

LEGAL NOTICE No. 138

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, CH. 12 No. 4

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 105 AND CONFIRMED BY THE
PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 167 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE

THE PUBLIC HEALTH [2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(2019-nCoV)] (NO. 14) REGULATIONS, 2021

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health [2019 Novel Citation
Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 14) Regulations, 2021.

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation

“face covering” means a covering of any type which covers the
nose, mouth and chin of the person wearing it;

“motor car” means a motor vehicle which is registered to carry no
more than five persons;

“raft-up” means the roping together of a number of small vessels
to form a raft-like structure; and

“vessel” means any ship, boat, barge, lighter or raft and any other
description of craft, whether used in navigation or not, but
does not include government vessels.

3. (1) During the period specified in regulation 17, persons shall not— Public

(a) be at any work place unless specified in subregulation (2) gatherings
and shall where possible work from home; or

(b) gather in any public place where the persons therein exceed
five persons at a time,

and shall be associated with those services specified in subregulation (2).

(2) Subject to subregulation (3), subregulation (1) does not in-
clude—

(a) operations of the Judiciary, the Magistrate’s and Supreme
Courts of Judicature, the Industrial Court and the
Environmental Commission, the Equal Opportunities
Tribunal and Tax Appeal Board;

(b) legal services;

(c) sittings of the Houses of Parliament and meetings of the
Cabinet, or any committees thereof;

(d) sittings of the Tobago House of Assembly and meetings of
the Assembly or any committees thereof;

(e) operations of the Diplomatic Corps;

(f) primary emergency services—

(i) State and Private Emergency Ambulance Services
and all emergency call centres;

(ii) the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the
Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force;

- (iii) Trinidad and Tobago Fire Services;
 - (iv) Immigration Services;
 - (v) the Strategic Services Agency; and
 - (vi) Police Complaints Authority;
- (g) basic essential, janitorial and maintenance services concerning the provision of—
- (i) health;
 - (ii) hospital;
 - (iii) water;
 - (iv) electricity;
 - (v) fire;
 - (vi) sanitation;
 - (vii) civil aviation; and
 - (viii) telecommunications;
- (h) workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations including—
- (i) water and sewer main breaks;
 - (ii) fleet maintenance personnel;
 - (iii) traffic signal maintenance; and
 - (iv) other emergent issues;
- (i) health services such as—
- (i) District Medical Health Officers and Medical Social Workers;
 - (ii) public and private hospitals, laboratories, infirmaries, nursing homes and hospices, funeral homes, crematoria and burial grounds;
 - (iii) workers and services in support of hospitals and pharmacies;
 - (iv) workers who supply medical supplies to hospitals and pharmacies including sanitary and hygiene products;
 - (v) veterinary services;
 - (vi) the emergency provision of dental, optometric, ophthalmologic, physical therapy and occupational therapy;
- (j) essential janitorial and maintenance services for private condominiums or town houses, residential homes and public and private facilities;
- (k) prisons, Rehabilitation Centres, Immigration Detention Centres or other places of detention;
- (l) Children's Homes, Community Residences and Rehabilitation Centres, places for the care of the differently abled, socially displaced, the elderly and geriatric homes and persons providing care at private residences;

- (m) Private Security Firms and Estate Constables, Special Reserve Police and Municipal Police;
- (n) social workers, workers who provide social welfare support and non-governmental organisations that work with the socially disadvantaged and vulnerable;
- (o) care givers to the elderly and those who require care for medical reasons;
- (p) support to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste;
- (q) workers providing services at hardwares including electrical and plumbing establishments;
- (r) financial and insurance services such as—
 - (i) banking business and business of a financial nature, as defined in the Financial Institutions Act; Chap. 79:09
 - (ii) non-banks, Unit Trust Corporation, National Insurance Board and remittance facilities;
 - (iii) credit unions under the Co-operative Societies Act; Chap. 81:03
 - (iv) workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing insurance and financial transactions and services (e.g., information technology, payment, clearing, and settlement, wholesale funding, insurance services and capital markets activities);
 - (v) workers who are needed to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, and to move currency and payments (e.g., armored cash carriers);
 - (vi) workers who support financial operations, such as those staffing data, technology and security operations centres;
- (s) live-in domestic workers and service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators;
- (t) supermarkets, groceries, markets, green grocers, bakeries, poultry depots, fish stalls or shops, fruit stalls or shops, vegetable stalls or shops, “parlours” and “corner shops” provided that not more than fifty per cent of the establishment’s ordinary retail capacity is surpassed at any time during operating hours;
- (u) retail membership discount stores for the provision of food, medicine or other necessities of life and where the persons in store are limited to fifty per cent capacity;
- (v) wholesale stores for the provision of food, medicine or other necessities of life;
- (w) Ministries, Departments, Statutory Authorities, State Enterprises and Agencies of Government, and Municipal Corporations, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), Occupational Health and Safety Agency, National Lotteries Control Board and its agents;

