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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR SPECIAL QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENTS: WORKING QUARANTINE

AIM: The safe completion of a specific task by an individual who has travelled from a foreign country in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To establish the status of exposure to COVID-19 of the individual.
- 2. To ensure the safe completion of the specific task within the quarantine period of 14-21 days.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EACH PERSON TO COMPLETE A WORKING QUARANTINE:

- 1. Full name, date of birth, passport number, contact number and address in departing country.
- 2. Certificate of Health issued by the National Health Authority of the country of departure including:
 - a. their exposure to any COVID-19 positive or suspected cases,
 - b. any objective screening for COVID-19 (nameof screening test, date and facility).
- 3. Address and contact information of the proposed worksite
- 4. Address and contact information for proposed accommodation site
- 5. Commitment of contracting organization/company or individual to pay for the accommodation at the approved quarantine site.

PROCESS ON ARRIVAL:

- 1. Disembarking Protocol (by air)
 - a. All passengers will be screened before entering the arrivals area
 - b. Screening will include probing for symptoms and temperature check and may include COVID-19 exposure test
 - c. Persons (with appropriate face covering) will be transported to the approved working quarantine facility in an approvedvehicle with an approved driver.

CONDITIONS OF QUARANTINE IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES:

- 1. A court order for quarantine for 14 days may be issued indicating the approved sites of working quarantine.
- 2. Any breach of the quarantine order will result in prosecution.
- 3. The person under working quarantine will be allowed to only be present at the approved quarantine site and the approved work site.
- 4. The person will only be allowed to travel between approved sites in an approved vehicle with an identified driver.
- 5. The person will at all times observe all of the hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing and safe mask use guidance of the Health Services Subcommittee.
- 6. The person will keep a daily log of their measured temperature and the appearance of any COVID-19 signs and symptoms, and report this information on a daily basis to an assigned Health Care Worker.
- 7. The approved working quarantine sites (accommodation and work) will observe the Health Services Subcommittee guidelines for the provision of meals, cleaning and general interactions.
- 8. The Health Services Subcommittee may request that a COVID-19 test be conducted at any time during or after the quarantine period.
- 9. If at any time during the quarantine period the person develops any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID19, all approved working quarantine will cease immediately. Isolation of symptomatic or COVID-19 positive persons will be in effect immediately. Any restart of working quarantine must be approved by the Health Services Subcommittee.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Persons entering the country for work for less than 24 hours OR professionals (including engineers, physicians, dentists) entering for short term or intending to commence work

immediately must present COVID-19 PCR results for a test conducted no more than 48 hours prior to arrival in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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