



## INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

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#### OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

#### NO.4 PROVINCIAL COORDINATION MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All Measures issued under the National Pandemic Act apply to all provinces in Papua New Guinea unless otherwise specified in the Measures.
2. All Provincial Administrators (including acting Provincial Administrators) appointed as Authorised Officers pursuant to the Act, will be responsible for the implementation of the Measures in the respective provinces. In the case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the Chief Secretary of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government shall be responsible for the implementation of these Measures.
3. In the case of a province that does not have any Provincial Administrators (whether substantively appointed or appointed in an acting capacity), then the Controller shall appoint a person he considers can perform the responsibilities under these Measures, until a substantive or acting appointment of a Provincial Administrator is made pursuant to the *Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments and the Public Services (Management) Act 1995*.
4. A Provincial Advisory Committee shall be set up within each Province. The membership in each Committee shall be:
  - a. Chairperson - Provincial Administrator;
  - b. Provincial Police Commander (PPC);
  - c. Chief Executive Officer of the Provincial Health Authority (PHA);
  - d. Chief Executive Officers of the District Development Authorities;
  - e. Other persons who the Provincial Administrator considers necessary for the purposes of the Committee;



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- f. Church Representative;
  - g. Provincial Business Council Representative or if no such representative exists then as appointed by the Controller; and
  - h. Other non-voting members may be coopted by the Taskforce.
5. Provincial Administrators will ensure that a Provincial Response Plan is developed consistent with the National Response Plan. The Plan is to outline:
- a. The key actions for implementation in the province, and
  - b. The allocation of core responsibilities.
6. A Provincial Control Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Control Centre shall be managed by a Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce, and will facilitate the implementation of Measures to ensure full adherence in the provinces. The Provincial Control Centre shall be supported by local law enforcement, health authorities, and other relevant bodies, who shall be Authorised Officers appointed pursuant to the Act.
7. The Provincial Control Centre shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Measures, public awareness, and shall report on all matters set out in paragraph 5.
8. The Provincial Administrator must report to the Controller, daily by 5pm, to the COVID-19 Police Hotline or email address on the following:
- a. all suspected cases of COVID-19;
  - b. all cases showing COVID-19 symptoms, and the measures that have been taken by the relevant health authorities and medical experts;
  - c. the implementation of these Measures in the provinces;
  - d. instances of non-compliance with the these Measures;
  - e. the implementation of other measures undertaken in the provinces;
  - f. status of Provincial Emergency Plans and implementation status; and



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- g. all other matters relating to the Pandemic and the functions of the Controller as set out in the Act.
9. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Measures which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws.
10. Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices as recommended by the NDoH and their PHA to prevent COVID-19.
11. Where measures have been taken prior to the issuance of the Measures, the relevant provincial authorities must ensure that these measures are brought in line with these Measures and Directions as issued by the Controller.
12. Provincial authorities may impose additional conditions, necessary to implement these Measures, as authorised by the Controller.
13. The Provincial Control Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Measures, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
14. These Measures come into effect on 23 July 2020 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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