- (x) Inland Revenue Division, the Treasury Division, the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and the Customs and Excise Division;
- (y) the Elections and Boundaries Commission;
- (z) manufacture, transportation and logistics services for—
 - (A) employees of firms manufacturing refrigeration systems and products including those providing services that enable logistics operations, including cooling, storing, packaging, and distributing products for wholesale or retail sale or use;
 - (B) maritime transportation workers, port workers, mariners and equipment operators;
 - (C) truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions, and services;
 - (D) emergency automotive repair and maintenance facilities;
 - (E) manufacturers and distributors of food, beverages and pharmaceuticals, including the packaging and bottling of these items;
 - (F) postal and shipping workers, including private companies;
 - (G) employees who repair and maintain vehicles, aircraft, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers;
 - (H) air transportation employees, including air traffic controllers, ramp personnel, aviation security, and aviation management;
 - (I) workers who support the maintenance and operation of cargo by air transportation, including flight crews, maintenance, airport operations, and other on-airport and off-airport facilities workers;
 - (J) services connected with the loading and unloading and repair of ships and with the storage and delivery of goods at, or from, ports, docks, wharves, storage facilities and warehouses operated in connection with ports, docks or wharves; and
 - (K) subject to regulation 8, the provision of public transportation by water-taxi, ferry, motor vehicle, bus, including buses operated by the Public Transport Services Corporation;
- (aa) workers supporting supermarkets, groceries, markets, green grocers, bakeries, poultry depots, fish stalls or shops, fruit stalls or shops, vegetable stalls or shops, “parlours” and “corner shops”, retail membership discount stores and pharmacies;

- (ab) workers supporting newspapers and media houses;
- (ac) services relating to food, beverage and agriculture such as food and beverage manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—
 - (i) including those employed in food processing facilities;
 - (ii) at livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities at pet, animal and fish processing facilities;
 - (iii) at human food facilities producing by-products for animal and fish food and beverage production facilities;
 - (iv) at the production of food packaging;
 - (v) including farm workers who are employed in animal and fish food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs, truck delivery and transport, farm and fishery labour needed to produce domestic food supply;
 - (vi) workers who must look after and feed animals at zoos, farms and animal shelters;
 - (vii) fishermen;
 - (viii) farm workers and support service workers to include those who field crops, commodity inspection, storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs;
 - (ix) employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution, including warehouse workers and vendor managed inventory control managers;
 - (x) workers supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail;
 - (xi) workers in food testing labs in private industries and in institutions of higher education;
 - (xii) workers essential for assistance programs and government payments, employees of companies engaged in the production of chemicals, medicines, vaccines, and other substances used by the water treatment and sanitizing industry and the food and agriculture industry, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids;

