DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY NOTIFIABLE CONDITION

Pursuant to sections 171 and 172 of the Public Health Act 2008, and after due consideration of the following relevant factors –


(2) On the 11th March 2020, due to the alarming levels of spread and severity of COVID-19 globally, WHO has declared COVID-19 as a pandemic;

(3) The confirmed cases of COVID-19 in countries proximate to Tonga; and

(4) The significant risks of global transmission of COVID-19.

I HEREBY DECLARE that COVID-19 is an emergency notifiable condition under the Public Health Act 2008. The emergency notifiable condition of the COVID-19 is set out below:

(1) COVID-19, as an emergency notifiable condition, shall be identified according to the following four notifiable conditions as defined and amended by the WHO from time to time –

(a) suspected case of COVID-19;

(b) probable case of COVID-19;

(c) confirmed case of COVID-19; and

(d) contact to any of above three notifiable conditions (a) to (c).
A confirmed case of COVID-19 is a person whose blood sample is confirmed by a WHO endorsed laboratory of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

A contact case is a person that is involved in the following:

(i) Providing direct care without proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for suspect, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 patient(s);
(ii) Staying in the same close environment of a suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case (including a workplace, classroom, household and any other gatherings); and
(iii) Traveling together in close proximity (1 meter) with a suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in any kind of conveyance within a 14-day period after the onset of symptoms in the case under consideration.

THIS DECLARATION shall be applied over all the land and sea areas of the Kingdom of Tonga, commencing on the 12th September 2020 until 12th March 2021, unless amended pursuant to section 175 of the Public Health Act 2008.

DECLARED in Nuku’alofa on this 11th day of September 2020.

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hisitolia fefolau’aki ki he/pe nofo ‘i ha Fonua, ‘elia pe feitu’u kuo lipooti mei ai ‘a e mafola fakalotofonua ‘o e mahaki COVID-19 lolotonga ‘a e ‘aho ‘e 14 ki mua pea kamata ‘asi ‘a e ngaahi faka’i’alonga; **PE:**

(ii) ma’u ‘a e puke ‘o e halanga manava PEA kuo ne fetu’utaki mo ha taha kuo fakapapau’i pe ngalingali ke ne ma’u ‘a e COVID-19 (vakai ke ‘i ‘uhinga ‘o e fetu’utaki) ‘i he ‘aho ‘e 14 kuo ‘osi ki mua’a pea kamata ‘asi ‘a e ngaahi faka’ilonga; **PE:**

(iii) ma’u ‘a e mahaki ‘o e halanga manava fakataha mo e mofi mo ha faka’ilonga ‘e taha ‘o e mahaki ‘o e halanga manava (eg. tale, nounou ‘a e manava) PEA ‘oku fiema’u ke tauhi fakafalemahaki PEA ‘ikai ha tupu’anga kehe ke ne fakamatala kakato ‘ene ha sino fakafaito’o; **PE**

(iv) folau mai ki Tonga ‘o tatau pe ko e ‘ea pe tahi ‘a ia ‘e fakahoko ki ai ‘a e tu’utu’uni kolonitini pe fakamavahe pea ‘oku ‘fia’ma’u ia ke ne nofo ‘i ha naunau kolonitini pe fakamavahe kuo vahe’i ‘i he Lao ki he Mo’ui ‘a e Kakai 2008.

(a) Ko ha taha ngalingali ke ne ma’u ‘a e COVID-19 ko ha taha:

(i) ‘oku mahalo’i;

(ii) kuo ‘ave ha ngaahi sipinga ‘o e toto ke sivi COVID-19 ‘i ha fale fekumi kuo fakangofua ‘e he Kautaha Mo’ui ‘a Maman; **PE**

(iii) kuo lipootti ‘e he fale fekumi kuo fakangofua ‘e he Kautaha Mo’ui ‘a Maman ‘a e ngaahi sivi ‘oku faka’alo’alongaua.

(b) Ko ha taha kuo fakapapau’i ‘oku ne ma’u ‘a e COVID-19 ko ha taha, ‘a ia ko e sipinga hono toto kuo fakapapau’i ‘e ha fale fekumi kuo fakangofua ‘e he Kautaha Mo’ui ‘a Maman ‘oku ‘i ai ‘a e mahaki COVID-19, tatau ai pe pe ko e ha ‘a e ngaahi faka’ilonga fakafaito’o ‘oku ne ma’u.

(c) Ko ha taha fetu’utaki ko ha taha ‘a ia ‘oku ne kau ki he ngaahi me’a’ko eni:

(i) Fakahoko fakahangatonu hono tokanga’i ‘o e (kau) mahaki COVID-19 kuo mahalo’i, ngalingali ke ne ma’u, pea kuo fakapapau’i na’e ‘ikai ngaue’aki ha naunau malu’i fakaesino fe’unga (PPE);

(ii) Nofo ‘i he ‘atakai tatau pea malu mo ha taha ‘oku mahalo’i, ngalingali ke ne ma’u pe kuo fakapapau’i ‘oku ne ma’u ‘a e COVID-19 (kau ki ai ha feitu’u ngaue’anga, i okiako, ‘api pe ha ngaahi fakafahata’anga kehe); pea

(iii) Folang fakataha ‘o vao fi (mita ‘e 1) mo ha taha ‘oku mahalo’i, ngalingali ke ne ma’u pe kuo fakapapau’i ‘oku ne ma’u ‘a e COVID-19 ‘i ha fa’ahinga me’a uta’anga ‘i loto ‘i he vaha’a taimi ‘aho ‘e 14 hili ‘a e kamata ‘asi ‘a e ngaahi faka’ilonga ‘i he taha ‘oku lolotonga vakai’i.

KO E FAKAHA KO ‘ENI kuo pau ke ngaue’aki ki he kotoa ‘o e ngaahi feitu’u ‘i ‘uta mo e potu tahi ‘o e Pule’anga ‘o Tonga, ‘o kamata ngaue’aki’i he ‘a ha 12 ‘o Sepitema 2020 ki he ‘a ha 12 ‘o Ma’asi 2021, tukukehe ka kaniseli ‘o fakatatau ki he kupu 175 ‘o e Lao ki he Mo’ui ‘a e Kakai 2008.


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