



GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

MINISTERIAL ORDER

Section 8 of the COVID-19 ACT 2020

Dated: 10 March 2022

It is ordered that:

Indoor and Outdoor Events and Social Gatherings

1. All indoor and outdoor events and social gatherings, whether in a private or public setting, organised or spontaneous, are restricted to a maximum of **50 people** unless an exemption has been obtained from the Secretary of Health (or delegate).
2. This includes (but is not limited to) parties; fundraisers; team sports training and games; sporting events; funerals; weddings; live shows; the cinema; night clubs and family land meetings.
3. This does not include a gathering for the purpose of business or service –
 - a. at an office workplace; or
 - b. as part of ordinary retail operations; or
 - c. at a hearing of a court or tribunal; or
 - d. churches, cafes, restaurants and bars; or
 - e. as part of ordinary operations at an education entity.

Contact sports

4. All forms of contact sports, whether in a public or private setting, are prohibited, including training and match play.

contact sports means any sport that involves the participants coming into bodily contact with one another as an accepted part of play.

Pa Enea Travel

5. Air and sea travel from Rarotonga to the Pa Enea (other than Aitutaki) is restricted to pilots and crew for the purpose of transporting cargo from Rarotonga to the Pa Enea, and/or transporting passengers and cargo from the Pa Enea to Rarotonga, unless an exemption has been obtained from the Secretary of Health (or delegate).

This order comes into force at 11:59pm on Thursday 10 March 2022.

This order will remain in force until 11.59pm on Thursday 17 March 2022.

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Hon. Mark Brown
Prime Minister

Acting for the Minister of Health
Vainetutai Rose Toki Brown