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NO. 1 REVOCATION OF ALL PREVIOUS MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby state that all previous Measures, and Directions related to these Measures, issued under the *National Pandemic Act 2021* are revoked on 30 September and replaced by the following Measures, except for Measure 2 which is revoked and replaced immediately.

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NO. 10 NATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. 25-30 seater public transport vehicles may continue to operate during if passenger numbers are limited to 15 passengers.
2. All other public transport vehicles, including vessels may continue to operate but only if passenger numbers are limited to 5 less than the vehicle licensed capacity.
3. Taxis may operate but only if passenger numbers are limited to 2.
4. All persons on public transport including the driver and passengers must at all times while on the public transportation wear a mask of face covering in compliance with the requirements in Measure 10.
5. Private transportation may continue to operate, including but not limited to hotel and security transportation.
6. An individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.

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7. Any vehicle found to be transporting persons in breach of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, or 4 by an authorised officer shall be impounded by an Authorised officer for the period of the Pandemic or at an earlier date as issued by the Controller or relevant Provincial Police Commander.

8. Non-compliance with this Measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.

9. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.

10. These Measure come into effect on 30 September 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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NO. 11 COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING AND TRIALS

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No vaccine testing or trials for COVID-19 shall occur within Papua New Guinea without the written approval of the Controller and Secretary for Health.

2. Subject to paragraph 3 no person or organisation, except Port Moresby General Hospital or health facilities administered by Provincial Health Authorities are permitted to administer COVID-19 vaccinations unless approved in writing by the Controller and subject to the conditions imposed by the Controller in the written approval.

3. Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authorities are permitted to work with Non-Government Organisations and private sector organisations including the extractive industries to facilitate the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations.

4. Where a Non-Government Organisation or Private Sector Organisation is assisting with the administration they will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant Provincial Health Organisation outlining roles and responsibilities of the parties and these Memorandums of Understanding are to be provided to the Controller.

5. Non-Government Organisation or Private Sector Organisation assisting the administration of the COVID-10 vaccines must ensure that they provide all the necessary information and data that may be requested of them by the Controller.

6. No public health facilities shall charge any fee or require any payment when immunizing any person against COVID-19.

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7. No private health facility or private organization shall charge any fee or payment when immunizing any person against COVID-19, unless authorized to do so in writing by the Controller.

8. An individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*..

9. These Measure come into effect on 30 September 2021, and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed: Date:

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NO.2 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following Measures:

1. A port of entry stated in Column One in Schedule 1, being a port of entry into Papua New Guinea ('PNG') from another country is:

   a. a First Port of Entry for aircrafts or vessels coming from another country into PNG as stated in Column Two for the time period of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act; and

   b. a quarantine station for the performance of quarantine by any authorised person on any vessel, person, animal, plant or goods coming from another country into PNG;

   c. designated as a Point of Entry for the purposes of Article 20(1) of the *International Health Regulations* (2005).

2. No vehicle, vessel or aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG which is not declared a First Port of Entry per paragraph 1 of these Measures.

3. No aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG, unless:

   a. it is a regularly-scheduled flight operated by an organization listed in Schedule 2; or
   b. provided authorization in writing by the Controller.

4. No person(s) shall cause a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to arrive at a port of entry in Papua New Guinea which is not a declared First Port of Entry under paragraph 1 of these Measures.

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5. No person is permitted to enter PNG on a tourist visa, except if provided an exemption in writing by the Controller.

6. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for Papua New Guinea or otherwise enter Papua New Guinea, unless they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 using one of the vaccines listed in Schedule 8, unless they are:

   a. under the age of 18; or

   b. a Papua New Guinea citizen or permanent resident.

7. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG Guinea or otherwise enter Papua New Guinea, unless provided an exemption in writing by the Controller or his delegate, applications must:

   a. include the documents contained in Schedule 4; and

   b. persons must have the documents set out in Schedule 5 when checking in to travel.

8. All travel exemptions obtained in accordance with these Measures will be valid for 60 days from the date of approval.

9. All travel exemptions obtained in accordance with these Measures may only be used once.

10. Travel operators to PNG will check all persons at check-in for the documents listed in Schedule 5, a person must not be allowed to book a flight without these documents.

11. Subject to paragraph 12 and 13, no person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless:

    a. they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 72-hour period prior to boarding at their first port of departure to PNG; and

    b. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.

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12. For the purposes of paragraph 10, only Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) shall be accepted.

13. Children aged five years and under are not required to be tested in accordance with paragraph 11.

14. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form prior to boarding a flight into PNG.

