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**National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016
National Disaster Risk Management (National Emergency for the Management and Minimisation of the
Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020
Order No. 2/2020**

Section 26;
Regulation 9

RULES FOR DESIGNATED RESIDENCE

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under *Regulation 9*, **I, Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, MP**, Minister for National Emergency Services, do hereby **MAKE** the following Rules for the occupation and use of **Designated Residences** for the purposes of the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

1. Objective of the Rules

The purpose and the objective of these Rules is to supplement the *National Disaster Risk Management (National Emergency for the Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020* to maintain peace and order at all times in or around the Designated Residence to ensure the health safety of all the residents of the Republic of Nauru.

2. Designated Residences

- (a) Designated Residences have been declared by Order dated 20th March 2020 in Gazette No. 68/2020 under the *National Disaster Risk Management (National Emergency for the Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020*, for the purposes of requiring travellers and such other persons who may require social distancing or medical attention to manage and minimise the impacts of the virus under the policy of ‘capture and contain at the borders’.
- (b) The 3 categories of Designated Residences declared by the Order are:
- (i) Transit Station;
 - (ii) Observation Station; and
 - (iii) Treatment Station.

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3. Occupants to acquire knowledge of station

All persons required by any authorised person to stay in a Designated Residence must familiarise him or herself with:

- (a) the category of residence as there may be different restrictions and requirements for the occupation of each of the different categories of stations;
- (b) the health and safety instructions provided by health practitioners or any authorised person; and
- (c) the emergency evacuation procedures.

4. Occupants to provide personal details

(a) All occupants must provide the following personal details to an authorised person:

- (i) full name;
- (ii) residential and email addresses;
- (iii) mobile number;
- (iv) full name and mobile number of emergency contact;

(b) The details provided by an occupant to an authorised person must be kept confidential and only used for official purposes.

5. Designated Residence - '*Transit Station*'

All travelers to the Republic are required to remain in a Transit Station for up to 14 days or until such further time as may be directed by a health practitioner or authorised person, for the purposes of being screened or tested for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to prevent any community transmission and health risks to the residents of the Republic of Nauru.

6. Designated Residence - '*Observation Station*'

Where a person in the Transit Station presents any signs or symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the reasonable satisfaction of a health practitioner, and/or tested positive will be required to transfer to the Observation or Treatment Stations.

7. Designated Residence – '*Treatment Station*'

Where a person in a Transition or Observation Station requires treatment and hospitalization, he or she will be moved to the acute block of the RON Hospital, which is the Treatment Station.

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8. Obligations of occupants

All occupants must:

- (a) comply with the *Declaration of National Emergency for the Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)*, Regulations, Orders and these Rules;
- (b) comply with all reasonable instructions and directions of the authorised persons;
- (c) maintain harmony, treat each other with respect as it is ordinarily expected in a family household and conduct in such a manner to ensure the safety and peaceful occupation of the Designated Residence;
- (d) refrain from obtaining or possessing any prohibited items or such items that may not be authorised to be brought in or retained by any occupant;
- (e) refrain from bringing into, obtaining or consuming any intoxicating substances or drugs in the Designated Residence;
- (f) be economical on the use of anything provided to the occupants which includes the usage of internet telecommunication services;
- (g) refrain from using any offensive, abusive or derogatory words, language or gestures;
- (h) ensure that any items or property either given or provided with the accommodation is returned to the authorised officers prior to departure from the Designated Residence;
- (i) keep the Designated Residence, surrounding areas and the rooms clean and tidy at all times;
- (j) maintain highest level of hygiene as may be directed by a health practitioner or any authorised officer;
- (k) not damage or destroy any property in the Designated Residence;
- (l) submit to medical examination on request of a health practitioner on site; and
- (m) report to the Site Manager or any authorised person any actual or suspected cases of violence, child abuse or any type of assault.

9. Social distancing

- (a) The occupants may maintain contact with their family members or friends during the period of their social distancing through telephone, electronic mail or voice over the internet including mass media.
- (b) Where social distancing is directed by a health practitioner or an authorised officer, the occupants must comply with social distancing.
- (c) Where the health practitioner or authorised officer requires a person to maintain absolute isolation in a closed room, the occupant must comply with the same for his or her own safety and that of the other occupants.

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10. Prohibition of smoking

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in the Designated Residence.
- (b) The authorised officers may designate certain areas for smoking which must be in an open space outside any buildings.

