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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO. 1 REVOCATION OF ALL PREVIOUS 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 state that all previous Measures, and Directions, issued under the *National Pandemic Act 2021* are revoked on 16 February 2022 and replaced by the following Measures.

Signed:

Date:



8th February 2022

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NO.2 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL 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. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for Papua New Guinea or otherwise enter Papua New Guinea, unless they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 using one of the vaccines listed in Schedule 2, unless they are a citizen of Papua New Guinea or under the age of 18.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, a person is considered fully vaccinated if:
 - a. they have had the recommended number of doses for the vaccine as listed in Schedule 2, within the past 6 months; or
 - b. they have had the recommended number of doses for the vaccine, as listed in Schedule 2 and they have had a booster vaccine.
3. Travel operators to PNG will check all persons at check-in for the documents listed in Schedule 1, a person must not be allowed to book a flight without these documents.
4. Subject to paragraph 5, 6 and 7, no person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless:
 - a. they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 72-hour period prior to boarding at their first port of departure to PNG; and
 - b. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.
5. For the purposes of paragraph 4, only Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) shall be accepted.
6. Children aged five years and under are not required to be tested in accordance with paragraph 4.






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7. For the purposes of paragraph 4 and 10:
- a. if a person has within the last 3 months tested positive for COVID-19; and
 - b. their COVID-19 test result required under paragraph 4 and 10 is positive;
- a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner from their country of departure, certifying that the person is no longer infectious for COVID-19 shall be accepted in lieu of a negative COVID-19 test result.
8. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form prior to boarding a flight into PNG.
9. All incoming arrivals, except children under 5, shall be tested for COVID-19 on their day of arrival at the first port of arrival, the protocols and procedures for which are covered in Schedule 3.
10. Subject to paragraph 7, persons who test positive for COVID-19, shall have a second confirmatory PCR Test.





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11. If a person tests positive for COVID-19 on the PCR test:
- a. subject to paragraph 12, they shall be quarantined for 7 days at:
 - i. an approved quarantine facility (as listed in Schedule 4) the choice of which shall be the individual and at the individuals own cost; or
 - ii. at home, if the quarantine officer is satisfied that a person can safely isolate at home away from other persons (ie: in a self contained house, unit or apartment).
 - b. the quarantine officer must provide in writing to the individual a notice that they are to quarantine; and
 - c. the quarantine officer must provided information in writing (provided by the relevant authorities) to the individual as to appropriate methods of travel to an approved quarantine facility or location; and
 - d. the relevant testing organisation shall, notify the National Control Centre or the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary informing them of the positive test result.
12. A child (any person under the age of 18) who tests positive for COVID-19 shall be quarantined at home with a parent or guardian.
13. No incoming arrival may leave the port of arrival without being tested except under the following circumstances:
- a. approved in writing by the Controller to do so;
 - b. in the case of an emergency, as directed by authorised officers, including a member of the National Airports Authority or the Royal Papua New Guinean Constabulary; or
 - c. in the case of a medical emergency.



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14. Any person who refuses to be tested in accordance with paragraph 9 shall at the discretion of the Controller:
- a. be quarantined, details of this quarantine shall be conducted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Controller and at the individuals own cost; or
 - b. returned to their original Port of Departure, at the individuals own cost.
15. Subject to paragraph 11 and 14, no incoming arrival shall be quarantined.
16. ISOS shall test all incoming arrivals on flights coming from Australia.
17. Trackpro shall test all other incoming arrivals, for which they may charge up to K350 to an individual required to be tested upon arrival.
18. ISOS and Trakpro shall test all incoming arrivals using Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Tests (Ag-RDT).
19. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the plane or the immediate vicinity of the aircraft for the purposes of conducting pre-flight inspections and refueling.
20. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the vessel.
21. The Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.
22. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.