15. All incoming arrivals shall be tested for COVID-19.

16. Subject to paragraph 17 and 18, no incoming arrival shall be quarantined.

17. Persons who test positive for COVID-19, on their test upon arrival, shall be quarantined, details of this quarantine shall be conducted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Controller and at the individuals own cost.

18. Citizens and Permanent Residents who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, or any persons who has been at any point in the past 14 days in a country or region designated by the Controller in a Direction as High Risk, regardless of vaccine status must:

    a. quarantine under these Measures at a designated place in Schedule 2, or at their residence in Port Moresby or Central Province, or at another located as directed by the Controller;

    b. except children aged 5 years and under for unvaccinated persons, be tested on arrival, day 7, day 12 of quarantine;

    c. reside and remain in that place self-quarantined and segregated from other persons, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG;

    d. for the duration of a person's quarantine be monitored through an approved tracking device, as listed in schedule 6, by an approved organization as listed in schedule 7.

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e. the fee applicable for the purposes of paragraph 18(d) is set out in schedule 8.

19. All foreign personnel travelling on diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport who have not been vaccinated using a vaccine listed in Schedule 9, are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 17 and 18 but must quarantine at an appropriate residence, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the twenty first day after arrival into PNG.

20. For the purposes of paragraph 19, failure to adhere to quarantine for the required period is not an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020.*

21. For the purposes of paragraph 19, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for the required period may be declared a persona non-grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961*.

22. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.

23. Persons unable to live independently without ongoing or regular support due to significant health needs, and their carer, who arrive in PNG from overseas may also be quarantined together, with suitable arrangements being made for accommodation.

24. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:

    a. for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care; or

    b. with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies; or

    c. in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or

    d. for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.

25. For the purposes of paragraph 18, an organisation may undertake this testing so long as their staff are licensed health practitioners and the organisation is properly licensed in PNG.

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26. For the purposes of the testing requirements in paragraph 18, it is the responsibility of the quarantine provider listed in Schedule 2, to:

    a. organise the testing for individuals quarantining at their facilities;

    b. pay for testing of individuals at their facilities, this fee may be passed onto to the quarantined person; and

    c. pass on all test results to the National Control Centre in a timely manner.

27. A person who refuses to be tested for COVID-19, as required by these measures, shall be quarantined for an additional fourteen days from the date of refusal to be tested, at the individual's cost, but shall not be deemed to have committed an offence.

28. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the plane or the immediate vicinity of the aircraft for the purposes of conducting pre-flight inspections and refueling.

29. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the vessel.

30. A person aged under 18 accompanied by a guardian, irrespective of vaccination status, shall quarantine for the same period and at the same location, as their guardian who is accompanying them.

31. A person aged under 18 accompanied by a guardian, whose guardian is not required to quarantine, shall not be required to quarantine, irrespective of vaccination status.

32. A person under 18 who is unaccompanied by a guardian shall be subject to quarantine as determined by the Controller on a case by case basis.

33. The Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.

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34. Subject to paragraph 33, for the purposes of paragraph 17 and 18 an individual who fails to adhere to the required period of quarantine shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

35. For the purposes of paragraph 33 a person who fails to adhere to the conditions imposed by the Controller shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

36. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

37. A person that attempts to or does enter PNG in breach of these Measures shall be returned to their original port of departure at the cost of travel operator if they did not take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with these Measures, or the individual at the Controller's discretion.

38. These measures are in compliance with the COVID-19 measures issued by the International Civil Aviation Authority.

39. Authorised Officers shall ensure appropriate levels of surveillance and border monitoring systems are in place throughout the country for international travel and in particular at the traditional border crossing areas.

40. These Measures come into effect on 24 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 Port of Entry

Column 1	Column 2
Jacksons Airport	Aircraft
Motukea Port, Port Moresby	Vessel
Port of Rabaul	Vessel
Port of Morobe	Vessel
Ports of Madang	Vessel
Port of Kimbe	Vessel

Schedule 2 – Permitted Airline Operators

Air Niugini

PNG Air

Hevilift

Tropic Air

Pacific Direct Limited

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Schedule 3 – Designated Hotel and Facilities

