

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS
**PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (CONTROL
AND SUPPRESSION)(COVID-19) REGULATIONS 2020**

(Legal Notice 15 of 2020)

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MADE by the Governor under section 62(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Ordinance for giving effect to any recommendations made by the of Public and Environmental Health Board.

Citation, commencement and expiry

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public and Environmental Health (Control and Suppression)(COVID-19) Regulations 2020 and comes into operation on 20 March 2020.

(2) These Regulations, if not earlier revoked, shall expire on the 20th April 2020 unless extended by the Governor, for a specified further period in any particular case, by notification in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“detention centre” has the meaning assigned by the Immigration Ordinance;

“pre-school” has the meaning assigned by the Education Ordinance;

“prison” has the meaning assigned by the Prisons Ordinance;

“school” has the meaning assigned by the Education Ordinance;

“virus” means the virus known as COVID-19.

Closure of schools, etc.

3. For the purposes of preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of the virus, all schools, pre-schools, Turks and Caicos Islands Community College and UWI Open Campus shall close at the end of the day on 20th March 2020 and re-open on 20th April 2020.

Refusal of entry of cruise ships to the Islands

4. For the purposes of preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of the virus, no cruise ship shall be permitted to enter the Islands for a period of thirty days commencing on the date these Regulations come into force.

Restriction on visitation to the prison, etc.

5. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), for the purposes of preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of the virus, no person shall, be permitted to visit the prison, the wellness centres (Grand Turk and South Caicos), the detention centre or the Provo Children’s Home, for a period of thirty days commencing on the date these Regulations come into force.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in cases of essential and urgent visitation.

Offence

6. Any person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for six months.

MADE this 18th day of March 2020.

**NIGEL DAKIN
GOVERNOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations put in place certain measures considered necessary to prevent, control and suppress the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).