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23. A person that attempts to or does enter PNG in breach of these Measures shall be returned to their original port of departure at the cost of individual if they did not take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with these Measures.
24. These measures are in compliance with the COVID-19 measures issued by the International Civil Aviation Authority.
25. Authorised Officers shall ensure appropriate levels of surveillance and border monitoring systems are in place throughout the country for international travel and in particular at the traditional border crossing areas.
26. These Measures come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 – International Travel Requirements for Flight Check In

- PCR Test Result (Negative)
- e-Health Declaration Form barcode (<https://www.pnghdf.info>)
- Proof of Vaccination – Vaccination certificate (not applicable for Citizens or Permanent Residents)

Schedule 2 – Approved Vaccines

Vaccine Name	Number of Doses to be Fully Vaccinated
Oxford-AstraZenica COVID-19 Vaccine	2
AstraZenica COVID-19 Vaccine (COVISHIELD/SII)	2
Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine	1
Sinopharm-BBIBP	2
CoronaVac Sinovac	2
Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Covaxin (Bharat Biotech)	2
Covovax (SIINVX-CoV2373)	2

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Schedule 3 – COVID-19 Arrival Protocols and Testing of Arriving International Passengers

1. Location of testing – COVID-19 testing of arriving passengers must occur within the airport arrival terminal. Testing facilities must be established so that arriving passengers are tested for COVID-19 prior to proceeding to Customs and Immigration and prior to leaving the airport terminal building.
2. All arrivals shall, after exiting the plane, be tested and if they return a negative test result, arrivals will proceed to health officials and provide;
 - a. proof of vaccination – this may be electronic or physical certificate, a copy does not need to be physically provided to the health official; and
 - b. e-Health Declaration Form barcode.
3. Arrivals shall then proceed to Customs and Immigration.
4. Unless required for the purpose of conducting a COVID-19 test, or directed by an authorised officer, or otherwise exempted, arriving passengers must wear an appropriate mask at all times whilst in the airport precinct.



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Schedule 4 – Designated Hotel and Facilities

Holiday Inn Hotel	Lamana Hotel
Ok Tedi Mining LTD	Air Niugini Apartments
Ela Beach Hotel	Gateway Hotel
Oil Search LTD	Simberi
Grand Papua Hotel	Dixies Bungalows
Exxon Mobil	Swiss Evangelical Bible Mission
Ramu Nickel	New Tribes Mission
Hilton Hotel	AES Facilities
Hidden Valley	Northbuild Camp Facility
Stanley Hotel	TWM Roku facility
NewCrest Lihir	MSF Facilities
Airways Hotel	Dougura Isolation Facility
Summer Institute of Linguistic	NKW Lae 9 Mile Isolation Facility
Comfort Inn	Kumul Petroleum Academy – Idubada
Pacific Helicopters	Liebenzell Mission International – Gordons
Hideaway Hotel	K92 Gold Mine – Kainantu
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	Lae International Hotel





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NO.3 DOMESTIC 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 domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. no person may travel if they are symptomatic for COVID-19;
 - b. hygiene and physical distancing restriction as issued by the Controller; and
 - c. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.
2. Persons checking in for a domestic flight shall have their temperature checked by the airline staff, a person whose temperature registers at 37.5C or above, shall not be checked-in or allowed to board the flight, except for medivac and emergency flights.
3. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19.
4. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 3, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a designated period of time, but does not commit a criminal offence.
5. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.

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6. The following Measures apply to all Provinces:
- a. Venues or parts of venues that operate as a restaurant or for food consumption on premises may operate subject to:
 - i. all persons on entry and exist from venues must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - ii. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
 - b. Venues or parts of venues that provide gambling activities and services may open if they ensure strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety guidelines issued by the Controller in relation to operating a gambling activity and service.
 - c. No licensed premises shall sell takeaway alcohol on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, except restaurants who may continue to serve alcohol as regulated by their liquor license.
7. Subject to paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 an immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 people.
8. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centers are exempted from gathering numbers, but must comply with Niupela Pasin.
9. All religious activities are exempted from gathering numbers and may continue to operate, but must comply with Niupela Pasin.





