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QUARANTINE ACT, R.S.A. C. Q5

QUARANTINE (COVID) RULES, 2020

Rules made by the Quarantine Authority and approved by the Governor in Council under section 5(2)(c) of the Quarantine Act, (R.S.A. c. Q5).

WHEREAS the disease known as coronavirus (Covid-19) threatens the public health and safety of many territories and states around the globe resulting in widespread infection of persons and resultant deaths of many;

AND WHEREAS under and by virtue of the Public Health Act RSA c P125, the Minister responsible for health is empowered to take necessary measures to protect and preserve the public health and safety of the people of Anguilla from any infectious or notifiable disease;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has exercised such powers Pursuant to Section 8(c)(x) of the Public Health Act by enacting Public Health (Temporary Closure of Ports) Regulations, 2020;

AND WHEREAS section 2 of the aforementioned Regulations provides that for the purpose of preventing or controlling the spread of the Covid-19 disease, the entry or departure by aircraft, ships, vessels or boats to or from any place in Anguilla is prohibited until 30th June 2020;

AND Whereas section 2 of the Public Health (Temporary Closure of Ports) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 allows for the entry into Anguilla of aircrafts, ships, vessels or boats used for the repatriation of Anguillian citizens to Anguilla;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to quarantine Anguillian citizens who are repatriated under section 2 of the Public Health (Temporary Closure of Ports) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020;

AND WHEREAS section 5 of the Quarantine Act provides that the Quarantine Authority may make rules for the governance of places where persons or things are detained or taken for examination and of places used for the observation or isolation of persons;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer has been appointed as the Quarantine Authority pursuant to the section 3 of the Quarantine Act;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue and in the exercise of the powers vested in me by sections 5 of the Quarantine Act, I, DR. AISHA ANREWIN, Chief Medical Officer, by and with the approval of the Governor in Council, hereby make the Rules which shall now follow.

Interpretation

1. In these Regulations---

“COVID-19” means the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the COVID- 19 disease;

“government facility” means a quarantine or isolation hospital established under section 8 (c) (viii) of the Public Health Act;

“isolation” means the separation people who are infected with an infectious or notifiable disease from persons who are not infected;

“officer” means a health official, customs officer, immigration officer, security officer or police officer;

“Quarantine Authority” means the Chief Medical Officer appointed under section 3 of the Quarantine Act, R.S.A. c. Q5;

“quarantine rules” means these rules including the protocols specified in Schedule 1;

“quarantine” means separation or restriction of movement of persons for, the purpose of observation, from persons who may have been exposed to an infectious agent or infectious or notifiable disease;

“specified period” means period beginning 7th June 2020 and ending 7th August 2020.

Application for permission to repatriate

2. (1) Where a person who is overseas wishes to return to Anguilla during the specified period he shall make an application in such form as specified by Ministry of Health.

(2) Where an application has been granted under this section the applicant shall be given an electronic certificate giving authorisation to repatriate to Anguilla during the specified period.

Mandatory Testing on arrival in Anguilla

3. (1) Where an application has been granted under section 2, the successful applicant shall be required to submit to a test to determine if he is infected with COVID- 19.

(2) Where a person has tested negative for COVID- 19 he shall be required to quarantine for a period of no less than 14 days.

(3) Where a person has tested positive for COVID- 19 the Quarantine Authority shall require that he shall remain in isolation until he is no longer infected with COVID- 19.

(4) A person who is required to be in quarantine or isolation pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) shall do so in accordance with the quarantine rules and any other directions given by the Quarantine Authority.

(5) A person who under this section refuses to—

(a) submit to a test or

(b) go into isolation or quarantine; or

(c) comply with the quarantine rules and any other directions given by the Quarantine Authority;

commits an offence.

Mandatory Quarantine

4. (1) Where a person is required to be in quarantine or isolation, the Quarantine Authority may require that the person—

(a) quarantines or goes into isolation at home, where the Authority determines that the home is suitable for quarantining or isolation; or

(b) quarantines or goes into isolation at a government facility;

under such conditions as the Quarantine Authority requires.