- (xiii) animal agriculture workers to include those employed in veterinary health, manufacturing and distribution of animal medical materials, animal vaccines, animal drugs, feed ingredients, feed, and bedding, etc., transportation of live animals, animal medical materials, transportation of deceased animals for disposal, raising of animals for food, animal production operations, slaughter and packing plants and associated regulatory and government workforce;
 - (xiv) employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary for food, agricultural production and distribution;
 - (xv) workers engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic products and non-alcoholic beverages;
 - (xvi) workers engaged in the supply of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish to supermarkets, shops, parlours, fruit shops or stalls, vegetable shops or stalls; and
 - (xvii) workers engaged in the supply of marketable commodities to supermarkets, shops, parlours and fruit stalls.
- (ad) workers engaged in the production, manufacture and supply of medical supplies and equipment and the servicing and repair of medical equipment and other services specifically provided to the medical sector;
- (ae) workers for wholesale suppliers for supermarkets, groceries, markets, green grocers, bakeries, poultry depots, fish stalls or shops, fruit stalls or shops, vegetable stalls or shops, “parlours” and “corner shops” and retail membership discount stores;
- (af) energy services including—
- (i) those in the electricity industry such as—
 - (A) workers who maintain, ensure, or restore the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power, including call centers, utility workers, reliability engineers and fleet maintenance technicians;
 - (B) workers at generation, transmission, and electric facilities;

- (C) IT and OT technology staff for EMS (Energy Management Systems) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, and utility data centers; Cybersecurity engineers; cybersecurity risk management and back-up data technology;
 - (D) vegetation management crews and traffic workers who support; and
 - (E) environmental remediation/monitoring technicians, instrumentation, protection, and control technicians;
- (ii) petroleum industries such as—
- (A) petroleum stations and convenience marts attached thereto;
 - (B) petroleum product storage, pipeline, marine transport, terminals and road transport;
 - (C) crude oil storage facilities, pipeline, and marine transport;
 - (D) petroleum refinery facilities;
 - (E) petroleum security operations center employees and workers who support emergency response services;
 - (F) petroleum operations control rooms or centers;
 - (G) petroleum drilling, extraction, production, processing, refining, terminal operations, transporting, and retail for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing;
 - (H) companies that provide services to oil and gas services; and
 - (I) onshore and offshore operations for maintenance and emergency response; and
- (iii) those in the natural and propane industry as gas workers, including for—
- (A) natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines, including compressor stations;
 - (B) underground storage of natural gas;
 - (C) natural gas processing plants, and those that deal with natural gas liquids;
 - (D) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities;
 - (E) natural gas security operations center, natural gas operations dispatch and control rooms or centres, natural gas emergency response and customer emergencies, including natural gas leak calls;

- (F) drilling, production, processing, refining, and transporting natural gas for use as end-use fuels, feedstocks for chemical manufacturing, or use in electricity generation;
 - (G) propane gas dispatch and control rooms and emergency response and customer emergencies, including propane leak calls;
 - (H) propane gas service maintenance and restoration, including call centres;
 - (I) processing, refining, and transporting natural liquids, including propane gas, for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing; and
 - (J) propane gas storage, transmission, and distribution centres;
- (ag) critical manufacturing such as workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, transportation, energy, communications, food, beverage and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, law enforcement and defence services;
- (ah) chemical services such as—
- (i) workers supporting the chemical and industrial gas supply chains, including workers at chemical manufacturing plants, workers in laboratories, workers at distribution facilities, workers who transport basic raw chemical materials to the producers of industrial and consumer goods, including hand sanitizers, food, beverage and food and beverage additives, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and paper products;
 - (ii) workers supporting the safe transportation of chemicals, including those supporting tank truck cleaning facilities and workers who manufacture packaging items;
 - (iii) workers supporting the production of protective cleaning and medical solutions, personal protective equipment, and packaging that prevents the contamination of food, water, medicine, among others essential products;

- (iv) workers supporting the operation and maintenance of facilities, particularly those with high risk chemicals or sites that cannot be shut down, whose work cannot be done remotely and requires the presence of highly trained personnel to ensure safe operations, including plant contract workers who provide inspections; and
- (v) workers who support the production and transportation of chlorine and alkali manufacturing, single-use plastics, and packaging that prevents the contamination or supports the continued manufacture of food, water, medicine, and other essential products, including glass container manufacturing;
- (ai) hotels, guest houses or econo-lodges;
- (aj) the seismic research unit of the University of the West Indies;
- (ak) workers who are necessary to keep furnaces and kilns operating safely in manufacturing operations that are not captured as essential operation in this subregulation but who are needed to keep those furnaces and kilns operating for safety reasons; and
- (al) any trade, profession, business or service, activity or public gathering, authorised to be carried on by the Minister.

