



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016

National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020

Order No. 2/2023

SL No. 4 of 2023

[Regulation 26]

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ORDER

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under Regulation 26, I, **Richard-Hyde Menke, MP**, Acting Minister for National Emergency Services, hereby issue this **ORDER** for the purpose of minimising the impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19), commencing on 14 February 2023:

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a traveller to Nauru by an aircraft shall:
 - (a) produce proof of being fully vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the Airline before commencing travel to Nauru unless the traveller is exempted from vaccination under Regulations 6 and 6A of the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19) (Vaccination)) Regulations 2021*;
 - (b) where the traveller is travelling from Brisbane Airport, produce proof of a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test within 24 hours to the Airline before commencing travel;
 - (c) where the traveller is travelling from an airport in a Pacific island country, produce proof of a negative:
 - (i) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test within 24 hours to the Airline before commencing travel; or
 - (ii) Rapid Antigen Test that is observed and certified by a medical doctor, registered nurse, lab technician, pharmacist or a person authorised to certify and witness documents, within 24 hours to the Airline before commencing travel;
 - (d) wear a face mask at all times whilst at an airport and during the flight unless he or she is eating or drinking; and

- (e) undergo a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test on the day following his or her arrival in Nauru.
- (2) A traveller to Nauru who had contracted Coronavirus (COVID-19) within 30 days before travelling to or transiting Nauru:
- (a) shall produce a certificate of recovery in the form provided by the National Coronavirus Taskforce and evidence of having tested positive with Coronavirus (COVID-19); and
 - (b) is not required to comply with paragraph (1)(b), (c) and (e).
- (3) A traveller to Nauru:
- (a) whose Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test under paragraph (1)(e) produces a positive result shall be immediately isolated in a designated residence for a minimum mandatory period of 10 consecutive days and shall remain in such isolation until he or she is cleared by the National Coronavirus Taskforce; or
 - (b) whose Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test under paragraph (1)(e) produces a negative result may enter the community but shall undertake further COVID-19 testing on the third and fifth days following his or her arrival in Nauru, and if:
 - (i) the test produces a positive result on either day, the traveller shall be isolated for a minimum mandatory period of 10 consecutive days and shall remain in such isolation until he or she is cleared by the National Coronavirus Taskforce; or
 - (ii) the test produces a negative result on either day, the traveller is free to enter the community.
- (4) A traveller who is permitted to enter the community under paragraph (3)(b) and subsequently develops any Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms within 10 days after arriving in Nauru, shall immediately undertake a Rapid Antigen Test, self-isolate and call the phone number 192 to report such symptoms and the result of the test.
- (5) Where a traveller to Nauru by an aircraft is a COVID contact, he or she shall, in addition to the requirements under paragraph (1):
- (a) declare that he or she is a COVID contact by e-mailing the National Coronavirus Taskforce at taskforce@coronavirus-19-auru.org;
 - (b) notwithstanding paragraph (1)(d), wear an N95 mask on the aircraft during the flight to Nauru unless he or she is eating or drinking; and
 - (c) comply with direction 3 under the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19)) (Community Transmission) and (Public Health and Safety) Regulations 2020 – Directions for Public Health and Public Safety* in relation to the requirements for close contact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infected person.
- (6) A traveller, who intends to travel out of Nauru with the intention to return to Nauru, shall not be permitted to travel by an aircraft, if he or she:
- (a) has not been fully vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19);

- (b) is infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19); or
- (c) had tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19):
 - (i) within 10 days of intended travel out of Nauru;
 - (ii) continues to exhibit symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19); and
 - (iii) fails to produce a certificate of recovery from Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Naoero Public Health Centre.

(7) For the purposes of this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:

'COVID contact' has the same meaning given to **'potentially infectious person'** under the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19)) (Community Transmission) and (Public Health Safety) Regulations 2020* and includes a person:

- (a) living in the same house with a person infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- (b) having direct physical contact with a person infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- (c) standing or sitting within 1-metre for 15 minutes or more, from a person infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19); or
- (d) not using personal protective equipment whilst exposed to a person infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19);

'fully vaccinated' means having received the primary course of an approved Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine; and

'traveller' means:

- (a) for the purpose of paragraph (1)(a), a person who is:
 - (i) 5 years of age or older; and
 - (ii) travelling to or transiting Nauru;
- (b) for the purpose of paragraph (6)(a), a person who is 5 years of age or older; and
- (c) for the purpose of any other paragraph, any person who is travelling to or transiting Nauru or travelling out of Nauru, as the case may be.

(8) The *National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 - Travel Restrictions Order 1/2023, SL No. 1 of 2023* published in the Gazette on 6 February 2023 is revoked.

Dated this 14th day of February 2023.

Hon. Richard-Hyde Menke, MP

Acting Minister for National Emergency Services