



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO.9 BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. Venues or parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the Pandemic that:
 - a. provide night club activities and services; and
 - b. only serve alcohol without food.
2. Venues or parts of venues that operate for the purpose of the sale and consumption of alcohol may operate subject to:
 - a. all persons on entry and exit from venues must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser;
 - b. alcohol is only to be sold if a person has also ordered food; and
 - c. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
3. Licensed premises that sell takeaway alcohol, shall not sell alcohol on Saturdays or Sundays.
4. PNG Sports Foundation shall be responsible for:
 - a. approving requests for affiliated bodies to play matches;
 - b. approving requests for affiliated bodies to resume training; and
 - c. in consultation with the National Department of Health, setting protocols and guidelines for sporting clubs, teams and matches relating to COVID-19.
5. Sporting activities are exempted from paragraph 13.



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6. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centers must comply with social distancing requirements and safe and hygienic practices as issued by the Controller, including:
 - a. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person; and
 - b. all persons on entry and exit the market must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser.
7. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow 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 issued by the Controller.
8. Local religious activities are exempted from paragraph 13.
9. The following religious gatherings shall not occur:
 - a. Provincial church gatherings;
 - b. National church gatherings; and
 - c. Crusades.
10. The Council of Churches in consultation with the National Department of Health and all faith groups in PNG, shall prepare Standard Operating Procedures for all religious activities and gatherings.



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11. Licensed bookmakers may only operate:

- a. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and
- b. only at venues located in places listed in Schedule 1.

12. The PNG Business Council will determine maximum patronage for restaurants in the National Capital District according to Standard Operating Procedures received from the National Control Centre.

13. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 50 persons, unless authorised in writing by the Controller.

14. Non-compliance with these Measures is unlawful and may be penalised under the Act or other applicable laws.



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15. Non-compliance with this measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.

16. These Measure come into effect on 03 October 2020, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



2/10/2020

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DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM
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Schedule 1 – Licensed Bookmakers Venues

- Port Moresby
- Lae
- Mount Hagen
- Madang
- Goroka
- Kundiawa