



# KEY UPDATES

# *Additional Emergency Powers*

**COVID-19 (ORDER 2020) No.2**

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## *Additional Orders*

These new measures represent **additional extraordinary and emergency measures** contained within a new and additional Emergency Order, “Emergency Powers (Covid-19) (No.2) Order, 2020”.





# 24 HR CURFEW

EFFECTIVE 9AM

*24 March –  
31 March 2020*



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# Work Remotely



*Everyone must work remotely from home unless:*

- **Essential worker**
- **Business you work for is exempted from Order**
- **Where working remotely is not possible the business should stop operations**



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# *Public Service Workers*

All must work **remotely** from home **unless** specifically designated as an essential worker.



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# Exceptions to Closure of Businesses

Wholesale or retail grocery stores and Farmers' Markets from 6 am to 7 pm – the first two shopping hours reserved for seniors, disabled persons and essential

## No Restrictions

Doctor's Offices

Hospitals &  
Medical Facilities

Medical Supply  
Establishments

Hotels

Airports [subject to  
order 10 (1)(a)]

Commercial courier flights

## 9 AM - 5 PM

Banks

## 6 AM - 5 PM

Pharmacies

Gas Stations

Commercial Ports  
& Related Businesses

Laundromats/  
Wash Houses

## 6 AM - 7 PM

Wholesale/Retail  
grocery stores &  
Farmers' Markets

## 6 AM - 7:30 PM

Drive Thru Restaurants

Take Away Food Vendors

Such other businesses or undertakings as may be specifically exempted in writing by the **\*Competent Authority** – provided that the owner or operator of the establishment specified in (a) – (1) shall adhere to physical distancing protocols.

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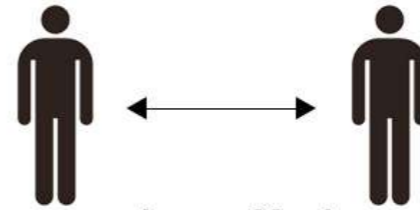




# Physical Distancing



## Requirements for businesses:



- ▶ Customers and staff should maintain **distance of no less than 6 ft** inside and outside of business.
- ▶ **Only 1 person per every 30 square ft** of building space allowed in store
- ▶ **Distance markers must be placed 6 ft** apart for customers to stand in line inside and outside building.



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Every person must remain confined to their place of residence (inclusive of their yard space).

# REMAIN INSIDE UNLESS

- ✓ **Essential Worker**
- ✓ **Worker for business exempted under Order**

## MOVE FOR ESSENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY

- ✓ **Banking**
- ✓ **Groceries**
- ✓ **Pharmacy**
- ✓ **Refuel**
- ✓ **Doctor's Visit**
- ✓ **Outdoor Exercise**  
(90 - minute limit between 5AM - 9 PM)



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# *Restrictions to Social Activities*

- ✘ No private parties with anyone outside immediate household
- ✘ No recreational or competitive sporting events
- ✘ No weddings with more than 10 guests
- ✘ No banquets, balls or receptions
- ✘ No social events
- ✘ No Funerals with more than 10 members of immediate family
- ✘ No meetings of fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization



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# *International Travel Restrictions*

Except with written permission of the Competent Authority: **all airports** (including private airports and FBOs) **are closed to incoming international flights carrying any visitor.**

- **All seaports closed:** regional and international seafaring and private boating
- No visitors permitted to enter or disembark including transiting through The Bahamas

**Does not apply to:**

- Outgoing flights and ships
- Cargo flights or cargo ships
- Commercial courier flights
- Emergency medical flights
- Emergency flights approved by Civil Aviation Authority



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# Domestic Travel



## Not permitted:

- Mailboat, sailing inter-island, except for transport of freight
- Inter-island private commercial sea transport
- Commercial travel

\***Competent Authority** may vary any requirement.

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# *Closures*

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- ✘ Public beaches**
- ✘ Fish Fry and other occasional markets throughout The Bahamas closed**
- ✘ All docks, including Potter's Cay**



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# Road Traffic

**NO DRIVING ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROADS UNLESS**

✓ **ESSENTIAL WORKER**

✓ **WORKER FOR EXEMPTED BUSINESS UNDER THE ORDER**

✓ **ESSENTIAL PURPOSES**  
(*GROCERY, BANK, DOCTOR, PHARMACY, ETC.*)



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# Exempted businesses



- The Bahamas Red Cross
- Arawak Port Development
- Freeport Container Port
- Freeport Harbour Company
- The Bridge Authority
- Cloud Carib Limited
- A business licensed to provide security guard services



- A Credit Union
- A commercial bakery
- Only construction companies carrying on hurricane relief reconstruction and restoration efforts in the islands of Grand Bahama, Abaco and their respective cays



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# Exempted Workers



- The Royal Bahamas Police Force
- The Royal Bahamas Defence Force
- Fire Services
- The Department of Correctional Services
- The National Insurance Board
- The Department of Social Services
- The Department of Environmental Health Services



- The Customs Department
- Waste disposal and sanitation companies
- Hospital, health care or medical facility
- Essential officers of any water, electricity or other sector encompassing the provision of electronic communications including print and electronic media



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# *Fin*es

Any person, company or organization in breach of the order will face *fin*es, imprisonment or both

not exceeding

**\$10,000**

**18 Months**  
*in prison*



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