(3) Subregulation (2) shall only apply to those officers who are essential to the operations of the identified categories and cannot practically work from home.

4. (1) For the purposes of controlling and preventing the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), it shall be an offence, during the period specified in regulation 17, for any person to—

Restriction of
certain
activities

- (a) be found at or in any beach, sea, river, stream, pond, spring or similar body of water, any public pool or mud volcano, mud pool or similar site for recreational purposes;
 - (b) operate a party boat, boat tour or club;
 - (c) hold public parties or public fetes;
 - (d) have a public or private pre-school, early childhood education centre open for classes in such places;
 - (e) operate a day-care or pre-school for children for the care or education of young children;
 - (f) operate a water park or amusement park;
 - (g) operate a bar or restaurant; or
 - (h) sell, or offer for sale food or drink as a street vendor,
- except where authorised by the Minister.

(2) A person may be on a beach with the approval of the Minister.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (1)(d), a public or private pre-school or early childhood education centre may provide classes to its students by electronic or such other means as may be approved by the Minister.

(4) A primary school, secondary school, tertiary institution or other post-secondary institution may—

(a) as far as practicable, provide classes to its students by electronic or such other means;

(b) provide classes to certain groups, forms or classes of students at primary, secondary, post-secondary or tertiary institutions;
or

(c) where classes such as practical, laboratory or other classes cannot be done by electronic means, the post-secondary or tertiary institution may conduct such classes in person by such means,

as the Minister may approve.

(5) Notwithstanding subregulation (4), educational establishments may be open for the purpose of conducting any examination as the Minister may permit.

(6) A religious or ecclesiastical organisation or any other religious organisation shall not be open for the conduct of religious activities and services except that they may conduct funeral services and wedding services where the gathering of persons at any place used for that purpose does not exceed ten persons.

(7) Notwithstanding subregulation (6) a religious or ecclesiastical organisation or any other religious organisation may conduct religious meetings or services—

(a) by electronic means; or

(b) for the purposes of recording or live streaming same,

where the gathering of persons at any place used for that purpose does not exceed five persons.

(8) During the period set out in regulation 17, the number of persons in attendance at a burial, cremation or wedding reception shall be limited to ten persons.

(9) The following places shall remain closed to the public:

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(a) a club, as defined in section 2 of the Registration of Clubs Act;

Chap. 21:03

(b) a dancehall or theatre licensed under the Theatres and Dancehalls Act;

Chap. 20:10

(c) a theatre licensed under the Cinematograph Act;

Chap. 11:19

(d) a common gaming house or betting office licensed under the Gambling and Betting Act;

- (e) spas, hairdressers, hair and beauty technicians and barbers;
and
- (f) a gym or fitness centre.

(10) Where a person causes, without reasonable excuse, any vessel, being operated in the waters of Trinidad and Tobago, to be raft-up with another vessel for recreational purposes, he commits an offence.

5. (1) All retail business establishments shall only be open until 8:00 p.m. everyday unless permitted otherwise by the Minister. Hours of operations of retail businesses

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), petroleum stations may be open on a twenty-four (24) hour basis provided however that the convenience marts attached thereto shall only be open between the hours of 5.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. everyday unless permitted otherwise by the Minister.

6. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, travel in a vehicle or vessel without wearing a face mask, face shield or face covering in a manner which covers his nose, mouth and chin. Requirement to wear a face mask, face shield or face covering when in a vehicle or vessel

(2) Where the person under this regulation is a child accompanied by an individual who has responsibility for the child, the individual shall provide and ensure that the child has and wears the face mask, face shield or face covering as required by this regulation.

- (3) Subregulations (1) and (2) do not apply—
- (a) to a child who is under the age of eight;
 - (b) where a person is in the vehicle or vessel alone; or
 - (c) where a person is allocated a cabin, berth or other similar accommodation, at any time when they are in that accommodation alone.

