



Nuku'alofa,
Kingdom of Tonga

PRIME MINISTER

National COVID-19 Restrictions Notice

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 36 and 37 of the Emergency Management Act 2007 and in recognition of -

- A the declaration made by the World Health Organization of Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") as a global pandemic which is accelerating;
- B the Public Health Emergency Order dated 13 March 2020 and the Declaration of an Emergency Notifiable Condition dated 13 March 2020 and the effort to prevent or minimize the spread of the COVID-19 within the Kingdom of Tonga; and
- C the Renewal of a State of Emergency dated 17 April 2020,

And upon the recommendation of the Minister responsible for Emergency Management, I **HEREBY DECLARE** this National COVID-19 Restrictions Notice ("Notice") upon the following terms and conditions-

- (1) This Notice shall be effective from **8:00pm, Friday 17 April 2020** to **8.00pm, Friday 24 April 2020** and shall apply to the areas specified in the Renewal of the Declaration of a State of Emergency dated **17 April 2020**, unless further renewed.
- (2) For the purposes of this Notice, unless the context requires otherwise-

"authorised officers" means the Tonga Police, His Majesty's Armed Forces or any person or class of persons authorised in accordance with section 36 of the Emergency Management Act 2007 and any person or class of persons designated under sections 177 and 178 of the Public Health Act 2008;

"kava clubs" means -

- (a) a group of 2 or more people consuming kava at a public location; or
- (b) a group of 2 or more people consuming kava at a private location.
- (c) paragraph (a) and (b) does not apply to people living in the same residential household;

"protective clothing" means any clothing which includes a handkerchief, gloves, garments or equipments designed to minimise the risk of an infection;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for emergency management; and

“social distancing” means keeping 1.5 meters distance from any other person at all times.

- (3) Night-time curfews shall apply from **9:00pm to 5:00am**.
- (4) The night-time curfew shall be enforced by the Tonga Police, His Majesty’s Armed Forces and relevant authorised officers.
- (5) Liquor licensed night clubs , clubs, bars and kava clubs shall be closed.
- (6) All events and gatherings such as bingo, sports clubs, gyms, sporting events and activities, celebration of birthdays, marriages and other recreational or related gatherings shall be prohibited.
- (7) All religious gatherings and events shall be observed on Sabbath only, except for the members of the Seventh Day Adventist who may observe their religious gatherings and events on Saturday.
- (8) A funeral gathering shall be restricted to a total of 20 people indoors and 40 people outdoors with an authorised officer to be present throughout.
- (9) Tonga Police and His Majesty’s Armed Forces and any authorised officers for the purposes of securing public safety and maintenance of public health shall have the power to enforce this Notice.
- (10) All persons shall observe and promote social distancing at all times and shall use protective clothing where possible.
- (11) All persons shall observe personal hand hygiene and shall follow all Public Health Advisories issued by the Ministry of Health in relation to COVID-19.
- (12) All provisions of this Notice shall apply to all persons.

DECLARED at Nuku’alofa this 17th day of April 2020.


Honourable Reverend Dr. Pōhiva Tu’āhāpōa
PRIME MINISTER

