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QUARANTINE ACT, CAP Q2 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004: EKITI STATE CORONAVIRUS (PREVENTION OF INFECTION) REGULATIONS, 2020

I, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi, Governor, Ekiti State, Federal Republic of Nigeria, having declared Coronavirus (COVID-19) an infectious disease in Ekiti State, hereby make the following Regulations pursuant to Section 8 of the Quarantine Act, Cap Q2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended)

Definitions

‘Authorized official’ means a person so designated by the Honourable Commissioner for Health and Human Services for the purposes of carrying out any assignment for the prevention of the spread of COVID 19

‘Curfew’ means the period for which this regulation is in force and effect namely from 23H59 on Monday 30 March 2020 until 23H59 on Monday 13 April 2020. During which the movement of persons will be restricted from 7 pm till 7 am daily.

‘Essential goods’ means good referred to in Paragraph A of Annexure 1 as may be amended from time to time

‘Essential services’ means services as listed in Paragraph B of Annexure 1 as may be amended from time to time

‘Gathering’ means
   a) Religious gatherings e.g. worship and prayer services, night vigils, house fellowships and NASFAT meetings;
   b) Social gatherings e.g. Funerals, weddings, family meetings and parties of any kind in night clubs, bars, beer joints,
   c) Political gatherings, e.g. rallies, congresses, ward meetings;

All of which are prohibited activities under these regulations
‘Head of an Institution’ means the accounting officer of a public institution or the Chief Executive Office or its equivalent in a private institution.

‘Institution’ means any public or private institution that is engaged in the supply or distribution of essential goods or services.

‘Movement’ means entering or leaving a place of residence or in case of people not ordinarily resident in Ekiti State their place of temporary residence within Ekiti State.

CITATION,

These Regulations may be cited as the Ekiti State Coronavirus (Prevention of Infection) Regulations 2020

Purpose and objectives

1. The purpose of these Regulations is to prescribe measures to be taken for the purpose of preventing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease in Ekiti State.

Restriction of Movement of Persons and Goods

2(1) Save as is otherwise set out in these Regulations every person shall be confined to the place where he or she ordinarily resides in Ekiti state.
   (a) Movement between local governments is prohibited;
   (b) Movement between towns, villages and communities is prohibited.
   (2) Section 2(1) (a)(b) shall not apply in the case of a person who would otherwise be in breach of the regulation where that person is outside the area of confinement for the purpose of –
      a) Obtaining any of the essential goods outlined in Annexure 1 to these Regulations;
      b) Performing any of the essential services outlined in Annexure 1 to these Regulations,
      c) Producing, selling or supplying any of the goods or services referred to in Annexure 1 of these Regulations
      d) Collecting a social security grant, or food
      e) Seeking emergency, life-saving, or chronic medical attention;
   (3) All businesses and other entities shall cease operations during the curfew, save for any business or entity involved in the
manufacturing, supply, or provision of an essential good or service.
(a) Markets, Retail shops and shopping malls must be closed, except where essential goods are sold and on condition that the person in control of the said store must put in place controls to ensure that customers keep a distance of at least one square meter from each other, and that all directions in respect of hygienic conditions and the exposure of persons to COVID-19 are adhered to.
(b) Retail stores selling essential goods are prohibited from selling any other goods.
(c) Any place not involved in the provision of an essential good or service must remain closed to all persons for the duration of the curfew.

(3) The head of an institution must determine essential services to be performed by his or her institution, and must determine the essential staff who will perform those services: Provided that the head of an institution may delegate this function, as may be required in line with the complexity and size of the business operation.

(4) Persons performing essential services as determined in Annexure 1, must be duly designated with an identity card by the head of an institution.

(5) All places or premises provided for in Annexure 2 must be closed to the public except to those persons rendering security and maintenance services at those places or premises.

(6) All persons performing essential services, obtaining essential goods or seeking medical attention, may be subjected to screening for COVID-19 by an authorized official.

**Prevention and Prohibition of Gatherings**

3. (1) In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, any gathering in Ekiti State is hereby prohibited save for gathering in respect of a funeral.

