



BERMUDA

RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND NURSING HOMES AMENDMENT
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The Minister of Health, in exercise of the power conferred by section 23 of the Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Act 1999 and sections 107, 170 and 171 of the Public Health Act 1949, makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1 These Regulations may be cited as the Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Amendment Regulations 2020.

Inserts regulation 44A

2 After regulation 44 of Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Regulations 2001, insert—

“Communicable disease

44A (1) Where a person who works at a home (a “worker”) contracts a communicable disease, has been exposed to the risk of contracting a communicable disease through contact with an infected person, or shows any symptoms which give rise to a reasonable suspicion that he is suffering from any such disease—

- (a) in a case where a Public Health Officer informs the worker thereof, the Public Health Officer shall also inform the administrator, and instruct the worker and the administrator on the measures that shall be taken by them; and
- (b) in any other case, the worker shall immediately notify the administrator, and the administrator shall immediately notify the Chief Medical Officer.

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(2) Where there is transmission of a communicable disease at a home or, in the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer, there is a reasonable possibility of the transmission of a communicable disease at a home, the Chief Medical Officer may in writing order—

- (a) the immediate exclusion of any person from the home; and
- (b) the taking of such other steps as appear to him to be necessary or desirable, including—
 - (i) restricting who may enter the home; and
 - (ii) restricting its workers from working at other places (as may be specified in the written order), or from visiting other places (as may be specified in the written order).

(3) In this regulation—

- (a) “Public Health Officer” has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Public Health Act 1949; and
- (b) “communicable disease” means a “communicable disease of the first category” as defined in section 66(1) of the Public Health Act 1949, or a “communicable disease of the second category” as defined in that section.”.

Made this 16th day of April 2020

Minister of Health

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