

23 September 2020

## **CATEGORY QUARANTINE ORDER**

### *Section 12 of the COVID-19 ACT 2020*

The Secretary of Health hereby issues a category quarantine order (**order**), in respect of all persons arriving in the Cook Islands (**international arrival**) as follows:

<b>Arrival Date</b>	Friday 25 September 2020
<b>Mode of Arrival</b>	Aircraft
<b>Carrier</b>	Air New Zealand
<b>Port of Arrival</b>	Rarotonga International Airport

This order is issued as the Secretary of Health believes the international arrivals pose an undue risk in respect of the possible carriage or transmission of COVID-19.

#### **Scope:**

This order applies to all international arrivals and extends to all persons who will be living in the quarantine area of an international arrival. Quarantine under this order will be SUPERVISED.

#### **For international arrivals:**

Quarantine starts the moment a person enters the port of arrival.

<b>Quarantine Start</b>	Friday 25 September 2020
<b>Quarantine End</b>	At a time to be advised by a Health Officer on Friday 09 October 2020

Persons under quarantine must follow the directions of officials until they are at their quarantine area.

#### **Quarantine area of an international arrival:**

An international arrival is required to undertake quarantine at a property agreed between the individual and health officials. Unless otherwise directed by health officials, the **quarantine area** extends out to the property's boundary.

#### **For international arrivals and those living in a quarantine area of an international arrival:**

Every person in a quarantine area must:

1. Not leave the quarantine area for the duration of the quarantine, unless specifically authorised, by Te Marae Ora or Emergency Services, to do so:
2. Not interfere with the identification mechanism used to identify the quarantine area (eg. yellow flag, police tape, barrier etc.):
3. Not to come within 2 metres of any person at the boundary of the quarantine area:
4. Not permit any items or property to leave the quarantine area:
5. Cooperate with health officials to undergo health checks:
6. 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.

Any person breaching this order commits an offence carrying a maximum penalty of 12 months' imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine. The police may also detain any person breaching this order and transport them to another facility. That person may also be subject to a further order.