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THE PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19) REGULATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR ACTING ON THE ADVICE OF CABINET UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (CAP. 14.01).

WHEREAS section 4 of the Public Health Act (Cap. 14.01) (the Act) gives the Minister the responsibility for the administration of the Act to include the prevention, treatment, limitation and suppression of disease; and

WHEREAS section 8 of the Act gives the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet the power to make regulations for the treatment and prevention of a communicable disease and for the isolation of patients suffering from a communicable disease: and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in 126 countries, resulting in 4947 deaths to date; and

WHEREAS to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Minister has recommended the implementation of a community mitigation strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19, by way of a prohibition on large gatherings; and

WHEREAS the implementation of the prohibition on large gatherings prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission to vulnerable persons, and is especially important for people who are over 60 years old and those with chronic health conditions due to the higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19;

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NOW THEREFORE the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet makes the following regulations:

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations a “**large gathering**” means a gathering of more than 50 people.

3. Prevention of the spread of COVID-19

- (1) A person arriving in Montserrat from a place which has confirmed cases of COVID-19 shall be examined by a Medical Officer and shall present himself for surveillance at such place and time as may be appointed by the Medical Officer and while undergoing surveillance may be removed to any hospital or place of reception as may be directed.
- (2) A person in Montserrat who, in the opinion of a Medical Officer is likely to be infected with COVID-19, may be examined by a Medical Officer and shall present himself for surveillance at such place and time as may be appointed by the Medical Officer and while undergoing surveillance may be removed to any hospital or place of reception as may be directed.

4. Prohibition on large gatherings

- (1) A large gathering for a social, spiritual or recreational activity including, but not limited to, community; civic; public; leisure; faith-based; sporting event; parade; concert; festival; convention; fundraiser and similar activity is prohibited.
- (2) The prohibition under subparagraph (1)—
 - (a) does not apply to a large gathering at a customs airport and a customs port; and
 - (b) expires 3 April, 2020.

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5. Penalty

A person who breaches these regulations is liable to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for 3 months.

Made by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet this 13th day of March, 2020.

(Sgd.) Daphne Cassell
For CLERK OF CABINET

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