Holiday Inn Hotel

Ok Tedi Mining LTD

Ela Beach Hotel

Oil Search LTD

Grand Papua Hotel

Exxon Mobil

Ramu Nickel

Hilton Hotel

Hidden Valley

Stanley Hotel

NewCrest Lihir

Airways Hotel

Summer Institute of Linguistic

Comfort Inn

Pacific Helicopters

Hideaway Hotel

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

Lamana Hotel

Air Niugini Apartments

Gateway Hotel

Simberi

Dixies Bungalows

Swiss Evangelical Bible Mission

New Tribes Mission

AES Facilities

Northbuild Camp Facility

TWM Roku facility

MSF Facilities

Dougura Isolation Facility

NKW Lae 9 Mile Isolation Facility

Kumul Petroleum Academy – Idubada

Liebenzell Mission International – Gordons

K92 Gold Mine – Kainantu

Lae International Hotel

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Schedule 4 – International Travel Requirements for Travel Applications

- Cover Letter
- International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- Passport Biodata Page
- Work Permit (if applicable)
- Visa (if applicable)
- Home quarantine request (if applicable)
- Proof of Vaccination – Vaccination certificate

Schedule 5 – International Travel Requirements for Flight Check In

- PCR or Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test Result (Negative)
- Approved International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- e-Health Declaration Form barcode (https://www.pnghdf.info)
- Proof of Vaccination – Vaccination certificate (not applicable for Citizens or Permanent Residents)

Schedule 6 – Approved Tracking Devices

- Schedule 4 Designated Locations and Hotels – Smart Phone Application.
- All other approved quarantine locations – Smart Phone Application or Ankle Bracelet.
- For the purposes of the above paragraphs if a person does not have a smart phone, then an Ankle Bracelet will be used.

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Schedule 7 – Approved Tracking Organisations

- Trakpro

Schedule 8 – Approved Fees for Tracking Devices

- Smart Phone Application – K40 per day
- Ankle Bracelet – K100 per day

Schedule 9 – Approved Vaccines

Vaccine Name	Number of Doses to be Fully Vaccinated
Oxford-AstraZenica COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine	1
Sinopharm-BBIBP	2
CoronaVac Sinovac	2

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NO.3 DOMESTIC MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The Provincial Health Authority of each province will make a weekly assessment based on available health data regarding whether they view their provinces as being high risk, this is to be provided to the Provincial Administrator who will consider other provincial factors and who shall then recommend to the Controller whether their province should be classified as high risk or medium risk.

2. The Controller shall consider the assessment provided in paragraph 1, and shall at his sole discretion determine by Direction whether a province is high risk.

3. The Controller shall in making his determination consider the following as to whether a province is high risk:

   a. the provincial assessment, if this is not provided as required, the Controller may take this failure into account when making the determination;

   b. NHIS pneumonia data;

   c. Number of COVID-19 tests completed, failure to conduct adequate testing may be taken into account by the Controller when making a determination;

   d. Number of COVID-19 positive results recorded;

   e. COVID-19 positivity rate; and

   f. COVID-19 deaths, failure to report deaths may be taken into account by the Controller when making a determination.

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4. All provinces not declared to be high risk are considered medium risk for the purpose of these Measures.

5. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:

   a. no person may travel if they are symptomatic for COVID-19;

   b. hygiene and physical distancing restriction as issued by the Controller; and

   c. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.

6. Persons checking in for a domestic flight shall have their temperature checked by the airline staff, a person whose temperature registers at 37.5C or above, shall not be checked-in or allowed to board the flight, except for medivac and emergency flights.

7. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19.

8. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 7, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days, but does not commit a criminal offence.

9. The following Measures apply to High Risk Provinces:

   a. Roadblocks are to be established on all major highways into and out of high risk provinces.

   b. All persons travelling into or out of a high risk province must be tested for COVID-19 using an approved test prior to travel.

   c. No person may travel into or out of a high risk province, except:

      i. if they have been fully vaccinated; and

      ii. have a valid reason for travel as listed in Schedule 1; and

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iii. have the written approval of the Provincial Administrator of the Province the person is traveling into.

d. An immediate ban is placed on all public gatherings, people may still attend shops and markets, however, they may only be there to shop and must not socialise or stay longer than required and must comply with the Niupla Pasin guidelines.

e. Religious gatherings may still occur by are limited to 50 people, but must comply with the Niupla Pasin Guidelines.

f. Venues or parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the Pandemic that:

i. provide night club and pub activities and services; or

ii. sell and supply alcohol for consumption on the premises without food, except restaurants.

g. No club, recreational or professional sporting matches shall be allowed to played, except for recreational sporting games of no more than 4 persons, except as exempted by the Controller.

10. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.

11. The following Measures apply to Medium Risk Provinces:

a. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 people.

