

17 September 2020

## **CATEGORY QUARANTINE ORDER VARIATION**

Section 12 of the COVID-19 ACT 2020

The Secretary of Health hereby issues a variation to the Category Quarantine Order (**the order**) dated 08 September in respect of all persons who arrived in the Cook Islands (**international arrival**) on 11 September 2020 in the following way:

The Quarantine will end at a time to be advised by a Health Official on Friday 25 September 2020.

The quarantine remains supervised however the other conditions of the order are revoked and replaced with the following:

Every person in a quarantine area must:

- Not leave the quarantine area for the duration of the quarantine, unless specifically authorised, by Te Marae Ora or Emergency Services, to do so:
- Not interfere with the identification mechanism used to identify the quarantine area (eg. yellow flag, police tape, barrier etc.):
- Not to come within 2 metres of any person at the boundary of the quarantine area:
- Not permit any items or property to leave the quarantine area:
- Cooperate with health officials to undergo health checks:
- Follow any further directions given by health officials.

No person is permitted to enter the quarantine area unless they are authorised by the Secretary of Health to do so. In the event a person under quarantine becomes aware of any person (other than health officials) coming into their quarantine area, that person must notify health immediately on +682 54883.

Any food, water or medicines that are being delivered to the quarantine area must be left at the boundary of that quarantine area.

In the event of an emergency, persons under quarantine must dial 999 and notify authorities that they are in quarantine. Persons under quarantine must follow the directions given.

In the event of any other issues arising that affect the ability of persons to carry out their quarantine, they must contact Te Marae Ora on +682 54883. Persons under quarantine must follow the directions given.

These substituted conditions are now part of the order. Any breach of these conditions is an offence carrying a maximum penalty of 12 months' imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine.

Dr Josephine Herman

Secretary of Health 17 September 2020