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10. All political rallies, events and gatherings connected to the National Election 2022 are exempted from gathering numbers, but must comply with Niupela Pasin:
11. All organisations, whether private or public, shall formulate standard operating safety procedures for COVID-19.
12. The Council of Churches in consultation with the National Department of Health and all faith groups in PNG, shall prepare Standard Operating Procedures for all religious activities and gatherings.
13. The respective provincial chamber of commerce or provincial business peak body shall ensure that businesses develop COVID Continuity Plans for operation in each province.
14. A person or organization that fails to comply with these Measures, may be directed to close by the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator.
15. A person or organization may apply in writing to the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator for an exemption for a gathering exceeding the restrictions specified in paragraph 7, a request for an exemption must include the following steps taken to ensure compliance with Niupela Pasin and to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 at the gathering.
16. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
17. An individual or organisation that fails to comply these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.



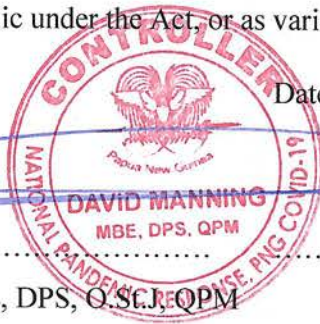


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18. A person or organization that does not comply with the directions of an Authorised Officer in accordance with preceding paragraphs shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
19. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
20. These Measures come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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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;





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- e. Other persons who the Provincial Administrator considers necessary for the purposes of the Committee;
 - f. Church Representative;
 - g. Provincial Women's Council Representative or if no such representative exists then a woman as appointed by the Provincial Administrator;
 - h. Provincial Business Council Representative or if no such representative exists then as appointed by the Provincial Administrator; and
 - i. 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;





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- 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
 - 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. Provincial authorities may impose additional conditions, necessary to implement these Measures, as authorised by the Controller.
12. The Provincial Control Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Measures, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
13. These Measures come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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NO.5 BURIAL OF DECEASED PERSONS 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. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct a mass grave to be dug for the internment of deceased persons and designate the location of this mass grave.
2. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct deceased persons to be buried in a designated mass grave.
3. Bodies buried according to paragraph 2 of these Measures will be buried at the Government's expense.
4. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated grave, taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
5. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may requisition refrigerated shipping containers for the purpose of temporary interment of deceased persons.
6. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may direct deceased persons to be interred temporarily in refrigerated shipping containers until such time as they are interred in a grave.
7. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated refrigerated shipping container taken from a morgue they are responsible for.





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8. Bodies interred temporarily according to paragraph 6 of these Measures will be interred at the Government's expense.
9. These Measures come into effect 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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NO.6 CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 incoming medical supplies and equipment procured on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea to enable testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19, are hereby exempted from all customs duties and other import duties until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act.
2. The medical supplies referred to in paragraph 1 are exempted from the provisions under the relevant tax legislation to the extent necessary to give effect to these Measures.
3. All medical supplies shall be given priority and released without delay.
4. These Measures come into effect 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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NO.7 COVID-19 TESTING 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. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
 - a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
 - b. as authorised by the Controller.
2. No person or organisation may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
 - a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
 - b. as authorised in writing by the Controller.
3. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test, must provide all positive tests results to the Controller within 24 hours of the result being known, and all negative results once a week.
4. A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
5. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
6. These Measures come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)
- Gene Xpert
- Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test (Ag-RDT)
- Abbot ID NOW Molecular Antigen Test

Schedule 2 – Approved Persons and Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing

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| • National Department of Health | • Newcrest Mining |
| • Institute of Medical Research Papua
New Guinea | • K92 Mining |
| • Provincial Health Authorities | • Sky Health and Medical Services |
| • Port Moresby General Hospital | • Morobe Consolidated Goldfields Ltd |
| • St John Ambulance | • Pacific International Hospital |
| • OkTedi Mining | • ExxonMobil |
| • Simberi Gold | • ASPEN Medical |
| • 2K Medical Clinic | • International SOS |
| • MP Labs | • Oil Search |
| • Niugini MediHealth | |





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NO.8 COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE & TESTING 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. The following terms are defined in Schedule 1 of these Measures:
 - a. National case definition for COVID-19; and
 - b. Severe Acute Respiratory Infection.
2. The following shall be considered suspected COVID-19 case until test using a machine listed in Schedule 1 of Measure 7 is conducted that returns a negative result:
 - a. all cases of respiratory illness, including cases classified as pneumonia; and
 - b. all cases classified as Severe Acute Respiratory Infection;

regardless of travel or case contact history.

