

S. I. 31 of 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 2015

(Act 13 of 2015)

Public Health Emergency Notice, 2020

WHEREAS the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread to multiple countries in the world;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organisation has declared the situation a pandemic;

AND WHEREAS infection of COVID-19 to seven persons in Seychelles has been confirmed and there is very high likelihood of more persons being infected under the given circumstances;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to take immediate and more stringent measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the population of Republic of Seychelles in order to avoid human casualties in Seychelles;

AND WHEREAS the Public Health Commissioner has, based on the information available, determined that a public health emergency exists in Seychelles;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 (5) of the Public Health Act, the Public Health Commissioner hereby declares the existence of a public health emergency.

All the persons in Seychelles are hereby given notice of the declaration of the public health emergency and are hereby directed to comply with the directives and orders issued by the public health authorities and cooperate with the public health authorities in preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 in Seychelles.

MADE this 20th day of March, 2020.

**DR. JUDE GEDEON
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSSIONER**