(a) Attendance at a funeral shall be limited to 20 people and will for purposes of this Regulation not be regarded as a prohibited gathering, provided that no night vigil or party shall be held and that all safety measures are strictly adhered to.
Closure of Borders

4(1) All borders of the State are closed during the period of curfew, except for transportation of fuel, and essential goods.
(a) All non residents who arrived in the State prior to, or after, the curfew, and who remain in the State, must remain in their place of temporary residence in the State for the duration of the curfew or 14 days, as the case may be, and may be subject to screening for COVID-19 and be quarantined or isolated as required.

Prohibition of Public Transport

5(1) All commuter transport services including bus services, taxi services, motor bikes (Okada) and tricycle services (Keke NAPEP), is prohibited, except bus services, taxi services, motor bike and tricycle services for purposes of

(i) rendering essential services and obtaining essential goods,
(ii) seeking medical attention,
(iii) funeral services or
(iv) receiving payment of social grants or food

(a) Provided, in the case of a vehicle, it carries no more than 50% of the licensed capacity and all directions in respect of hygienic conditions and the limitation of exposure of persons to COVID-19, are adhered to and:

(b) In the case of a Motor Bike (Okada), it carries no more than one passenger and a Tricycle (Keke NAPEP), no more than three passengers.

(2) Where a person rendering essential services is unable to travel to and from his or her place of employment, the employer must make the necessary transport arrangements: Provided that no more than 50% of the licensed capacity of the vehicle is exceeded and all directions in respect of hygienic conditions and the limitation of exposure to persons with COVID-19, are adhered to.
Refusal of Medical Examination, Prophylaxis, Treatment, Isolation and Quarantine

6. (1) No person who has been confirmed as a clinical case or as a laboratory confirmed case as having COVID-19, or who is suspected of having contracted COVID-19, or who has been in contact with a person who is a carrier of COVID-19, may refuse consent to

. (a) Submit to a medical examination, including but not limited to the taking of any bodily sample by a person authorised in law to do so;

. (b) Admission to a health establishment or a quarantine or isolation site; or

. (c) Submit to mandatory prophylaxis, treatment, isolation or quarantine or isolation in order to prevent transmission;

(2) Provided that if a person does not comply with the instruction or order of an authorized official, that person must be placed in isolation or quarantine for a period of 48 hours, as the case may be, pending a warrant being issued by a competent court on application by the Attorney-General or a designated state counsel in the Ministry of Justice.

Resources by the State during Curfew

7(1) An authorized officer may evacuate the remains of a person infected with COVID-19 to a burial site approved by the state government for burial or cremation, if such action is necessary for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

(2) The State shall -
   (a) Identify a suitable burial site that meets the necessary safety and hygiene standards; and
   (b) Ensure that the site does not constitute a nuisance to adjoining communities.

Hoarding and Price Manipulation of Essential Goods

8. (1) The prices of essential goods shall not be artificially inflated during the curfew period.
(2) No person, being a retailer of essential goods, shall hoard or refuse to sell such goods during the curfew period.
(a) It shall be an offence to
   (i) artificially inflate the prices of essential goods
   (ii) to hoard or refuse to sell such essential goods

(b). Any person or corporate body who contravenes this regulation may forfeit these items to the State Government. Provided that the forfeited goods shall be used for the purposes of the social security scheme of the state government.

Prohibition of Disinformation and Fake News

9. (1) No person shall publish any statement, through any medium, including social media, with the intention to deceive any other person about—
   . (a) COVID-19; ☑
   . (b) COVID-19 infection status of any person; or ☑
   . (c) unverified, untested or unapproved cures, vaccines that purport to cure persons infected with COVID-19
   . (d) any measure taken by the Government to address COVID-19,

Loss or damage

10. No person is entitled to compensation for any loss or damage arising out of any bona fide action or omission by a authorized official under these regulations.

Powers and indemnity

11. These Regulations do not limit any powers or indemnities of law enforcement agencies provided for in any law.

Penalties

12. Any person who contravenes these Regulations shall be guilty of an...
offence and, on conviction, liable to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment. Enforcement of these Regulations under the Quarantine Act is without prejudice to the applicable penalty under the Criminal Code Law, C16, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012 or other Laws in force in Ekiti State.

