



## **National Emergency Order No.3**

### **PROVINCIAL COORDINATION**

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

1. All Emergency Orders issued under the National Emergency apply to all provinces in Papua New Guinea.
2. All Provincial Administrators appointed as Authorized Officers pursuant to the Emergency Laws, will be responsible for the implementation of the Emergency Orders in the respective provinces. In the case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the Chief Secretary of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government shall be responsible for the implementation of the Emergency Orders.
3. A Provincial Coordination Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be managed by the Provincial Administrator and will facilitate the implementation of Emergency Orders to ensure full adherence in the provinces. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be supported by local law enforcement, health authorities, and other relevant bodies, who shall be Authorized Officers appointed pursuant to the Regulation.
4. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be responsible for the enforcement of measures contained in the Emergency Orders, public awareness, and shall report on all matters set out in Paragraph 5.
5. The Provincial Administrator must report to the Emergency Controller, as soon as possible, on the following:
  - (a) all suspected cases of COVID-19;
  - (b) all cases showing COVID-19 symptoms, and the measures that have been taken by the relevant health authorities and medical experts;
  - (c) the implementation of Emergency Orders in the provinces;
  - (d) instances of non-compliance with the Emergency Orders;

- (e) the implementation of other measures undertaken in the provinces; and  
(f) all other matters relating to the State of Emergency and the functions of the Emergency Controller as set out in the Regulation.
6. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Emergency Orders which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws. However, Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices recommended to prevent COVID-19.
  7. Where measures have been taken prior to the issuance of the Emergency Orders, the relevant provincial authorities must ensure that these measures are brought in line with the Emergency Orders and Directions as directed by the Controller.
  8. Provincial authorities may take additional measures, such as imposition of curfews or fines, to implement the Emergency Orders, only after the Emergency Controller has given his authorisation.
  9. The Provincial Coordination Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Emergency Orders, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
  10. Provincial Governments and Provincial Coordination Centre shall not make media statements regarding the National Emergency, unless authorized by the Emergency Controller.
  11. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.

**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**

