



PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
JOINT AGENCY TASK FORCE  
NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTRE 19  
(JATFNOC19)



**STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

**EMERGENCY DIRECTION**

**QUARANTINE – HOME**

1. Persons (PAX) that have approval to quarantine at home must forward to [covid19-travel@police.gov.pg](mailto:covid19-travel@police.gov.pg) within 24 hours of intended arrival the following information to maintain accurate records of arrivals:
  - a. Name of person quarantined;
  - b. Passport number of person quarantined;
  - c. Date of entry into quarantine (day 1/ day of arrival independent of time of arrival);
  - d. Date of departure from quarantine (day 14);
  - e. any other information as directed by the Emergency Controller or an authorised officer.
2. A person allowed to quarantine at their home must arrange suitable transport from the airport and without detour or delay travel from the airport to the home upon arrival, unless otherwise arranged with the National Operations Centre. For example, secure pre-booked independent transport with recognised transport company – public taxis, friends vehicles or PMV are not permitted.
3. The driver will not have any physical contact with Pax or Pax luggage and will wear a face mask at all times. Vehicles utilised for transport will be completely disinfected after every use.
4. The individual will be responsible for all quarantine related housekeeping. Quarantine cleaning will be as per NDoH guidelines.
5. A home occupied by Pax will have no guests or visitors, unless such persons are undertaking quarantine with the Pax.
6. Upon arrival at their home, the Pax will enter and remain within the room, segregated from other persons, for the period beginning on the day of arrival (day 1) and ending at 10am the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG.
7. A couple or family may be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
8. Pax unable to live independently without ongoing or regular support due to significant health needs, and their carers, who arrive in PNG from overseas may also be quarantined together, with suitable arrangements being made for accommodation.
9. Persons may only leave their home prior to the expiration of their 14-day quarantine:

- a. for the purpose of obtaining emergency medical care;
  - b. with authorisation of the Emergency Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies;
  - c. in an emergency; or
  - d. for any reason approved in advance by the Emergency Controller or his delegate.
10. Non-compliance with the Order by a non-PNG Citizen or non-PNG Permanent resident shall result in the either:
  - a. Immediate deportation, the cost of which shall be borne by that person, and /or
  - b. Legal action taken for the breach of the Controllers Order.
11. Responsibility for compliance will also be borne by the individual and any breaches may result on punitive action.
12. Upon arrival at the Home:
  - a. Contact with any guest or staff member shall not occur;
  - b. Upon entry to their home, the door will be locked and the Pax will remain within the designated area for the duration of the 14 days;
  - c. No visitors are allowed;
  - d. Groceries and meals may be delivered to the door of the home or the room in which the Pax is quarantines. No contact is allowed between a delivery person and the person in quarantine.
  - e. All room waste will be placed in rubbish bags and collected, by other household members and disposed of or in the case of self isolation by the Pax at the end of the period;
  - f. Cleaning and housekeeping services will not be provided and remains responsibility of the Pax;
  - g. Alcohol consumption is to be moderated, delivery as with food outlined above;
  - h. The health and wellbeing of the Pax is to be monitored throughout the duration of the quarantine period, by private medical staff or NDoH staff;
  - i. Police and/or Correctional Services staff may conduct random compliance checks to ensure the integrity of the quarantine;
  - j. All breaches of the quarantine protocols are to be reported to RPNGC for investigation;
  - k. Should a Pax become ill or start showing any symptoms of the Covid-19, medical services are to be contacted and the National Operation Centre advised (1800 200);
  - l. No person with Covid19 like symptoms shall leave their home without the written authority of the Emergency Controller except in the case of an emergency.
13. No person shall be released from quarantine unless they have been certified to be released by the Emergency Controller or registered medical practitioner in compliance with this Direction and the Emergency Orders.
14. A medical practitioner who releases a person from quarantine shall provide the COVID-19 MEDICAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE to the Emergency Controller by email [covid19-travel@police.gov.pg](mailto:covid19-travel@police.gov.pg) within 24 hours of the clearance being provided.
15. If a person displays symptoms of, or is suspected of having COVID-19 the individual must contact the medical services and the Emergency Controller and notify him, of:
  - a. persons name
  - b. home address; and
  - c. date of entry into quarantine.

16. If a person is suspected of having COVID-19 the individual must not to leave their home unless authorised to do so by the Emergency Controller, an authorised officer, or in the case of an emergency.
17. Notwithstanding the content of the above direction, reasonable assistance will be provided in the event of a medical or other emergency.
18. Failure to comply with this Direction by a person required to quarantine, Government Designated Facilities, Self-Funded Facility or medical practitioner is an offence under the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020*. Non-Compliance with this direction can result in a fine not exceeding K50,000.00 if a person or K500,000.00 if a corporation.



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