

BERMUDA

PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19 EMERGENCY POWERS) (STAY AT HOME) AMENDMENT (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2021

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Her Excellency the Governor, on the advice of the Minister responsible for health, and in exercise of the power conferred by section 107B of the Public Health Act 1949, makes the following Regulations:

Citation

These Regulations, which amend the Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (Stay at Home) Regulations 2021 ("the principal Regulations"), may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (Stay at Home) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021.

Amends regulation 4A

- 2 Regulation 4A of the principal Regulations is amended as follows—
 - (a) renumber the existing provision as paragraph (1);
 - (b) insert after paragraph (1)—
 - "(2) The Minister of National Security may grant an exemption (a "group exemption") permitting a group of persons to assemble—
 - (a) on a specified date, provided the date is on or after 9 May 2021; and $\,$
 - (b) at a specified time and place,

subject to the condition that the number of persons in the group shall not exceed such maximum number as shall be specified in the exemption, and such other conditions as the Minister of National Security may impose, and provided that appropriate physical distancing is maintained and relevant guidance on other precautions to be taken is followed at all times.

- (3) Notice of a group exemption and any conditions imposed by the Minister of National Security under paragraph (2) shall be published in the Gazette at least one day before the specified date.
 - (4) For the avoidance of doubt-
 - (a) a group exemption granted under paragraph (2) may include permission to host the group;
 - (b) the Minister of National Security may at any time modify or revoke a group exemption granted under paragraph (2).".

Amends regulation 7

- 3 Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations is amended as follows—
 - (a) renumber the existing provision as paragraph (1);
 - (b) in paragraph (1), delete "The" and substitute "Subject to paragraph (2), the";
 - (c) insert after paragraph (1)—
 - "(2) The Bermuda College and any school (private or public) may host exams if it has the prior written approval of the Minister of Education to do so and, for that purpose, students and necessary staff may be in attendance at the Bermuda College or school, provided that appropriate physical distancing is maintained and relevant guidance on other precautions to be taken is followed at all times.".

Amends regulation 8

- 4 Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is amended as follows—
 - (a) in the heading, after "Religious establishments", insert ", funerals and weddings";
 - (b) in paragraph (3), after "maintained" insert "and relevant guidance on other precautions to be taken is followed";
 - (c) insert after paragraph (3)—
 - $^{\circ}$ (4) Outdoor marriages are permitted, in accordance with the Marriage Act 1944, with the following restrictions—
 - (a) a maximum of ten persons (which includes the parties, witnesses and other attendants), plus the officiant and photographer;
 - (b) appropriate physical distancing shall be maintained and relevant guidance on other precautions to be taken shall be followed at all times;
 - (c) no reception permitted.

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- (5) Outdoor domestic partnerships are permitted, in accordance with the Domestic Partnership Act 2018, with the following restrictions—
 - (a) a maximum of ten persons (which includes the parties, witnesses and other attendants), plus the officiant and photographer;
 - (b) appropriate physical distancing shall be maintained and relevant guidance on other precautions to be taken shall be followed at all times;
 - (c) no reception permitted.
- (6) Notwithstanding the maximum group sizes referred to in paragraphs (3), (4)(a) and (5)(a) of this regulation, a person may apply to the Minister of National Security under regulation 4A(2) for an increased group size, and paragraphs (2) to (4) of regulation 4A shall apply accordingly.".

Made this 30th day of April 2021

Governor

[Operative Date: 30 April 2021]