



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



**STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.4**  
**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

**PROVINCIAL COORDINATION**

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. All Emergency Orders issued under the National Emergency apply to all provinces in Papua New Guinea unless otherwise specified in the Order.
2. All Provincial Administrators (including acting 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. In the case of a province that does not have any Provincial Administrators (whether substantively appointed or appointed in an acting capacity), then the Emergency Controller shall appoint a person he considers can perform the responsibilities under this Order, until a substantive or acting appointment of a Provincial Administrator is made pursuant to the *Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments and the Public Services (Management) Act 1995*.
4. Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce shall be set up within each Province. The membership in each Taskforce shall be:
  - a. Chairperson - Provincial Administrator;
  - b. Deputy Chairperson - Provincial Health Authority Chief Executive Officer;
  - c. Provincial Police Commander;
  - d. Provincial Disaster Coordinator;
  - e. Provincial Development Coordinator;
  - f. Church Representative;
  - g. Provincial Business Council Representative or if no such representative exists then as appointed by the National Emergency Controller; and
  - h. Other non-voting members may be coopted by the Taskforce.



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5. Provincial Coordination Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be managed by the Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce, 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 and Emergency laws.
6. 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.
7. The Provincial Administrator or a person appointed by the Emergency Controller for such purpose, must report to the Emergency Controller, daily by 5pm, 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;
  - f. status of Provincial Emergency Plans and implementation status; and
  - g. all other matters relating to the State of Emergency and the functions of the Emergency Controller as set out in the Regulation and Emergency Laws.
8. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Emergency Orders which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws.
9. Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices as recommended by the NDoH and their PHA to prevent COVID-19.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The Provincial Coordination Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Emergency Orders, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.



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13. Provincial Governments and Provincial Coordination Centres shall not make media statements regarding the National Emergency, unless authorized by the Emergency Controller.
14. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
15. This order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM  
Emergency Controller



DATE 2/6/20