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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 that societies may meet and at any one time the number of persons attending a meeting shall not exceed 50.

The following societies may meet as set out below —

- (a) faith based organizations, which shall have a maximum of two religious services per week;
- (b) any club, company, partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies; and
- (c) all central committees of political parties;

Provided that:

- (i) a society may operate where it has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that purpose, of its ability to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- (ii) all persons in attendance of a meeting shall —
 - (aa) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or with hand sanitiser,
 - (bb) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other, and
 - (cc) comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the *Government Gazette*,
- (iii) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of a meeting 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,
- (ii) regular disinfecting of premises where meetings are held is carried, under the supervision of the Director,
- (iii) upon direction of the Director, a meeting place, shall be closed, 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,
- (iv) a meeting host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and
- (v) the register referred to in paragraph (vi) 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.

[Government Notice No. 280 of 2020](#) is hereby revoked.

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