Addition of Annexures to the Regulations

13. The Annexures to these Regulations are included in and shall form part of these Regulations.

Supplementary Directives

14. The following shall constitute supplementary directives consistent with these Regulations

(a) Executive Order No. 4, 2020 – Temporary Prohibition of Large Assemblages and Events, Temporary School Closures, Prohibition of Excess Passengers in Commercial Vehicles/ 20 March 2020
(b) Attorney-General’s Advisory to Law Enforcement Agencies on Enforcement Measures to Mitigate Spread of COVID-19 Ekiti State / 23 March 2020

COMMENCEMENT

15. These Regulations come into operation immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS ___ DAY OF ___________ 2020.

Dr. John Kayode Fayemi, CON
Governor,
Ekiti State,
Federal Republic of Nigeria
ANNEXURE 1
CATEGORISATION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES DURING CURFEW

A. GOODS
1. Food
   (i) Any food product, including non-alcoholic beverages;
   (ii) Animal food; and
   (iii) Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production
        of any food product.
2. Cleaning and Hygiene Products
   (i) Toilet Paper, sanitary pads, sanitary tampons, condoms;
   (ii) Hand sanitizer, disinfectants, soap, alcohol for industrial use,
        household cleaning products, and personal protective equipment; and
   (iii) Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production
        of any of the above.
3. Medical:
   (i) Medical and Hospital Supplies, equipment and personal protective
       equipment; and
   (ii) Chemicals, packaging and ancillary products used in the production
        of any of the above.
4. Fuel, including coal and gas
5. Basic goods, including airtime and electricity.

B. SERVICES
Categories of essential services shall be confined to the following services:
1. Medical, Health (including Mental Health), Laboratory and Medical services;
2. Disaster Management, Fire Prevention, Fire Fighting and Emergency services;
3. Financial services necessary to maintain the functioning of the banking and payments environment,
4. Production and sale of the goods listed in category A, above;
5. Grocery stores, including neighborhood shops;
6. Electricity, water, gas and fuel production, supply and maintenance;
7. Critical jobs for essential government services as determined by the Secretary to the State Government including poverty alleviation schemes;
8. Birth and death certificates, and replacement identification documents;
9. Care services and social relief of distress provided to older persons, mentally ill, persons with disabilities, the sick, and children;
10. Funeral services, including mortuaries;
11. Animal Care and Veterinary services;
12. Newspaper, broadcasting and telecommunication infrastructure and services;
13. Production and sale of any chemicals, hygiene products, pharmaceuticals for the medical or retail sector;
14. Cleaning, sanitation, sewerage, waste and refuse removal services;
15. Services related to the essential functioning of courts, judicial officers, Court officials and legal practitioners required for those services;
16. Police, peace officers, traffic officers, soldiers, correctional services officials and traffic management services;
17. Postal services and courier services related to transport of medical products;
18. Private security services;
19. Accommodation used for persons rendering essential services, quarantine, isolation and the curfew;
20. Production, manufacturing, supply, logistics, transport, delivery, critical maintenance and repair in relation to the rendering of essential services including components and equipment;
21. Construction works, maintenance of public roads and public buildings
22. Transport services for persons rendering essential services and goods, and transportation of patients;
23. Services rendered by the Executive, members of House of Assembly, Members of Local Government Councils, the Judiciary, traditional rulers;
24. Officials of the Office of the Public Defender, Directorate of Citizens Rights, National Human Rights Commission, Legal Aid Council; and officers of registered Civil Society Organisations
ANNEXURE 2

PLACES AND PREMISES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The following places and premises are closed to the public:
(a) Any place or premises normally open to the public where religious, cultural, sporting, entertainment, recreational, or similar activities may take place;
(b) Any place or premises normally open to the public where goods other than essential goods are procured, acquired, disposed of or sold;
(c) Any place or premises normally open to the public such as:
   (ii) Markets;
   (iii) Night clubs;
   (iv) Hotels, lodges and guest houses, except to the extent that they are required for remaining non-residents confined to hotels, lodges and guest houses;
   (v) On-consumption premises, including bars where liquor is sold;
   (vi) Off-consumption premises, including bottle stores, where liquor is sold
   (vii) Shopping malls and stores (excluding grocery stores and pharmacies); and
   (viii) Taxi ranks, bus depots, Motor cycle and tricycle depots; and
(d) Any other place or premises determined by the Attorney-General by direction to law enforcement agencies.