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**THE PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19) (No.2) REGULATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR ACTING ON THE ADVICE OF CABINET UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (CAP. 14.01).**

**WHEREAS** section 4 of the Public Health Act (Cap. 14.01) (the Act) gives the Minister the responsibility for the administration of the Act to include the prevention, treatment, limitation and suppression of disease; and

**WHEREAS** section 8 of the Act gives the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet the power to make Regulations for the treatment and prevention of a communicable disease and for the isolation of patients with a communicable disease: and

**WHEREAS** COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in 173 countries and territories, resulting in 218,768 confirmed cases and 8,944 deaths to date; and

**WHEREAS** to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Minister has recommended the implementation of a community mitigation strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19, by way of a prohibition on large gatherings and the requirement to self-quarantine; and

**WHEREAS** the implementation of the prohibition on large gatherings and the requirement to self-quarantine prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission to vulnerable persons, and is especially important for persons who are over 60 years old and persons with chronic health conditions due to the higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19;

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet makes the following Regulations:

**1. Citation**

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19) (No.2) Regulations, 2020.

**2. Interpretation**

In these Regulations—

“**isolate**” means the removal to a hospital or other suitable place approved by the Chief Medical Officer of a person infected with or suspected to be infected with COVID-19, and his detention at the hospital or other suitable place, until, in the opinion a Medical Officer he is no longer infected with COVID-19;

“**large gathering**” means a gathering of more than 25 people; and

“**self-quarantine**” means staying at one’s place of residence away from other persons for the purpose of observing and monitoring one’s health for the development of COVID-19 symptoms.

**3. Prevention of the spread of COVID-19**

(1) A person arriving in Montserrat from a place outside of Montserrat—

(a) shall answer all questions put to him by the Medical Officer which would allow the Medical Officer to assess what measures would be necessary to prevent, limit or suppress the spread of COVID-19;

(b) shall provide a Medical Officer with information which would allow the Medical Officer to assess what measures would be necessary to prevent, limit or suppress the spread of COVID-19;

(c) may be subjected to a clinical examination by a Medical Officer;

(d) who is considered by a Medical Officer to be high risk of being infected with COVID-19 may be isolated;

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- (e) may be required to present himself for surveillance at a place and time as may be appointed by the Medical Officer and while undergoing surveillance may be removed to a hospital or other suitable place approved by the Chief Medical Officer; and
        - (f) shall self-quarantine for 14 days commencing on the date of arrival in Montserrat; whether or not the person has symptoms suggestive of COVID-19;
- (2) A person in Montserrat who, in the opinion of a Medical Officer is likely to be infected with COVID-19—
  - (a) shall answer all questions put to him by the Medical Officer which would allow the Medical Officer to assess what measures would be necessary to prevent, limit or suppress the spread of COVID-19;
  - (b) shall provide a Medical Officer with information which would allow the Medical Officer to assess what measures would be necessary to prevent, limit or suppress the spread of COVID-19;
  - (c) may be subjected to a clinical examination by a Medical Officer;
  - (d) may be required to present himself for surveillance at a place and time as may be appointed by the Medical Officer and while undergoing surveillance may be removed to a hospital or other suitable place approved by the Chief Medical Officer; and
  - (e) shall be required to self-quarantine or may be isolated.

**4. Prohibition on large gatherings**

- (1) A large gathering for a social, spiritual or recreational activity including, but not limited to a community event; civic event; public event; leisure event; faith-based event; sporting event; parade; concert; festival; convention; fundraiser or similar activity is prohibited.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, a person shall not be a part of a large gathering.

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- (3) The prohibition under subparagraph (1) does not apply to a large gathering at a customs airport and a customs port if the purpose of the large gathering is for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers.

**5. Penalty**

- (1) A person who is present at, or promotes, aids, or assists in the promotion of a large gathering commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for 3 months or to both a fine and imprisonment.
- (2) A police officer may order a large gathering to disperse, and a person who fails to obey the order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for 3 months or to both a fine and imprisonment.

**6. Repeal**

The Public Health (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 is repealed.

Made by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

(Sgd.) Marjorie Smith  
**CLERK OF CABINET**

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(Sgd.) Marjorie Smith  
**CLERK OF CABINET**