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MINISTERIAL ORDER

Section 8 of the COVID-19 Act 2020

Dated 15 April 2022

It is ordered that:

Indoor Events and Social Gatherings on Rarotonga

1. This part of the Order (paragraphs 1 – 4) applies only to the island of Rarotonga.
2. All indoor events and social gatherings, whether in a private or public setting, organised or spontaneous, are restricted to a maximum of **100 people** unless an exemption has been obtained from the Secretary of Health (or delegate).
3. This includes (but is not limited to) parties; fundraisers; team sports training and games; sporting events; funerals; weddings; live shows; the cinema; night clubs; and family land meetings.
4. This does not include a gathering for the purpose of business or service –
 - a. At an office workplace; or
 - b. As part of ordinary retail operations; or
 - c. At a hearing of a court or tribunal; or
 - d. Churches, cafes, restaurants and bars; or
 - e. As part of ordinary operations at an education entity.

Indoor and Outdoor Events and Social Gatherings on Aitutaki

5. The rest of this Order (paragraphs 5 – 10) applies only to the island of Aitutaki.
6. All events and social gatherings, whether in a private or public setting, organised or spontaneous, are restricted to a maximum of **50 people** for indoor events or gatherings and **100 people** for outdoor events or gatherings unless an exemption has been obtained from the Secretary of Health (or delegate).
7. This includes (but is not limited to) parties; fundraisers; team sports training and games; sporting events; funerals; weddings; live shows; the cinema; night clubs; and family land meetings.
8. This does not include a gathering for the purpose of business or service –

- a. At an office workplace; or
- b. As part of ordinary retail operations; or
- c. At a hearing of a court or tribunal; or
- d. Churches, cafes, restaurants and bars; or
- e. As part of ordinary operations at an education entity.

Contact sports

9. Individual players may only participate in contact sports, whether in a public or private setting, training or match play, if they return a negative result from a Rapid Antigen Test conducted on the day of the training or match.
10. The following individuals are exempted from the requirement to undergo testing prior to training or match play of contact sports:
 - a. Players who have been issued with a valid green COVID-19 Freedom Card by TMO because they have recently recovered from a COVID-19 infection.

Contact sports means any sport that involves the participants coming into bodily contact with one another as an accepted part of play.

This order comes into force at 12.00am on 16 April 2022.

This order will remain in force until 11.59pm on 29 April 2022.



Hon; Vainetutai Rose Toki Brown

MINISTER OF HEALTH