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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT MEASURES)
(NO. 7) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER, 2021

WHEREAS the 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. (1) This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2021, and shall be read and construed as one with the

Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 7) Order, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Order), and all amendments thereto.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the 24th day of June, 2021.

2. Paragraph 14 of the principal Order is amended by deleting sub-paragraphs (18), (19) and (20) and substituting therefor the following—

“ (18) During the period from June 24, 2021, to June 30, 2021, the operator of a cinema shall ensure that the following provisions are complied with at the cinema—

- (a) the provisions of paragraph 16(7), but notwithstanding paragraph 16(7), distance markers shall be placed at least 91.44 centimetres (or 3 feet) apart, indicating where patrons are to stand while at any area where patrons are required to queue (including entrances, lobby concession areas and restrooms);
- (b) signage advising of all the requirements governing the use of the cinema (including the requirements of this sub-paragraph) shall be conspicuously placed throughout the cinema, including at each entrance;
- (c) no more than 70% of the persons that can normally be seated in the cinema, or one person for every 40 square feet of the seating area in the cinema, whichever is lower, shall be seated in the cinema at any time;
- (d) the points of entry for foot traffic into the cinema shall be kept separate from the points of exit for foot traffic from the cinema;
- (e) the filters of all air conditioning units shall be cleaned, and upgraded to a MERV 13 standard;
- (f) the restrooms shall be cleaned and sanitized at least once every hour during the operating hours; and
- (g) each employee and each patron shall wear a mask fitted to the person's face so as to cover the person's nose and mouth.

(19) During the period from June 24, 2021, to June 30, 2021, the operator of a drive-in cinema is directed to ensure that the following provisions are complied with at the drive-in cinema—

- (a) the provisions of paragraph 16(7);
- (b) signage advising of all the requirements governing the use of the cinema (including the requirements of this sub-paragraph) shall be conspicuously placed at the entrance to the cinema;
- (c) a vehicle designed to accommodate no more than 15 persons shall be the largest vehicle permitted to enter the cinema during operating hours, and no more than 8 persons shall be permitted to be in such a vehicle at any time at the cinema;

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- (d) a written record shall be kept of the names and contact information of each person working as staff at the cinema, and the shift times for each, on each day during the period;
 - (e) the record referred to in sub-paragraph (d) shall be maintained for at least 21 days after June 30, 2021, and shall, upon request, be furnished to the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness;
 - (f) distance markers (for example, indicating where vehicles are to be parked), aimed at ensuring that the social distancing requirements applicable under this Order are observed by patrons at the cinema, shall be placed throughout the cinema;
 - (g) the flow of traffic (whether vehicular or pedestrian) shall be restricted to one way in each direction;
 - (h) frequently trafficked areas (such as restrooms and refreshment booths) shall be monitored by staff to ensure that—
 - (i) the social distancing requirements as applicable under this Order are observed by patrons at the cinema; and
 - (ii) those areas are cleaned and sanitized as required under sub-paragraph (k);
 - (i) frequently trafficked areas (such as restrooms and refreshment booths) shall be cleaned and sanitized at least once every hour during the operating hours;
 - (j) each patron at the cinema shall wear a mask, fitted to the patron's face so as to cover the patron's nose and mouth, at all times while the patron is outside of a vehicle;
 - (k) each staff member shall wear a mask fitted to the employee's face so as to cover the staff member's nose and mouth, while at the cinema; and
 - (l) all concessionaires shall adhere to the COVID-19 protocols established by the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness.

(20) During the period from June 24, 2021, to June 30, 2021, the operator of an establishment at which any theatrical play or other live artistic performance is staged shall ensure that the following provisions are complied with—

- (a) the provisions of paragraph 16(7), but notwithstanding paragraph 16(7), distance markers shall be placed at least 91.44 centimetres (or 3 feet) apart, indicating where patrons are to stand while at any area where patrons are required to queue (including entrances, lobby concession areas and restrooms);
- (b) signage advising of all the requirements governing the use of the establishment (including the requirements of this sub-paragraph) shall

be conspicuously placed throughout the establishment, including at each entrance;

- (c) all the performers shall be screened and, if required, tested, for the SARS—CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19);
- (d) if the performance is staged indoors, the doors and windows of the venue concerned shall be kept open during operating hours or, if air conditioning is used, the filters of all air conditioning units shall be cleaned and upgraded to a MERV 13 standard;
- (e) no more than 70% of the persons who can normally be seated at the venue (whether indoors or outdoors), or one person for every 40 square feet of the seating area at the venue, whichever is lower, shall be seated at the venue at any time;
- (f) each patron shall wear a mask fitted to the patron's face so as to cover the patron's nose and mouth; and
- (g) the restrooms shall be cleaned and sanitized at least once every hour during the operating hours.”.

3. Paragraph 19(1) of the principal Order is amended—

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) by deleting the words “50 persons at a time (including officiating clergy)” and substituting therefor in each case the words “70% of the persons that can be accommodated at the place of worship in accordance with the social distancing requirements applicable under this Order (determined as set out in sub-paragraph (4))”;
- (b) by inserting next after sub-paragraph (3) the following sub-paragraph—
 - “ (4) The number of persons for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b) shall be—
 - (a) 70% of the figure obtained by dividing by 40 square feet, the mathematical sum of the area designated for worship; or
 - (b) notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the number of persons that can be accommodated using a ratio of one person for every 40 square feet at the place of worship is less than one hundred persons, then the number of persons that can be accommodated using that ratio.”.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2021.

ANDREW HOLNESS
Prime Minister.