



Nuku'alofa,
Kingdom of Tonga

National COVID-19 Restrictions ('Eua Niuatoputapu and Niuafu'ou) Directions

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 37 and 39 of the Emergency Management Act [Cap 7.02] and in recognition of -

- A the declaration made by the World Health Organization of Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") as a global pandemic which is accelerating;
- B the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency pursuant to section 164 and 165 of the Public Health Act [Cap 12.15] dated 17 February 2022, and the Declaration of COVID-19 to be a notifiable disease under the Public Health (COVID-19) Regulations 2021;
- C the Renewal of as State of Emergency dated **9 May 2022**;
- D the confirmation of the community transmission of COVID-19 in Tonga since Tuesday 1 February 2022;
- E and the efforts to contain the community transmission of COVID-19 in Tonga; and
- F the confirmation from the Ministry of Health that Tonga is currently under the Orange Color of the Tonga COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework 2022.

The Acting Commissioner of the Tonga Police and the Chief of Defence Staff of His Majesty's Armed Forces, as authorised officers under section 36(2) of the Emergency Management Act [Cap 7.02], hereby makes the following Directions -

- (1) These Directions shall be effective from **8:01pm, Monday 9 May 2022 to 8.00pm, Monday 6 June 2022** and shall apply to 'Eua, Niuatoputapu and Niuafu'ou.
- (2) For the purposes of these Directions, unless the context requires otherwise-
 - "authorised officers"** means any person or class of persons authorised in accordance with section 36 of the Emergency Management Act [Cap 7.02] and any person or class of persons designated under sections 177 and 178 of the Public Health Act [Cap 12.15];
 - "protective clothing"** means any clothing which includes a handkerchief, gloves, garments or equipment designed to minimise the risk of an infection;
 - "social distancing"** means keeping 1.5 meters distance from any other person at all times.
- (3) Night-time curfews shall apply from **12:00 midnight to 5:00am.**

- (4) The night-time curfew shall be enforced by the Tonga Police, His Majesty's Armed Forces and relevant authorised officers.
- (5) All activities and gatherings in Tonga shall –
 - (a) comply with social distancing;
 - (b) comply with wearing protective clothing; and
 - (c) comply with the Ministry of Health requirements for sanitation and hygiene.
- (6) Tonga Police and His Majesty's Armed Forces and any authorized officers for the purposes of securing public safety and maintenance of public health shall have the power to enforce these Directions.
- (7) All persons shall observe and promote social distancing at all times and shall use protective clothing where possible.
- (8) All persons shall observe personal hand hygiene and shall follow all Public Health Advisories issued by the Ministry of Health in relation to COVID-19.

DECLARED at Nuku'alofa this 9th day of **May** 2022.



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Brigadier Rt. Hon. Lord Fielakepa
Chief of the Defence Staff of His Majesty's Armed Forces
and Acting Commissioner of the Tonga Police