outreach programs.
13. All previous Emergency Orders continue to apply, unless provided for specifically in this Emergency Order.
14. Non-compliance with this Emergency Order should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.



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Emergency Controller



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