(2) Where a person is quarantined, he shall not leave his home or the government facility unless he has tested negative for COVID-19 at the end of the quarantine period.

(3) Where a person who is in quarantine tests positive for COVID-19 the Quarantine Authority shall require that he goes into isolation until he is no longer infected with COVID-19.

(4) A person who under this section refuses to—

(a) submit to a test or

(b) go into isolation or quarantine; or

commits an offence.

Compliance with instructions given by an officer

5. A person who is travelling to Anguilla during the specified period as permitted under the Public Health (Temporary Closure of Ports) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and these rules, shall be required to comply with any instructions given by—

(a) any officer at the port or government facility; and

(b) the Quarantine Authority, or any person acting under the instruction of the Quarantine Authority.

Offences

6. A person who—

(a) fails to comply with any direction given by the Quarantine Authority or any officer;

(b) fails to comply with the quarantine rules; or

(c) fails to comply with these Regulations;

commits an offence pursuant to section 7(2) of the Quarantine Act.

Citation

7. These Rules may be cited as the Quarantine (COVID) Rules, 2020.

SCHEDULE 1

Appendix I

QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR HOME QUARANTINEMandatory Quarantine Protocol for Home/Self-Quarantine

All persons permitted to be placed in home/self-quarantine must sign the quarantine agreement agreeing to the terms and condition of quarantine under the current Covid-19 response protocol as follows:

- I. Persons allowed self-quarantine will be taken directly to their dwelling from port of entry via private transportation in conjunction with, and approval by, the Covid-19 response team.
- II. Persons will comply with assigned Public Health Officials to ensure routine monitoring (via telephone/unannounced home visit) during the quarantine/isolation period.
- III. Persons shall agree to adhere to the Ministry of Health guidelines for home quarantine /quarantine in non-health care settings.
- IV. Persons must understand that they are not allowed to leave approved dwelling without authorization from an assigned Public Health personnel/Quarantine Authority.
- V. Persons may not adjust/rearrange approved mechanism for the provision of basic supplies (clothing, food, hand hygiene supplies, medication and available laundry services) without prior approval from assigned Public Health personnel/Quarantine Authority.
- VI. Persons will notify the assigned Public Health personnel/Quarantine Authority if situation(s) in private dwelling has/have changed (e.g. support person no longer available, additional occupant moved in etc.).
- VII. Persons agree that types of security monitoring applications (e.g. Cell phone tracking, CT cameras etc.) may be applied as necessary to ensure compliance with quarantine measures.
- VIII. Persons understand that linkages will be made with current psychosocial team operating under the Ministry of Social Development for the provision of material and psychosocial support as needed.
- IX. Any person(s) found to have or develop a high temperature $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{f}$ or show any other signs of Covid-19 virus will be immediately isolated to an appropriate facility. He or she will be tested for virus that causes COVID-19 and are then expected to adhere to further isolation/quarantine management as deemed necessary.
- X. Persons must be made aware that the Ministry of Health will enforce more stringent measures as permissible under the law, if quarantine/isolation is violated.
- XI. Persons must be made aware that to exit from quarantine/isolation the following conditions must be met:
 - Documentation of at least 14 days of normal temperature and no respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms, including physical examination by rapid response team
 - Negative rapid test or PCR testing or negative test in accordance with approved national testing protocols
 - Signature of section dealing with exit from quarantine in the Quarantine Agreement.

Appendix 2

QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR GOVERNMENT QUARANTINE FACILITY

Quarantine Protocol for Government Quarantine Facility

All persons selected to be placed in government mandatory quarantine must sign the quarantine document agreeing to the terms and condition of quarantine under the current Covid-19 response protocol.

