



**GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

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**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA GOVERNMENT EXTENSION OF 24-HOUR CURFEW**

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The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, under the current State of Emergency and to control the spread of the COVID-19 disease, has extended the current 24-Hour curfew for another week. The extension will come into effect from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 6 AM until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 6 AM.

The imposition of the State of Emergency is provided for in the Public Health Act (Dangerous and Infectious Disease) (Amendment) No. 2 Regulations of 2020. Under the statute, the extended curfew restricts the movement of all persons, except special categories of workers identified by profession. All other persons are to remain in their places of residence during the curfew period, except as such times as they are allowed to exit their residences for medical emergencies, or to utilize essential services identified by the government under the current curfew between the hours of 7:00am and 12:00pm.

Additionally, the wearing of face masks to cover the nose and mouth of individuals is now mandatory in public or whenever they leave their homes. Further, practice of the rules of social distancing are mandated by the current regulations to be observed by all persons. All businesses must provide sanitizing stations at their entrances, and sanitizing procedures must be observed by all customers. Residents are now advised that going to the beach during this curfew period constituted a violation of the law. All other measures identified under the current curfew will remain in place for the extended period. **ENDS**



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