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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised –

- (a) the opening of the following arts and entertainment facilities –
 - (i) art galleries,
 - (ii) theatres,
 - (iii) amphitheatres,
 - (iv) halls and conference facilities,
 - (v) cinemas,
 - (vi) recording studios,
 - (vii) television, and
 - (viii) any other venue or facility where an activity may be held; and
- (b) the gathering for preparations of arts and entertainment activities listed below –
 - (i) exhibitions,
 - (ii) drama,
 - (iii) disc jockeys,
 - (iv) jazz,
 - (v) poetry,
 - (vi) comedy,
 - (vii) choral (quartet),
 - (viii) traditional song and dance, and
 - (ix) traditional instruments.

An arts and entertainment host may operate where he or she has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director that he or she is able to comply with the directions for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the *Government Gazette*, that –

- (a) all persons in attendance of an arts and entertainment activity and facility, shall –
 - (i) not exceed 75, persons excluding the performers at facilities,

- (ii) not exceed 75, persons at an activity,
 - (iii) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or with hand sanitiser, and
 - (iv) wear a cloth face mask or home made item that covers the nose and mouth or another appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth, and
 - (vi) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other,
- (b) daily disinfection of premises where arts and entertainment are held is carried out, under the supervision of the Director,
- (c) observe a minimum of a 30 minutes break every 2 hours during an activity or event to allow for ventilation of the facilities,
- (d) arts and entertainment premises, shall be closed, upon direction of the Director, where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had accessed premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,
- (e) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of an arts and entertainment facility is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,
- (f) an arts and entertainment facility host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and
- (g) the register referred to in paragraph (f) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.

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