(4) For the purposes of subregulation (1), the circumstances in which a person has a reasonable excuse include those where—

- (a) the person cannot put on, wear or remove a face mask, face shield or face covering—
 - (i) because of any physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability; or
 - (ii) without severe distress;
- (b) the person is travelling with, or providing assistance to, another person and such other person relies on lip reading to communicate with the first person;
- (c) the person removes their face mask, face shield or face covering to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to himself or others;
- (d) the person is travelling to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and does not have a face mask, face shield or face covering with him;

- (e) if it is reasonably necessary for the person to eat or drink, the person removes his face mask, face shield or face covering to eat or drink;
 - (f) the person has to remove his face mask, face shield or face covering to take medication;
 - (g) a request is made of the person to remove his face mask, face shield or face covering temporarily for security and identification purposes, if necessary, for the purpose of receiving services; or
 - (h) the circumstances provided for in guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.
- (5) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable to a fixed penalty fine set out in Schedule 2, in addition to such administrative fees as may be determined by the Chief Justice under section 21A of the Summary Courts Act, and on failure to pay the fixed penalty, may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars and to a term of imprisonment of three days.
- (6) Sections 105A to 105H of the Act apply to an offence under this regulation and—
- (a) the relevant fixed penalty notice shall be in the form set out as Form A in Schedule 1; and
 - (b) the relevant fixed penalty shall be the fine specified in Schedule 2.
- (7) For the purposes of section 105A(6) of the Act, a person filing an appeal shall use the form set out as Form B in Schedule 1.
7. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse—
- (a) be in a public space, including a beach; or
 - (b) be in a place mentioned in regulation 4(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8), without wearing a face mask, face shield or face covering in a manner which covers his mouth, nose and chin.
- (2) Where the person under this regulation is a child accompanied by an individual who has responsibility for the child, the individual shall provide and ensure that the child has and wears the face mask, face shield or face covering as required by this regulation.
- (3) The owner or operator of any business which provides goods or services to the public shall ensure that a member of the public is not permitted entry to, or otherwise remains within, any enclosed space within the premises of the business unless, the member of the public is wearing a face mask, face shield or face covering, in a manner which covers his mouth, nose and chin.
- (4) Subregulations (1) to (3) shall not apply to—
- (a) children under eight years of age;

Schedule 2

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Form A

Schedule 2

Form B

Requirement
to wear a
mask

- (b) employees and agents of the person responsible for the business within an area designated for them and not for public access, or within or behind a physical barrier, subject to such guidelines made by the Ministry of Health; and
 - (c) those circumstances provided for in guidelines made by the Ministry of Health.
- (5) For the purposes of subregulation (1), the circumstances in which a person has a reasonable excuse include those where—
- (a) the person cannot put on, wear or remove a face mask, face shield or face covering—
 - (i) because of any medical, physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability which inhibits their ability to wear a face mask, face shield or face covering; or
 - (ii) without severe distress;
 - (b) the person is travelling with, or providing assistance to, another person and such other person relies on lip reading to communicate with the first person;
 - (c) the person removes his face mask, face shield or face covering to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to himself or others;
 - (d) the person is travelling to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and does not have a face mask, face shield or face covering with him;
 - (e) if it is reasonably necessary for the person to eat or drink, the person removes his face mask, face shield or face covering to eat or drink;
 - (f) the person has to remove his face mask, face shield or face covering to take medication;
 - (g) a request is made of that person to remove his face mask, face shield or face covering temporarily for security and identification purposes if necessary for the purpose of receiving services; or
 - (h) the circumstances provided for in guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.
- (6) Subject to the exemptions in subregulation (4)(b), an employee shall wear a face mask, face shield or face covering when working in an enclosed public space.

(7) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable to a fixed penalty fine set out in Schedule 2, in addition to such administrative fees as may be determined by the Chief Justice under section 21A of the Summary Courts Act, and on failure to pay the fixed penalty, may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars and to a term of imprisonment of three days.

(8) Sections 105A to 105H of the Act apply to an offence under this regulation and—

Form A

(a) the relevant fixed penalty notice shall be in the form set out as Form A in Schedule 1; and

Schedule 2

(b) the relevant fixed penalty shall be the fine specified in Schedule 2.