11. Visitors not allowed

- (a) Visitors are not permitted at the Designated Residence.
- (b) Where occupants' families or friends intend to provide personal effects, food or other edible items, these must be given to an authorised officer at the gate, who must deliver the same to the respective occupant at a time fixed by the Site Manager.

12. Authorised persons

- (a) For the purposes of safety of health, no person, other than authorised persons are allowed to enter the Designated Residence.
- (b) Authorised persons must carry with them photo identification cards or approved passes at all times.
- (c) The authorised persons must at all times be equipped with personal protective equipment when entering the Designated Residence for their own safety of health and that of the occupants or other authorised persons.

13. Prohibited items

- (a) The authorised officers may prohibit the keeping of any items or weapons which may not be reasonably safe to be kept by any of the occupants.
- (b) The authorised officers may require the delivery of such items for safekeeping which must be returned to the occupants at the time of departure from the Designated Residence.

14. Responsibilities of authorised officers

Authorised officers at all times must:

- (a) maintain professionalism and treat everyone with respect and dignity;
- (b) not have, control, provide or hide prohibited items or engage in any activity that may risk or endanger the safety and wellbeing of others in the Designated Residence;
- (c) report to the Site Manager any actual or suspected cases of violence, child abuse or any type of assault;
- (d) perform any screening, searching and checking of bags and service vehicles in an appropriate manner;
- (e) ensure that any person or vehicle entering or exiting the Designated Residence must be recorded in the Register of movements;
- (f) provide assistance when required or where necessary to an occupant or other authorised person;

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- (g) not bring bags into Designated Residence unless such bags are for official use;
- (h) not remove any property from the Designated Residence including those belonging to the occupants;
- (i) maintain a safe distance from the occupants;
- (j) wear personal protective equipment; and
- (k) comply with any directions or instructions given by the Site Manager or health practitioners at the Designated Residence.

15. Prohibition on photographs, filming, recording and social media

- (a) The Designated Residence is for the purposes of health safety as such, the privacy of every person in the Designated Residence must be honoured and respected by all persons which includes the occupants, health practitioners, authorised officers, other service providers and passers-by.
- (b) Photographing, filming, livestreaming or any other means of taking images or pictures is strictly prohibited at the Designated Residence as this may constitute an intrusion of privacy of occupants.
- (c) Publishing, tweeting, uploading stories on IMO and Facebook or conveyance in any other digital form including social and mass media, of any person, or activity in the Designated Residence is not permitted to protect and preserve privacy of occupants.

16. Confidentiality

All persons at the Designated Residence must maintain confidentiality of any person who may be infected by the virus or are required to remain in any of the Designated Residences.

17. Security Incident Reports

- (a) All authorised officers must be vigilant and assist with identifying safety and security breaches.
- (b) Where a security incident is observed, the matter must be reported to security immediately and an incident report must be completed as soon as practicable.

18. Use of reasonable force

An authorised person may take such reasonable action or use reasonable force where necessary for the purposes of maintaining peace and order at the Designated Residence.

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19. Emergency Procedures

- (a) In the event of an emergency, authorised officers must:
 - (i) remove the occupants from immediate danger to a place of safety or designated evacuation assembly area;
 - (ii) inform staff, occupants and any stakeholders of the emerging incident;
 - (iii) require the occupants to proceed to the evacuation assembly area immediately if an evacuation tone is sounded or if requested to evacuate; and
 - (iv) ensure the occupants remain in the evacuation assembly area until advised it is safe to return to the Designated Residence.
- (b) The location of the evacuation assembly area can be identified on the evacuation plan with the markers indicated.
- (c) In case of emergency, all occupants must strictly comply with the instructions and directions of authorised officers.

20. Medical Assistance

- (a) Health practitioners from the Department of Health and Medical Services will provide necessary medical assistance at the Designated Residence.
- (b) Authorised officers must report any person who reports sick or shows any symptoms of sickness which includes fever, cough, tiredness and difficulty breathing (*symptoms of the virus*) to the health practitioners for immediate medical examination and treatment.
- (c) Authorised officers must assist the health practitioners on their daily checks of the occupants.

21. Complaints procedure

- (a) An occupant, who has any complaint, may make such complaint to an authorised officer.
- (b) On receipt of any complaints, the authorised officer must deal with such complaint immediately or report the same to the Site Manager for consideration.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2020.

Hon. Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, MP
Minister for National Emergency Services

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NOTES:

Authorised officers include:

- (a) Police Officers;
 - (b) Community Liaison Officers; and
 - (c) such Security Officers engaged or employed for the purposes of the Act and Declaration to provide security specifically at the designated residences.
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