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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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#### AMENDMENT TO THE DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(1)(a) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

I, Dr Zwelini Lawrence Mkhize, the Minister of Health, in terms of regulation 4(10) of the Regulations made in terms section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), hereby amend the Directions issued in Government Notice No. 796 published in Government Gazette No. 43533 of 17 July 2020 as set out in the Schedule.



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 03/08/2020

## Schedule

### Definitions

1. In this Schedule a word or expression bears the same meaning assigned to it in the regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002(Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in Government Notice No. R.480 of 29 April 2020 as amended by Government Notices No. R. 608 of 28 May 2020, 714 of 25 June 2020 and 763 of 12 July 2020, and unless the context otherwise indicates-

**"asymptomatic person"** means a person who is COVID-19 positive but is not showing any symptoms associated with COVID-19;

**"De-isolate"** means to release a person from isolation or to no longer require a person to be isolated from others;

**"Directions"** means the Directions issued under Government Notice No. 796, published in Government Gazette No. 43533 of 17 July 2020;

**"fever"** means a temperature of above 38 degree Celsius; and

**"symptomatic person"** means a person who is COVID-19 positive and shows or experiences symptoms of COVID-19.

### Amendment of paragraph 16 of the Directions

2. Paragraph 16 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subparagraph (5) of the following subparagraph: -

"(5) Persons placed under isolation as provided for in subparagraph (4) may be permitted to self-isolate at their own private residence if they comply with the criteria set out in paragraph 19".

### Amendment of paragraph 17 of the Directions

3. Paragraph 17 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subparagraph (1)(a) and (b) of the following:

- "(a) must be subjected to screening at the point of entry and may be placed under mandatory quarantine for a minimum period of 10 days;  
and
- (b) may be permitted to self-quarantine at a place that complies with the criteria set out in paragraph 19".

### **Amendment of paragraph 20 of the Directions**

4. Paragraph 20 of the Directions is amended by the substitution for subparagraphs (1) and (2) of the following subparagraphs:

“(1) A crew member other than those referred to in paragraph 22, who has been permitted to disembark, irrespective of circumstances, must be subjected to screening and quarantine for a minimum period of 10 days if such crew member has concluded his or her operation.

(2) Where a crew member is in transit or is still required to undertake an operation or board or depart for international travel within the 10 days quarantine period, such a crew member must be quarantined at a facility identified and managed by the employer.”.

### **Insertion of paragraphs 21A, 21B and 21C in the Directions**

5. The Directions are amended by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph 21:

#### **“A symptomatic person**

**21A** (1) A person who tests positive for COVID-19 and is symptomatic with mild disease (not requiring hospitalisation for COVID-19) must be isolated for a period of at least 10 days from the date when the symptoms set in.

(2) A person may de-isolate 10 days after the onset of symptoms, provided that the person no longer has fever and his or her other symptoms have improved.

(3) A symptomatic person with moderate-severe disease must be isolated for 10 days after recovery when the person no longer requires supplemental oxygen and is clinically stable.

#### **An asymptomatic person**

**21B** An asymptomatic person who tests positive for COVID-19 must be isolated for 10 days from the day of his or her positive test.

#### **Repeat testing**

**21C** Repeat testing is not required in order for a person to de-isolate.”.

### **Amendment of paragraph 22 of the Directions**

6. Paragraph 22 of the Directions is amended by the substitution for subparagraph (3) of the following subparagraph:

- “(3) When a patient who is a minor or a person with disability is being evacuated, only one responsible adult may accompany the minor or the person with disability.”.

### **Amendment of paragraphs 23(1) and (2) and 24(4) and (5) of the Directions**

7. Paragraphs 23(1) and (2) and 24(4) and (5) of the Directions are hereby amended by the substitution for the period “14 days” referred to in these paragraphs, of the period “10 days” as the period of quarantine in accordance with the provisions of these paragraphs.

### **Amendment of paragraph 28 of the Directions**

8. Paragraph 28 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subparagraph (4) of the following subparagraph:

- “(4) The employer of the truck operator referred to in subparagraph (3) must ensure that arrangements are made for the safe transportation of the truck operator from the point of entry to the isolation area or medical facility for medical attention”.

### **Commencement**

9. These Directions commence on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.