12. The following Measures apply to all Provinces, regardless of their risk level:

a. Venues or parts of venues that operate as a restaurant or for food consumption on premises may operate subject to:

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i. all persons on entry and exist from venues must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and

ii. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.

b. Venues or parts of venues that provide gambling activities and services may open if they ensure strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety guidelines issued by the Controller in relation to operating a gambling activity and service.

c. No licensed premises shall sell takeaway alcohol on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, except restaurants who may continue to serve alcohol as regulated by their liquor license.

d. All schools, educational institutions, markets and shopping centers must comply with physical distancing requirements and safe and hygienic practices as issued by the Controller, including:

i. physical distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person; and

ii. all persons on entry and exit the market must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser.

13. Religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow restrictions:

a. physical distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person;
b. all persons on entry and exist into the place of worship must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
c. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.

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14. The Council of Churches in consultation with the National Department of Health and all faith groups in PNG, shall prepare Standard Operating Procedures for all religious activities and gatherings.

15. The respective provincial chamber of commerce or provincial business peak body shall ensure that businesses develop COVID Continuity Plans for operation in each province.

16. A person or organization that fails to comply with these Measures, may be directed to close by the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator.

17. A person or organization may apply in writing to the Controller or the relevant provincial administrator for an exemption for a gathering exceeding the restrictions specified in paragraph 9(d) and 11(a), a request for an exemption must include the following steps taken to ensure compliance with Nuipela Pasin and to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 at the gathering.

18. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

19. An individual or organisation that fails to comply these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.

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20. A person or organization that does not comply with the directions of an Authorised Officer in accordance with preceding paragraphs shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.

21. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.

22. These Measures come into effect on 30 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 – Valid Reasons for Domestic Travel

1. Students returning to their usual place of residence or returning to their educational institutions (one way tickets to be issued).
2. Persons returning to their usual residence (one way tickets to be issued).
3. Essential business travel, including transportation of essential goods.
4. Seeking medical assistance and medivacs.
5. Emergency transport, including but not limited to repatriation of deceased persons.

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NO.4 PROVINCIAL COORDINATION MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All Measures issued under the National Pandemic Act apply to all provinces in Papua New Guinea unless otherwise specified in the Measures.

2. All Provincial Administrators (including acting Provincial Administrators) appointed as Authorised Officers pursuant to the Act, will be responsible for the implementation of the Measures in the respective provinces. In the case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the Chief Secretary of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government shall be responsible for the implementation of these Measures.

3. In the case of a province that does not have any Provincial Administrators (whether substantively appointed or appointed in an acting capacity), then the Controller shall appoint a person he considers can perform the responsibilities under these Measures, until a substantive or acting appointment of a Provincial Administrator is made pursuant to the *Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments and the Public Services (Management) Act 1995*.

4. A Provincial Advisory Committee shall be set up within each Province. The membership in each Committee shall be:
   a. Chairperson - Provincial Administrator;
   b. Provincial Police Commander (PPC);
   c. Chief Executive Officer of the Provincial Health Authority (PHA);
   d. Chief Executive Officers of the District Development Authorities;
   e. Other persons who the Provincial Administrator considers necessary for the purposes of the Committee;

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f. Church Representative;
g. Provincial Women's Council Representative or if no such representative exists then a woman as appointed by the Provincial Administrator;
h. Provincial Business Council Representative or if no such representative exists then as appointed by the Provincial Administrator; and
i. Other non-voting members may be coopted by the Taskforce.

5. Provincial Administrators will ensure that a Provincial Response Plan is developed consistent with the National Response Plan. The Plan is to outline:

   a. The key actions for implementation in the province, and
   b. The allocation of core responsibilities.

6. A Provincial Control Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Control Centre shall be managed by a Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce, and will facilitate the implementation of Measures to ensure full adherence in the provinces. The Provincial Control Centre shall be supported by local law enforcement, health authorities, and other relevant bodies, who shall be Authorised Officers appointed pursuant to the Act.

7. The Provincial Control Centre shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Measures, public awareness, and shall report on all matters set out in paragraph 5.

8. The Provincial Administrator must report to the Controller, daily by 5pm, to the COVID-19 Police Hotline or email address on the following:

   a. all suspected cases of COVID-19;
   b. all cases showing COVID-19 symptoms, and the measures that have been taken by the relevant health authorities and medical experts;
   c. the implementation of these Measures in the provinces;
   d. instances of non-compliance with the these Measures;
   e. the implementation of other measures undertaken in the provinces;
   f. status of Provincial Emergency Plans and implementation status; and

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g. all other matters relating to the Pandemic and the functions of the Controller as set out in the Act.

9. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Measures which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws.
10. Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices as recommended by the NDoH and their PHA to prevent COVID-19.
11. Provincial authorities may impose additional conditions, necessary to implement these Measures, as authorised by the Controller.
12. The Provincial Control Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Measures, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
13. These Measures come into effect on 30 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed: ..... Date: 24th September 2021 .....

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NO.5 BURIAL OF DECEASED PERSONS MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the National Pandemic Act 2020 and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct a mass grave to be dug for the internment of deceased persons and designate the location of this mass grave.
2. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct deceased persons to be buried in a designated mass grave.
3. Bodies buried according to paragraph 2 of these Measures will be buried at the Government's expense.
4. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated grave, taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
5. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may requisition refrigerated shipping containers for the purpose of temporary interment of deceased persons.
6. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may direct deceased persons to be interred temporarily in refrigerated shipping containers until such time as they are interred in a grave.
7. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated refrigerated shipping container taken from a morgue they are responsible for.

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8. Bodies interred temporarily according to paragraph 6 of these Measures will be interred at the Government's expense.
9. These Measures come into effect 30 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed: Date:

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NO.6 CUSTOMS DUTIES MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All incoming medical supplies and equipment procured on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea to enable testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19, are hereby exempted from all customs duties and other import duties until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act.
2. The medical supplies referred to in paragraph 1 are exempted from the provisions under the relevant tax legislation to the extent necessary to give effect to these Measures.
3. All medical supplies shall be given priority and released without delay.
4. These Measures come into effect 30 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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NO.7 COVID-19 TESTING MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
   a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
   b. as authorised by the Controller.
2. No person or organisation may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
   a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
   b. as authorised in writing by the Controller.
3. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test, must provide all positive tests results to the Controller within 24 hours of the result being known, and all negative results once a week.
4. A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
5. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
6. These Measures come into effect on 30 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)
- Gene Xpert
- Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test (Ag-RDT)
- Abbot ID NOW Molecular Antigen Test

Schedule 2 – Approved Persons and Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing

- National Department of Health
- Institute of Medical Research Papua New Guinea
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- St John Ambulance
- OkTedi Mining
- Simberi Gold
- 2K Medical Clinic
- MP Labs
- Niugini MediHealth
- Newcrest Mining
- K92 Mining
- Sky Health and Medical Services
- Morobe Consolidated Goldfields ltd
- Pacific International Hospital
- ExxonMobil
- ASPEN Medical
- International SOS
- Oil Search

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NO.8 COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE & TESTING MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. The following terms are defined in Schedule 1 of these Measures:
   a. National case definition for COVID-19; and
   b. Severe Acute Respiratory Infection.

2. The following shall be considered suspected COVID-19 case until test using a machine listed in Schedule 1 of Measure 7 is conducted that returns a negative result:
   a. all cases of respiratory illness, including cases classified as pneumonia; and
   b. all cases classified as Severe Acute Respiratory Infection;

   regardless of travel or case contact history.

3. Any person admitted to a hospital for the purposes of paragraph 2 must have a sample collected for the purposes of testing for COVID-19 within 24 hours of being admitted.

4. Any patient admitted to a hospital for the purposes outlined in paragraph 2 must be managed using COVID-19 infection prevention and control protocols.

5. Subject to paragraph 6 all:

   a. persons who present dead on arrival at a health facility; and

   b. persons who die within 4 hours of presentation at a health facility; and

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c. inpatient deaths where the deceased had any symptoms consistent with case definition of COVID-19; and

d. inpatient deaths incongruent or inconsistent with reason for admission.

must be swabbed for COVID-19 by the health facility and all swabs collected must be sent and tested using RT-PCR.

6. Paragraph 5 does not apply where death is caused primarily as a result of traumatic injury.

7. All health facilities must establish a screening service at the entrance point(s) and must screen all persons, including, patients, visitors, staff and contractors to identify suspected COVID-19 cases.

8. The purpose of the screening service is to identify potential COVID-19 cases so they may be swabbed and tested without delay to prevent transmission to others.

9. All health facilities must ensure that all persons over 12 years of age are masked prior to entering, individuals remain physically distanced, and must ensure that staff apply appropriate infection control measures.

10. In addition to suspect COVID-19 cases, all health facilities must collect specimens for COVID-19 testing from all fever > 37.5C, simple cough and inpatient pneumonia and outpatient pneumonia cases over 10 years of age.