- I. Persons will be taken to the quarantine site(s) via transportation in conjunction with and approval by the Covid-19 response team.
- II. Persons will be monitored daily in accordance with the established quarantine guidelines.
- III. Any person(s) found to have or develop a high temperature ≥ 100 °f or show any other signs of Covid-19 will be immediately isolated to an appropriate facility. He or she will be tested for the virus that causes COVID-19 virus using PCR technology. Such a person may be moved to another site designated for such persons pending result of the PCR test. A decision will be made by the CMO/Rapid Response Team on further isolation/quarantine and management of this person.
- IV. A decision on continued quarantine measures for other persons at that site will be made depending on the results of the PCR test of the individual.
- V. Meals and general supplies will be arranged on a case by case basis.
- VI. Laundry will be taken care of on a case by case basis utilizing best safety practices to prevent COVID-19 spread.
- VII. Waste disposal for persons in isolation will be done using the existing waste disposal agreement for our current isolation unit at Health Authority of Anguilla.
- VIII. Appropriate security will be provided in conjunction with the RAPF as well as the engagement of other security outfits.
- IX. Other forms of security applications (eg. Cell phone tracking, CT cameras etc.) maybe applied as necessary to ensure compliance with quarantine measures.
- X. Linkages will be made with current psychosocial team operating under the Ministry of Social Development for the provision of material and psychosocial support as needed.
- XI. Persons will be liable for damages caused by deliberately defacing the building or any item of furniture or equipment and shall be prosecuted in accordance with the law of the State.
- XII. Relatives and friends will not be allowed to visit persons while in quarantine/isolation.
- XIII. Relatives and/or friends will be allowed to drop-off essential items to persons in facility at a pre-arranged time and a pre-arranged destination, noting that health personnel are forbidden to accept responsibility for any item of personal property of any occupant of this facility.
- XIV. Unaccompanied minors will not be housed in facility unless otherwise deemed necessary by law. In these cases the necessary supervision will be put in place for such individuals.

Persons understand that to exit from quarantine the following conditions must be met

- Documentation of at least 14 days of normal temperature and no respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms including physical examination by rapid response team
- Negative rapid test or PCR test or negative test in accordance with approved national testing protocols
- Sign the exit part of the Quarantine Agreement Document (See Appendix 2)

Appendix 3

Quarantine Government Facility Rules

1. The Quarantine Authority is the Quarantine Manager and is considered the chief personnel responsible for daily operations of quarantine; their decision is final.
2. Other person designated by the Quarantine Manager will be responsible for this facility in the absence of the Quarantine Manager.
3. Persons housed at this facility will be under Mandatory quarantine and will only be allowed to leave this compound upon release/completion of quarantine or upon the expressed consent of the Rapid Response Physician at this facility.
4. The Quarantine Manager and members of the Team are forbidden to accept responsibility for any item of personal property of any occupant of this Facility.
5. For the safety of all residents, persons are required to adhere to all directives given from time to time by the Quarantine Manager/designate or Health Professional.
6. Any person whether an occupant of the facility or not, is liable for damages caused from deliberately defacing the building or any item of furniture or equipment and shall be prosecuted in accordance with the law of the State.
7. The use of violence, profane language and illegal drugs will not be accepted at this facility. These will be reported accordingly to the Royal Anguilla Police Force (RAPF).
8. The use of alcoholic beverages and drunkenness will not be permitted.
9. Firearms and ammunition, and other forms of weapons will not be allowed at this facility.
10. All occupants using this facility must be registered.
11. No pets or domestic animals will be allowed in this facility per property rules.
12. Areas within the facility designated as "restricted areas" should be strictly followed by occupants (pool, gym).
13. All occupants will be confined to assigned rooms and attached patios only, no visiting of other residents on site. However, residents will be allowed outdoor exercise for a period of 1 hour a day per a regulated schedule. Exercise in onsite gym and pool is prohibited.

Essential Items Occupants Should Bring to the Designated Facility

Occupants are asked to carry the following items to the Designated Facility—

- Toiletries- e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, bath soap, deodorant, body lotion
- Food for a minimum of one-week (suggested items- Crix, tina, sardine, snacks, Peanut Butter)
- Water for drinking
- Laundry detergent
- Books, games, entertainment
- Medication
- Diaper and other baby needs if the occupant has a baby.

Rules made by the Quarantine Authority and approved by Governor in Council on this 5th day of June, 2020



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