3. Any person admitted to a hospital for the purposes of paragraph 2 must have a sample collected for the purposes of testing for COVID-19 within 24 hours of being admitted.
4. Any patient admitted to a hospital for the purposes outlined in paragraph 2 must be managed using COVID-19 infection prevention and control protocols.
5. Subject to paragraph 6 all:
 - a. persons who present dead on arrival at a health facility; and
 - b. persons who die within 4 hours of presentation at a health facility; and


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- c. inpatient deaths where the deceased had any symptoms consistent with case definition of COVID-19; and
 - d. inpatient deaths incongruent or inconsistent with reason for admission.
- must be swabbed for COVID-19 by the health facility and all swabs collected must be sent and tested using RT-PCR.
- 6. Paragraph 5 does not apply where death is caused primarily as a result of traumatic injury.
 - 7. All health facilities must establish a screening service at the entrance point(s) and must screen all persons, including, patients, visitors, staff and contractors to identify suspected COVID-19 cases.
 - 8. The purpose of the screening service is to identify potential COVID-19 cases so they may be swabbed and tested without delay to prevent transmission to others.
 - 9. All health facilities must ensure that all persons over 12 years of age are masked prior to entering, individuals remain physically distanced, and must ensure that staff apply appropriate infection control measures.
 - 10. In addition to suspect COVID-19 cases, all health facilities must collect specimens for COVID-19 testing from all fever $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$, simple cough and inpatient pneumonia and outpatient pneumonia cases over 10 years of age.
 - 11. All Provincial Health Authorities CEOs, Port Moresby General Hospital CEO and all private hospital CEOs must submit daily reports by 6pm to the Controller, the NCC Surveillance Team and the relevant Provincial Administrator, including:
 - a. case investigation forms for all suspected COVID-19 cases per paragraph 2 of this these Measures;
 - b. case investigation forms for all confirmed COVID-19 cases;





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- c. details of all deaths related to respiratory illness;
 - d. details of all death certificates or death reporting forms for all confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - e. details on the number of persons swabbed for COVID-19 testing; and
 - f. any other information directed to be provided.
12. For the purpose of these Measures, the delegate of the Controller is the Deputy-Controller.
13. These Measures come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 – Definitions

National case definition for COVID-19 is:

- a) a person with respiratory illness who has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:
- i. Fever of 37.5°C or above, or a history of fever;
 - ii. cough;
 - iii. shortness of breath;
 - iv. sore throat; or
 - v. loss of smell or taste.

Schedule 2 – Health Facilities

- All private urban health facilities; and
- All public health facilities classified as level 3 and above.





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NO.9 NATIONAL MANDATORY MASK WEARING

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 persons should where possible wear masks to protect Papua New Guinea from COVID-19.
2. No person shall be permitted entry into, or otherwise remain within, any market designated in Schedule 1 unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
3. No person shall be permitted entry to, or otherwise remain within, any enclosed space within an Establishment unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
4. No person shall be permitted entry into or otherwise remain on, public transport unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
5. No person shall be permitted entry into an aircraft anywhere in PNG unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
6. No person shall remove their Mask or Face Covering whilst on an aircraft in PNG in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin, except in the case of an emergency.
7. The pilots of the plane are exempt from paragraphs 5 and 6.
8. All persons working in a market, in-door establishment or on public transport in which they interact in person with customers, clients or work in an enclosed space with other colleagues must wear masks at all times.