11. All Provincial Health Authorities CEOs, Port Moresby General Hospital CEO and all private hospital CEOs must submit daily reports by 6pm to the Controller, the NCC Surveillance Team and the relevant Provincial Administrator, including:
    a. case investigation forms for all suspected COVID-19 cases per paragraph 2 of this these Measures;
    b. case investigation forms for all confirmed COVID-19 cases;
    c. details of all deaths related to respiratory illness;

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d. details of all death certificates or death reporting forms for all confirmed COVID-19 cases
e. details on the number of persons swabbed for COVID-19 testing; and
f. any other information directed to be provided.

12. For the purpose of these Measures, the delegate of the Controller is the Deputy-Controller.

13. These Measures come into effect on 30 September 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

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Schedule 1 – Definitions

National case definition for COVID-19 is:

a) a person with respiratory illness who has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:

   i. Fever of 37.5°C or above, or a history of fever;

   ii. cough;

   iii. shortness of breath;

   iv. sore throat; or

   v. loss of smell or taste.

Schedule 2 – Health Facilities

- All private urban health facilities; and
- All public health facilities classified as level 3 and above.

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NO.9 NATIONAL MANDATORY MASK WEARING

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. All persons should where possible where masks to protect Papua New Guinea from COVID-19.
2. No person shall be permitted entry into, or otherwise remain within, any market designated in Schedule 1 unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
3. No person shall be permitted entry to, or otherwise remain within, any enclosed space within an Establishment unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
4. No person shall be permitted entry into or otherwise remain on, public transport unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering, in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
5. No person shall be permitted entry into an aircraft anywhere in PNG unless the person is wearing a Mask or Face Covering in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin.
6. No person shall remove their Mask or Face Covering whilst on an aircraft in PNG in a manner which covers their mouth, nose and chin, except in the case of an emergency.
7. The pilots of the plane are exempt from paragraphs 5 and 6.
8. All persons working in a market, in-door establishment or on public transport in which they interact in person with customers, clients or work in an enclosed space with other colleagues must wear masks at all times.
9. Businesses and government departments and agencies must ensure all employees have Masks or Face Coverings.

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10. The following persons are exempted from these Measures:
    a. Children under 12;
    b. Persons with underlying medical conditions which inhibit their ability to wear a Mask or Face Covering, including persons with physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
    c. Persons who are unable to place or remove a Mask or Face Covering without assistance;
    d. Persons undergoing dental treatment or other medical care to the extent that the procedure requires that no face covering may be worn;
    e. Persons within an area of work designated for them and not for public access, and who can work in an environment whereby they are a minimum of 2 meters from any other person;
    f. Persons participating in sporting activities;
    g. When directed to remove the face covering to ascertain identity; and
    h. During emergencies.
11. A person is exempted from these Measures if she or he removes their mask or face covering to eat, drink or take medication.
12. An establishment for the purpose of these measures are:
    a. premises or any portion thereof which are used as a place of business for the sale or offering for sale of goods or services, and includes a mall or similar structure which contains multiple places of business;
    b. health facilities;
    c. sporting venues;
    d. churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or other places of worship;
    e. community centres including indoor recreational facilities;
    f. libraries, art galleries, museums, zoos and other similar facilities;
    g. convention centres, arenas, stadiums, and other event spaces; and
    h. government facilities.

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13. Banks are not classified as an Establishment for the purpose of these measures.
14. Transport for the purpose of these Measures are:
    a. Buses;
    b. Vessels; and
    c. Taxis.
15. For the purpose of these Measures a Mask or Face Covering must cover the nose, mouth and chin, and includes any article of clothing including any paper or textile covering designed or made to be worn over the nose, mouth and chin to protect the wearer. It does not have to be medical grade, may be handmade and includes scarfs and bandanas.
16. For the purposes of paragraph 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, a business, organisation or government department or agency who fails to take reasonable steps to ensure adherence to the Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
17. For the purpose of paragraph 15, reasonable steps shall include but are not limited to:
    a. denying entry to persons not wearing a mask or face covering;
    b. requesting a person to leave an Establishment if they are not wearing a Mask or Face Covering and are not exempted by these Measures from wearing a Mask or Face Covering;
    c. providing a Mask or Face Covering to employees and making it the company or organisations mandatory policy that Masks and Face Coverings are worn in compliance with these Measures.
18. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 to 8 inclusive, an individual or organisation who fails to adhere to the Measure shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

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19. Non-compliance with this Measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.

20. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.

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