Form B

(9) For the purposes of section 105A(6) of the Act, a person filing an appeal shall use the form set out as Form B in Schedule 1.

Public
transportation
restrictions

8. (1) During the period specified in regulation 17, a person who provides public transport in a motor vehicle shall not carry, where the motor vehicle is—

(a) a motor car, not more than fifty per cent; or

(b) every other type of motor vehicle, not more than fifty per cent,

of the number of passengers for which the motor vehicle is licensed to carry.

(2) The seating requirements for maxi-taxis shall be in accordance with Schedule 3.

Business
places

9. Small and large businesses shall comply with the guidelines for Small and Large Businesses issued by the Ministry of Health.

Closure of air
and sea ports

10. All air and sea ports or any place where an aircraft or ship or vessel can land shall, except in relation to air and sea cargo, remain closed to the arrival or departure of aircraft or ships or other vessels carrying passengers unless permitted by the Minister with responsibility for national security.

Requirement
on private
medical
laboratories
and medical
practitioners

11. (1) Notwithstanding the fact that the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has not yet approved any private medical laboratory to do testing for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), where a private medical laboratory or a medical practitioner does such testing on a person or a medical practitioner refers a person for such testing and the result of such testing is a positive result, the private medical laboratory or medical practitioner and the person so tested shall immediately report and forward the results to the Chief Medical Officer and the Regional Health Authority of the area in which the person to whom the results apply resides or works.

(2) Where a private medical laboratory, medical practitioner or a person fails to report and forward results to the Chief Medical Officer and the Regional Health Authority in accordance with subregulation (1), the owner or operator of the private medical laboratory, medical practitioner or the person, as the case may be, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

12. (1) Where the result of a test conducted by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) or by a private medical laboratory under regulation 11 shows that a person is suffering from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), the Minister of Health may give such directions as he thinks fit, for—

Quarantine
and
treatment of
persons
suffering
from
2019-nCoV

- (a) the restraint, segregation and isolation of that person or any other person who, by exposure to infection from that person, is likely to suffer from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV);
- (b) the removal of a person referred to in paragraph (a) to a public hospital or a designated facility; or
- (c) the curative treatment of a person referred to in paragraph (a).

(2) The Minister of Health may give a direction under subregulation (1) where, in his discretion, he considers it necessary to do so—

- (a) for the purposes of preventing or controlling the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV);
- (b) in the interests of the person in relation to whom the direction is given; or
- (c) in the interests of the public health system.

(3) Where the Minister of Health gives a direction under subregulation (1), the person in relation to whom the direction is given shall be informed—

- (a) of the reason for giving the direction;
- (b) of the period during which the person is likely to be required to remain at a public hospital or a designated facility for observation, surveillance or curative treatment; and
- (c) that it is an offence to fail to comply with the direction or to obstruct a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out the direction.

(4) A person who—

- (a) fails to comply with a direction under subregulation (1); or
- (b) obstructs a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service from carrying out a direction under subregulation (1),

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of six months.

- Self-quarantine 13. (1) The Minister of Health may give such directions as he thinks fit for the self-quarantine of any person who is likely to suffer or is suffering from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).
- (2) The Minister of Health may give a direction under subregulation (1) where, in his discretion, he considers it necessary to do so—
- (a) for the purposes of preventing or controlling the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV);
 - (b) in the interests of the person in relation to whom the direction is given; or
 - (c) in the interest of the public health system.
- (3) A direction under subregulation (1) shall—
- (a) be in writing;
 - (b) require the person to be self-quarantined at specified place; and
 - (c) specify the address of the specified place.
- (4) Where the Minister of Health gives a direction under subregulation (1), the person in relation to whom the direction is given shall be informed—
- (a) of the reason for giving the direction;
 - (b) of the period during which the person is likely to be self-quarantined; and
 - (c) that it is an offence to fail to comply with the direction or to obstruct a medical practitioner, a nurse, a member of staff at a public hospital or a designated facility or a member of staff of a public or private ambulance service or other health care from carrying out the direction.
- Offences 14. A person who contravenes regulations 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 13 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.
- Minister may issue guidelines 15. The Minister of Health may, for the purposes of the operation of these Regulations, issue such guidelines as he may deem necessary and breach of such guidelines shall not constitute an offence.
- Revocation of L.N. No. 137 of 2021 16. The Public Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 13) Regulations, 2021 are revoked.
- Duration 17. These Regulations shall have effect from 8th May, 2021 to 23rd May, 2021.

