



MINISTRY OF HEALTH SEYCHELLES

PRESS RELEASE

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Community Public Health and social measures to be applied until further notice

In view of the persistent community transmission of COVID-19, the increasing number of deaths, the confirmation of the presence of variants circulating in the population, the Public Health Authority is reinforcing the public health and social measures in place. These measures will remain in force and can only be relaxed when the outbreak is under greater control. The effectiveness of these measures depend on each individual and every family taking and playing their role and taking their responsibility. The Public Health Authority is also calling on all organisations to engage fully in the national efforts to control the outbreak.

Many countries are now facing a third or fourth surge. It is vital that Seychelles brings the current outbreak under control to prevent a resurgence.

Measures

- Strict enforcement of the ban on gathering in public and private places and mixing of households.
- Immediate closure of establishments that breach public health measures (including restaurants, bars and shops)
- Maintain closure of all bars and casinos at 7:00 pm. All SOPs (*Standard Operating Procedures*) to be strictly observed.
- Maintain closure of all shops at 7:00 pm

- Cancellation of all commemoration gatherings (wedding receptions, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, anniversaries, graduation etc.)
- Strict application of SOPs for funeral services and burials
- Cancellation of all shows, group sporting activities
- Cancellation of all conferences and meetings
- Reinforcement of all measures in shops, restaurants and food outlets, gyms, spas.
- No gathering of more than 4 persons indoors or outdoors, including on beaches and public places, unless it is for work purposes
- Quarantining all contacts for 14 days, except those working in essential services.
- Work from home as much as possible, especially for non-critical services
- The public are advised to avoid all non-essential travel between islands.
- Tourism establishments on Praslin and La Digue should temporarily suspend bookings and stay for all resident clients from Mahe.
- Police, district authorities and members of the public should assume their responsibility and collaborate where needed to reduce gatherings in the community.

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The Ministry of Health invites you to share this update. Members of the public experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 are advised to go to special stations at the following centres: Glacis, Baie Lazare & Mont Fleuri.