

## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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## AMENDED COVID-19 NATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS December 13, 2021

The Ministry of Health hereby revises the National COVID-19 Regulations pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Public Health Law of Liberia to aid the management of the pandemic. The Revised Consolidated Regulations will take immediate effect and remain until otherwise modified:

## 1. All persons shall mandatorily

- a. Wear a mask at all times in public
- b. Ensure social physical distancing of a minimum of three (3) feet from each other in public.
- Wash their hands frequently with soap and clean water, or sanitize with alcoholbased hand sanitizer.
- d. All persons who test positive for COVID-19 and their contacts will be managed according to Liberia's Case Management Guidelines. They must comply with guidance from health authorities and related health rules. Non-compliance will lead to prosecution in accordance with Liberia's Public Health Law.
- e. All persons accessing government institutions, super markets, bar, restaurant and night clubs must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Offices (public/private) and businesses employees
- a) All employees must return to work and present a proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Failure to get vaccinated will lead to suspension without pay or dismissal.
- b) Managers must ensure that hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizers are available for use by customers, guest, participants and the general public at all times.
- 4. The restriction on bars, night clubs, cinemas, video clubs and entertainment centers are lifted with immediate effect. However, users must abide by section 2 of this health regulation and must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
- 5. Liberia has introduced **Pfizer vaccines** and all children 12-17 years are encouraged to get vaccinated.
- 6. a. Funeral rites of **non-COVID-related bodies**, with certification from the Ministry of Health, are allowed to be conducted in the church, mosque, etc., but health protocols must be observed: face masks, hand washing and physical distancing.

- b. Funeral rites of **COVID-related bodies** shall be conducted **ONLY** in funeral homes with strict observance of COVID-19 protocols.
- 7. Transportation of the dead bodies of confirmed COVID-19 persons on commercial carriers in and out of the Republic of Liberia is hereby permitted. However, transportation of COVID-19 positive dead bodies on chartered carriers will require Ministry of Health permission to do so. All airlines and funeral homes are advised to take note of this permission and all other existing health protocols.

## 8. Travelers

- a. All travelers MUST present a negative PCR COVID-19 test result and those 18 years and above MUST show proof of COVID-19 vaccination at arrival and before departure.
- b. All travelers arriving into Liberia will be tested upon arrival, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.
- c. Incoming travelers that are confirmed positive of COVID-19 will be transferred to the nearest treatment unit or managed in home-based care as prescribed in the national COVID-19 protocols.
- 9. All ports of entry and international travelers shall follow COVID-19 health regulation and travelers protocol.
- 10. **Sanctions:** Violation of these guidelines shall be dealt with in keeping with section 14.6 of the Public Health Law which states in part:

"Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any of the rules made thereunder, shall upon conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or to both such fine and imprisonment".

11. The Ministry of Justice, as head of the Joint Security, shall in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, enforce these guidelines without prejudice.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA THIS <u>6th</u> DAY OF DECEMBER A. D. 2021.

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