*Public Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 14)
Regulations, 2021*

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SCHEDULE 1—FORM A



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

A

Sections 105, 105A, 105B and 105c

PUBLIC HEALTH FIXED PENALTY NOTICE

DATE AND TIME	dd/mm/yyyy	20	a.m./p.m.
LOCATION			
VIOLATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to wear mask* in public	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to wear mask* in a vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to wear mask* in a vessel
	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to ensure child wears mask* in public	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to ensure child wears mask* in a vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to ensure child wears mask* in a vessel
VIOLATOR INFORMATION:			
Name			
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> male	<input type="checkbox"/> female	
Date of Birth	dd/mm/yyyy		
Address (Line 1)			
(Line 2)			
(Line 3)			
(Line 4)			
Phone number(s)			
Email			
ID-DP/PP/ID card			
ID-other			
Number of previous violations	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3
IF UNDER 18, PARENTAL INFORMATION			
Name of Responsible Adult			
Address			
Phone number (s)			
Email			
ID of Adult (DP/PP/ID)			
	I, affirm that the personal information I have provided is accurate.		
	Signed:		
PENALTY			
Fixed penalty amount			
Details of violation			
POLICE OFFICER INFORMATION			
Name			
Rank and Number			
Signature of Officer			

HOW TO PAY THIS FINE

This penalty must be paid to the District Courts or if the violator is under the age of 18, to the Children Court.

To get instructions on how to pay, contact the Court by:

Telephone: **224-5182**

Or Email: health.fine@tlawcourts.org

Or go to the website: <https://CourtPay.tlawcourts.org>

TO BE COMPLETED BY VIOLATOR WHEN BEING PAID:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Amount: _____

If you pay this fine within 14 days of the date of the notice, you may appeal to the Magistrate in the District. **Sec. 105A (6)**

*** In this form "mask" means face mask, face shield or face covering.**

If you fail to pay the fixed penalty before the end of fourteen (14) days from the above date you are hereby required to appear before the District Court/Children Court on **Tuesday** the day of, 20 at 9.00 a.m. as the defendant in the matter. You are expected to appear by virtual hearing. To make arrangements for this, **you are required to contact the court on or before the Thursday prior to the date of hearing.** It is your responsibility to make arrangements to ensure your appearance. **If you fail to appear an order may be made in your absence.**

If you are under the age of 18, you must be accompanied by your Parent/guardian/person with responsibility for you, who is also responsible for ensuring that arrangements are made for you to appear. **If you fail to appear an order may be made in your absence.**

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SCHEDULE 1—FORM B



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 12 No. 4

NOTICE OF APPEAL OF FIXED PENALTY NOTICE

[Pursuant to section 105A (6)]

TAKE NOTICE that the applicant (being the person to whom the Fixed Penalty Notice was issued/being an interested party/parent/guardian/person with the responsibility for the child) hereby appeals to the Magistrate/Children Court Master against the decision of the Constable who issued the Fixed Penalty Notice.

Signed:

Name:

Date:

TICKET NO.: PH		TICKET PAYMENT RECEIPT NO.:	
DATE AND TIME	dd/mm/yyyy	20	a.m./p.m.
LOCATION			
VIOLATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to wear mask* in public	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to wear mask* in a vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to wear mask* in a vessel
	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to ensure child wears mask* in public	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to ensure child wears mask* in a vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to ensure child wears mask* in a vessel
APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
Name			
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female			
Date of Birth dd/mm/yyyy			
Address (Line 1)			
(Line 2)			
(Line 3)			
(Line 4)			
Phone number(s)			
Email			
ID:-DP/PP/ID card			
ID:-other			
Number of previous violations <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3			
IF UNDER 18/PERSON WITH DISABILITY, PARENT/GUARDIAN/PERSON WITH RESPONSIBILITY:			
Name of Responsible Adult			
Address			
Phone number (s)			
Email			
ID of Adult DP/PP/ID			
I, affirm that the personal information I have provided is accurate.			
Signed:			
POLICE INFORMATION:			
Name			
Rank and Number			

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****Reason(s) for Appealing the Fixed Penalty Notice**

I/[other named person]/[child] was unable to [put on]/[wear] a mask/face shield/face covering] for one or more of the reasons set out below.

