

## **EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENT**

**E.I. 164**

### **IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS (CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC) (NO. 10) INSTRUMENT, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, by the Declaration of Public Health Emergency (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 61), the Minister for Health, having recognised the threat of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to life and health and its potential to escalate and cause danger to the life and health of people living in Ghana, exercised the powers conferred on the Minister under sections 169 and 170 of the Public Health Act, 2012 (Act 851) and declared a public health emergency;

**WHEREAS**, in order to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and protect public health and public safety, the President, being satisfied that there existed circumstances, which required the imposition of certain restrictions, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 3 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012), issued the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 64);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No. 2) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 65), additional restrictions were imposed to contain and halt the spread of the virus within Ghana, especially in Accra, Tema, Kasoa and Kumasi, which were identified by the Ghana Health Service as hotspots of the infections;

**WHEREAS**, the President, being satisfied that there was a need to continue to protect public health and safety, reviewed the restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) Instrument,

2020 (E.I. 64) and issued new restrictions pursuant to the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No. 9) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 134); and

**WHEREAS**, the President is satisfied that as part of measures to stop the spread of the virus within Ghana as the restrictions are being eased gradually, there is the need to make the wearing of face coverings outside places of abode a mandatory requirement for all persons.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the power conferred on the President under subsection (1) of section 2 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012), this Instrument is made this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

#### **Wearing of face coverings**

1. A person shall wear a face mask, face shield or any other face covering that covers his or her nose and mouth completely, when that person is

(a) in a public place; or

(b) leaving or returning to his or her place of abode.

#### **Duration**

2. Subject to paragraph 5, the mandatory wearing of face coverings under paragraph 1 shall be for a period of not more than three months.

#### **Geographic areas**

3. This Instrument applies to the entire territory of Ghana.

#### **Enforcement**

4. (1) The police may undertake random checks to ensure enforcement and compliance with paragraph 1.

(2) A person who fails to comply with paragraph 1 shall be subject to the sanctions specified under section 6 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012).

**Review**

5. Where the exigencies of the situation require, the duration specified under paragraph 2 may be varied in accordance with subsection (2) of section 4 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012).



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