

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
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PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19 MASS GATHERINGS) REGULATIONS, 2021
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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Health and Wellness by section 177 (1), of the Public Health Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Mass Gatherings) Regulations, 2021. Citation
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation
 - “mass gathering” means any gathering in a public place of 100 or more people; and
 - “social event” means an entertainment, social, political, recreational or leisure activity —
 - (a) in a public place; and
 - (b) where liquor is sold, served or consumed.
3. Notwithstanding the Public Health (COVID-19 Control Measures) Regulations, 2021, these Regulations shall apply to a mass gathering and social event. Application
4. (1) A person who seeks to attend a mass gathering or social event, who is 18 years and above, shall provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the host or convener of the mass gathering or social event on entry. Proof of vaccination
 - (2) Where the person fails to produce the proof of COVID-19 vaccination required under subregulation (1), the host or convener shall not allow the person entry.
5. (1) A host or convener of a mass gathering or social event shall — Duties of a host or convener of a mass gathering or social event
 - (a) take the body temperature of a person who seeks to attend the mass gathering or social event, and where a person’s body temperature is 37.4 degrees Celsius or above, such person shall not be allowed to attend;
 - (b) provide a person attending the mass gathering or social event with clean water and soap to wash their hands or hand sanitiser with alcohol content of at least 70%:
 - Provided that there shall be at least one clean water and soap or hand sanitation station for every 50 persons;

- (c) ensure that persons in attendance of the mass gathering or social event observe social distancing requirements of being at least 1.5 metres apart from each other;
- (d) at the entrance of the public place where the mass gathering or social event is held, display the maximum capacity of persons allowed to comply with the social distancing requirements under paragraph (c);
- (e) where the facilities are indoors, ensure that there is a minimum of 30 minutes break every two hours to allow for ventilation and disinfection of the premises;
- (f) designate a person to ensure adherence to these Regulations at the mass gathering or social event:

Provided that there shall be a designated person for every 50 persons; and

- (g) ensure adherence to the control measures under the Public Health (COVID-19 Control Measures) Regulations, 2021.
- (2) A host or convener of a mass gathering or social event shall maintain a register set out in the Schedule of all persons in attendance:
- Provided that the register shall be —
- (i) open for inspection by the Director, for the purposes of contact tracing,
 - (ii) open for inspection by a law enforcement officer, for the investigation of an offence under these Regulations, and
 - (iii) surrendered to the Director, not later than 21 days from the date of the mass gathering or social event.
- (3) A host or convener of a mass gathering or social event shall ensure the confidentiality and safe keeping of the register in subregulation (2).

Conditions for granting mass gathering or social event permit or authorisation

6. (1) Where a permit or authorisation is required under any enactment to host or convene a mass gathering or social event, the relevant authority shall not issue the permit or grant the authorisation unless it is satisfied that the host or convener has —

- (a) the requisite capacity to carry out and adhere to the duties in regulation 5;
- (b) the requisite health and safety, including security measures, for crowd control; and
- (c) submitted a contingency plan to the relevant authority, in the event of any disorder or an emergency at the mass gathering or social event.

(2) Where a permit or authorisation to host or convene a mass gathering or social event was issued or granted prior to commencement of these Regulations, the host or convener shall provide proof to the relevant authority that the requirements under these Regulations are met within three days from the date of commencement of these Regulations.

(3) Where the host or convener fails to submit proof within the period specified under subregulation (2), the permit or authorisation shall be revoked.

Penalties and offences

7. A person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P100 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both, and in the case of a body corporate, the head of that body corporate or the officer directly responsible for the body corporate shall be liable to the same fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE
(regulation 5 (2))

Attendance Register

DATE:		NAME OF EVENT:		VENUE:
<i>No.</i>	<i>Ticket No. (where applicable)</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Contact Number</i>
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MADE this 20th day of December, 2021.

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