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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES)
(No. 11) (AMENDMENT) (No. 4) ORDER, 2020

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management has given written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by the SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Disaster Risk Management Act should be taken promptly:

AND WHEREAS on the 13th day of March, 2020, the Prime Minister by Order declared the whole of Jamaica to be a disaster area:

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, and every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 11) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 2020, and shall be read and construed as one with the

Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 11) Order, 2020, hereinafter referred to as the principal Order, and all amendments thereto.

2. The principal Order is amended by inserting next after paragraph 27 the following paragraph—

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applicable
to voters.

28—(1) A person voting in the general election on September 3, 2020, or as a person eligible to vote on an earlier date in respect of that election, shall comply with the following requirements at a polling station—

- (a) the person shall wear a mask fitted to that person’s face so as to cover the person’s nose and mouth, except as may otherwise be required by an election officer for the purposes of identification;
- (b) the person shall submit to a temperature check before entering the polling station;
- (c) the person shall wash or sanitize that person’s hands upon entering the polling station, and at such other times while at the polling station as may be directed by an election officer; and
- (d) the person shall, as far as is reasonably practicable, maintain social distancing of 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) from other persons.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 11, a person who has attained the age of 75 years or more may—

- (a) on September 3, 2020, leave the abode or place of residence referred to in paragraph 11(3) for the purpose of voting in the general election held on that date; or
- (b) leave the abode or place of residence referred to in paragraph 11(3), for the purpose of voting in the general election held on September 3, 2020, on an earlier date in any case where the person is eligible to vote on an earlier date in respect of the general election held on September 3, 2020.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the other paragraphs of this Order, a person who under this Order is required to remain in quarantine, other than a person who is required to remain in quarantine in isolation from other persons, may leave quarantine once—

- (a) on September 3, 2020, for the purpose of voting during the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm in the general election held on that date; or

- (b) on an earlier date, for the purpose of voting during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the general election held on September 3, 2020, if the person is eligible to vote on an earlier date in respect of the general election held on September 3, 2020, and

shall immediately after voting return to quarantine, in accordance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (4).

(4) A person who leaves quarantine under sub-paragraph (3) shall—

- (a) travel only to and from a polling station in private transportation in which—

- (i) the driver and all other passengers at all times while in the transportation each wear a mask fitted to their face so as to cover their nose and mouth; and
- (ii) the windows remain open and the air conditioning is switched off;

- (b) at all times while in the transportation wear a mask fitted to that person's face so as to cover the person's nose and mouth; and

- (c) maintain the maximum practicable social distance from other persons in the transportation.

(5) A person who leaves quarantine under sub-paragraph (3) shall while at a polling station—

- (a) wear a mask fitted to that person's face so as to cover the person's nose and mouth, except as may otherwise be required by an election officer for the purposes of identification;
- (b) submit to a temperature check before entering the polling station;
- (c) wash or sanitize that person's hands upon entering the polling station, and at such other times while at the polling station as may be directed by an election officer;
- (d) as far as is reasonably practicable, maintain social distancing of 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) from other persons;
- (e) comply with all protocols at the polling station; and
- (f) if the person develops any symptoms of the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), or any flu-like or respiratory symptoms, immediately so inform an election officer at the polling station.

(6) Notwithstanding anything in the other paragraphs of this Order, a person who under this Order is required to remain in quarantine in isolation from other persons—

(a) may leave quarantine once—

- (i) on September 3, 2020, for the purpose of voting during the hours of 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the general election held on that date; or
- (ii) on an earlier date, for the purpose of voting during the hours of 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the general election held on September 3, 2020, if the person is eligible to vote on an earlier date in respect of the general election held on September 3, 2020, and

(b) shall—

- (i) before leaving such quarantine, notify the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness at 888-ONE-LOVE (888-663-5683), 888-754-7792, 876-542-5998, or 876-542-6006;
- (ii) except as otherwise directed by an election officer, for the duration of the time when the person is out of quarantine for the purposes of this sub-paragraph, wear a mask fitted to that person's face so as to cover the person's nose and mouth, a face shield, gloves and a disposable gown;
- (iii) as far as is reasonably practicable, for the duration of the time when the person is out of quarantine for the purposes of this sub-paragraph, maintain social distancing of 182.88 centimetres (or 6 feet) from other persons;
- (iv) while at the polling station, comply with all protocols at the polling station; and
- (v) immediately after voting return to quarantine in isolation from other persons, in accordance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (7).

(7) A person who leaves quarantine under sub-paragraph (6) shall—

(a) travel only to and from a polling station in private transportation in which—

- (i) there are no other persons except for the driver, who shall wear a mask fitted to the driver's face so as to cover the driver's nose and mouth; and

- (ii) the windows remain open and the air conditioning is switched off;
- (b) wash or sanitize the person's hands before leaving the place of quarantine and before and after entering the transportation; and
- (c) maintain the maximum practicable social distance from the driver of the transportation.”.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2020.

ANDREW HOLNESS
Prime Minister.