

BELIZE:

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 6)
REGULATIONS, 2021**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 92 of 2021

REGULATIONS made by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 82A of the Public Health Act, Chapter 40 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 21st August, 2021).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF THE
SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 6) REGULATIONS, 2021,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Health (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations, 2021, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 74 of 2021.
S.I. 78 of 2021.
S.I. 80 of 2021.
S.I. 81 of 2021.
S.I. 86 of 2021.
S.I. 88 of 2021.

2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 2 by repealing the definition of “frontline workers” and replacing it with the following—

Amendment of
regulation 2.

““frontline workers” include—

- (a) health care workers;
- (b) officers and staff of the Belize Police Department;
- (c) officers and staff of Coast Guard;

- (d) officers and staff of the Belize Defence Force;
- (e) teachers;
- (f) tourism workers;
- (g) officers and staff of the Customs and Excise Department;
- (h) officers and staff of the Immigration Department;
- (i) the Judiciary and staff of the Judiciary;
- (j) public transport operators;
- (k) officers and staff of the Transport Department;
- (l) officers of public utility services;
- (m) employees of a BPO;
- (n) officers and staff of the Department of Civil Aviation;
- (o) employees of security companies;
- (p) employees of the Belize Post Office; and
- (q) any person that works or is employed at any port;”.

Amendment of
regulation 9.

3. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 9 by repealing sub-regulation (1)(f) and replacing it with the following–

“(f) a funeral, except ten members of the immediate family and at least one officiant and essential mortuary staff,

provided that a funeral allowed under this paragraph shall be for no more than one hour and shall only be held at a cemetery; and

provided further that no wake or repass shall be allowed; or”.

4. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 10–

Amendment of regulation 10.

(a) in sub-regulation (5), by repealing sub-paragraph *(a)* and substituting it with the following–

“(a) operate only at fifty per centum of its capacity,

provided that every such person shall be immunized;” and

(b) by inserting the following new sub-regulation immediately after sub-regulation (6)–

“(6A) In addition to the requirement under sub-regulation (6), the special internal auditor for COVID-19 shall, on the first of every month, submit a written report to the Ministry responsible for health detailing–

(a) the name and immunization status of every employee allowed to report work in accordance with sub-regulation (5)*(a)*; and

(b) the name of every employee who has not been immunized as a result of a recent COVID-19 infection.”.

5. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 14 by repealing sub-regulation (1) and replacing it with the following–

Amendment of regulation 14.

“(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of infectious disease COVID-19, casinos and gaming establishments shall be allowed to operate, subject to the following conditions–

- (a) all employees shall be immunized;
- (b) only patrons that are immunized shall be allowed to enter the casino or gaming establishment,

provided that each patron shall present his COVID-19 vaccination card upon entry to any casino or gaming establishment as proof of immunization;

- (c) all patrons and employees shall maintain physical distancing of no less than six feet in or outside the casino or gaming establishment; and
- (d) the number of patrons allowed to enter a casino or gaming establishment shall, at any one given time, be limited to fifty per centum of the capacity of the casino or gaming establishment; and
- (e) that all patrons and employees wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

Amendment of
regulation 18.

6. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 18 by repealing sub-regulation (5) and replacing it with the following–

“(5) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (4), a restaurant that has proper ventilation or a restaurant that is an open air restaurant, outdoor restaurant, or an al fresco dining restaurant that is allowed to operate under this regulation may offer dining in services by reservation only, for no more than seventy five per centum of its seating capacity,

provided that restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments allowed to operate under this regulation, situated within the boundaries of the Belize District, excluding restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments in Caye Caulker Village and San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye shall offer outdoor dining only, for no more than fifty per centum of its outdoor seating capacity.”

7. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following new regulation immediately after regulation 23–

Insertion of regulation 23A.

“Restriction on the sale of liquor. CAP. 150.

23A.–(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act or any licence issued under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, no person shall sell liquor during the hours of six o’clock p.m. to four o’clock a.m. of the following morning.

(2) Sub-regulation (1) shall not apply to establishments holding a restaurant licence. ”.

8. These Regulations shall come into force on the 23rd day of August, 2021.

Commencement.

MADE by the Minister responsible for public health this 20th day of August, 2021.

(HON. MICHEL CHEBAT)

Minister of Health and Wellness

(Minister responsible for public health)