- Due to a medical, physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability which inhibits my/his/her ability to wear a face mask, face shield or face covering.
- I/he/she was travelling with/providing assistance to, a person who relies on lip reading to communicate with me/him/her.
- I removed my face mask, face shield or face covering/he/she/removed his/her face mask, face shield or face covering to avoid harm or injury/or avoid the risk of harm or injury, to me/himself/herself/others.
- I/he/she was travelling to avoid injury/to escape a risk of harm, and I/he/she did not have a face mask, face shield or face covering with me/him/her at the time.
- I/he/she removed my/his/her mask, face shield or face covering to eat/drink.
- I removed my/his/her face mask, face shield or face covering to take medication.
- I/he/she removed my face mask, face shield or face covering temporarily for security and identification purposes as this was necessary for the purpose of receiving services.
- Other circumstances provided for in guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

****Select all reasons relevant to your application**

Please set out brief particulars for your record(s) for appeal in the area provided below.

Evidence in support of application:

No	Offence	Enactment	Fixed Penalty
1	Failure to wear a mask in vehicle or vessel	Regulation 6	\$1000.00
2	Failure to ensure child wears a mask in vehicle or vessel	Regulation 6	\$1000.00
3	Failure to wear a mask in public	Regulation 7	\$1000.00
4	Failure to ensure a child wears a mask in public	Regulation 7	\$1000.00

SCHEDULE 3

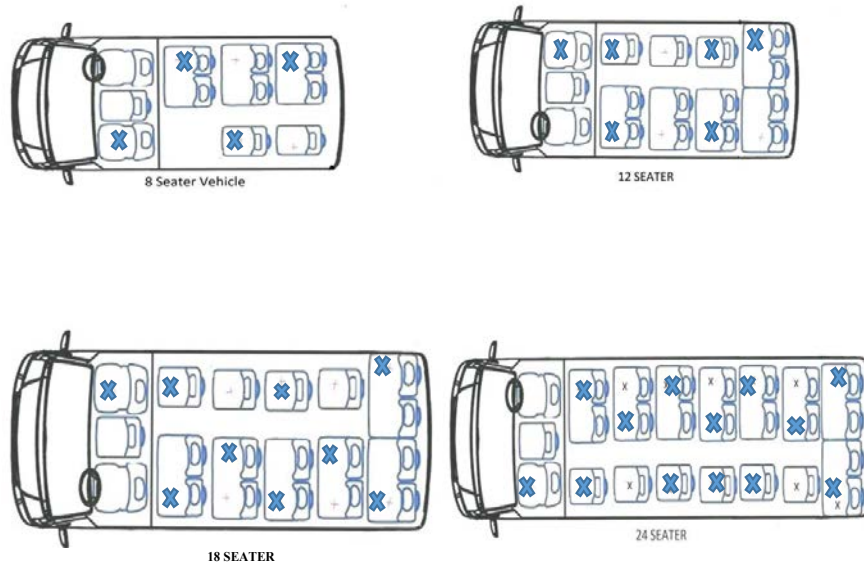
Regulation 8

Public transportation vehicles may be allowed to transport only as many passengers as can be afforded window-seating, in accordance with the size and make of the vehicle.

This guideline therefore would preclude the occupation of any middle-seat spaces in any vehicle with seating extending across the width of the passenger cabin.

In all instances, passengers are to be required to wear face-coverings (preferably masks) for the duration of their journey; and windows are to be kept fully opened, as far as practicable, to allow for optimal circulation of air through the vehicle.

The following diagrams set out the seating requirements for maxi taxis with **X** indicating where passengers are to be seated:



Made this 7th day of May, 2021.

T. DEYALSINGH
Minister of Health