

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. 2020

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 61 OF 2003)

**AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SURVEILLANCE AND
THE CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 90(1), read with section 90(4)(c) of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, "the Regulations" means the regulations published by Government Notice No. 1434 of 15 December 2017.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by—

(a) the insertion after the definition of "**focal person**" of the following definition:

" **'gathering'** means any assembly, concourse or procession in or on—

(i) any public road, as defined in the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996); or

(ii) any other building, place or premise, including wholly or partly in the open air, and including, but not limited to, any premises or place used for any sporting, entertainment, funeral, recreational, religious or cultural purposes;"

(b) the insertion after the definition of "**outbreak**" of the following definition:

" **'point of entry'** means a passage for international entry or exit of travelers, baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods, and postal parcels as well as agencies and areas providing services to them on entry or exit;"

Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subregulation after subregulation (3):

"(4) Intergovernmental relations principles to promote cooperation and coordination of activities, as appropriate, with the competent national department, provincial government, local government, or international bodies."

Amendment of regulation 12 of the Regulations

4. Regulation 12 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subregulation after subregulation (3):

"(4) The Minister may, by Notice in the *Government Gazette*, publish further regulations to address, prevent and combat the spread of the notifiable medical condition."

Amendment of regulation 16 of the Regulations

5. Regulation 16 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subregulations after subregulation (5):

"(6) (a) The Minister may, to ensure that all necessary and reasonable measures are put in place to manage and control the spread of the notifiable medical condition, by regulation published in the *Government*

Gazette, impose necessary restrictions, relating to such notifiable medical condition.

(b) The regulations contemplated in paragraph (a) must be published in consultation with the Minister whose portfolio is affected by such restrictions.

(7) The restrictions referred to in subregulation (4) may include—

- (a) the complete or partial closing of any public place including a place used for public receptions, tourist activities or events or public recreation, amusement or entertainment activities or events;
- (b) prohibiting or regulating the holding of or attendance at any public meeting, public reception or any gathering within a district, province or nationally;
- (c) prohibiting or regulating inter-district or provincial movement of persons;
- (d) prohibiting or regulating the movement of persons at points of entry;
- (e) regulating specified hours requiring persons to remain indoors;
- (f) the complete or partial closing of any educational institution; and
- (g) the regulating or restricting of attendance by any person of any institution or place referred to in subregulation (7)(a)."