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9. Businesses and government departments and agencies must ensure all employees have Masks or Face Coverings.
10. The following persons are exempted from these Measures:
- a. Children under 12;
 - b. Persons with underlying medical conditions which inhibit their ability to wear a Mask or Face Covering, including persons with physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
 - c. Persons who are unable to place or remove a Mask or Face Covering without assistance;
 - d. Persons undergoing dental treatment or other medical care to the extent that the procedure requires that no face covering may be worn;
 - e. Persons within an area of work designated for them and not for public access, and who can work in an environment whereby they are a minimum of 2 meters from any other person;
 - f. Persons participating in sporting activities;
 - g. When directed to remove the face covering to ascertain identity; and
 - h. During emergencies.
11. A person is exempted from these Measures if she or he removes their mask or face covering to eat, drink or take medication.
12. An establishment for the purpose of these measures are:
- a. premises or any portion thereof which are used as a place of business for the sale or offering for sale of goods or services, and includes a mall or similar structure which contains multiple places of business;
 - b. health facilities;
 - c. sporting venues;
 - d. churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or other places of worship;





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- e. community centres including indoor recreational facilities;
 - f. libraries, art galleries, museums, zoos and other similar facilities;
 - g. convention centres, arenas, stadiums, and other event spaces; and
 - h. government facilities.
13. Banks are not classified as an Establishment for the purpose of these measures.
14. Transport for the purpose of these Measures are:
- a. Buses;
 - b. Vessels; and
 - c. Taxis.
15. For the purpose of these Measures a Mask or Face Covering must cover the nose, mouth and chin, and includes any article of clothing including any paper or textile covering designed or made to be worn over the nose, mouth and chin to protect the wearer. It does not have to be medical grade, may be handmade and includes scarfs and bandanas.
16. For the purposes of paragraph 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, a business, organisation or government department or agency who fails to take reasonable steps to ensure adherence to the Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
17. For the purpose of paragraph 15, reasonable steps shall include but are not limited to:
- a. denying entry to persons not wearing a mask or face covering;
 - b. requesting a person to leave an Establishment if they are not wearing a Mask or Face Covering and are not exempted by these Measures from wearing a Mask or Face Covering;





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- c. providing a Mask or Face Covering to employees and making it the company or organisations mandatory policy that Masks and Face Coverings are worn in compliance with these Measures.
18. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 to 8 inclusive, an individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
19. Non-compliance with this Measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
20. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.
21. These Measure come into effect on 16 February 2022 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:



8th February 2022

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, O.St.J., QPM
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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

NO. 10 COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING AND TRIALS

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. No vaccine testing or trials for COVID-19 shall occur within Papua New Guinea without the written approval of the Controller and Secretary for Health.
2. Subject to paragraph 3 no person or organisation, except Port Moresby General Hospital or health facilities administered by Provincial Health Authorities are permitted to administer COVID-19 vaccinations unless approved in writing by the Controller and subject to the conditions imposed by the Controller in the written approval.
3. Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authorities are permitted to work with Non-Government Organisations and private sector organisations including the extractive industries to facilitate the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations.
4. Where a Non-Government Organisation or Private Sector Organisation is assisting with the administration, they will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant Provincial Health Organisation outlining roles and responsibilities of the parties and these Memorandums of Understanding are to be provided to the Controller.
5. Non-Government Organisation or Private Sector Organisation assisting the administration of the COVID-10 vaccines must ensure that they provide all the necessary information and data that may be requested of them by the Controller.
6. No public health facilities shall charge any fee or require any payment when immunizing any person against COVID-19.





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7. No private health facility or private organization shall charge any fee or payment when immunizing any person against COVID-19, unless authorized to do so in writing by the Controller.
8. Any person residing in Papua New Guinea may, receive a booster vaccination to protect against COVID-19.
9. It is recommended that when receiving a booster dose people refer to the Schedule 1, as to which vaccine to receive as a booster and the time intervals between vaccines.
10. Priority should continue to be provided to the target population groups for all vaccinations, however, all persons residing within Papua New Guinea are to be provided access to vaccinations and booster vaccinations to protect against COVID-19.
11. An individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
12. These Measure come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

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Schedule 1 – Vaccine Booster

Type of Vaccine Received Previously	Type of Vaccines to be Given as Primary Series or Booster Dose	Time Interval
J&J Vaccine (first dose)	Second Dose of J&J	2-6 months after first dose
AstraZeneca Vaccine (2 doses fully vaccinated)	AstraZeneca or J&J Booster Dose	6 months after the second dose
Sinopharm Vaccine	Sinopharm or AstraZeneca or J&J Booster Dose	3-6 months after the second dose

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