



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

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Existing COVID-19 Prevention and Control Protocols Extended until February 16th

As the Government of Saint Lucia continues to manage the COVID-19 pandemic and further contain the spread of the virus, the current protocols and measures have been extended until Tuesday 16th February 2021.

The restriction on the sale of alcohol has also been extended until Wednesday 24th February 2021.

As per the decision by the Parliament of Saint Lucia, the State of Emergency (SOE) is extended until May 16th 2021; with a curfew from 7:00 pm to 5:00 am. Please note the SOE and curfew can be reviewed, amended or discontinued pursuant to regulations by the Governor General.

A meeting of National Emergency Management Advisory Committee (NEMAC) and stakeholders is scheduled for later this week in order to assess existing measures and decide on the way forward.

The Government of Saint Lucia continues to thank all Saint Lucians for the cooperation necessary to curtail non-essential movement to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

The measures which still stand are as follows:

- **WORK FROM HOME AND REDUCED CONTACT MEETINGS**

All organizations and businesses should continue to implement a Blended Service/Operations Approach where possible for all operations and employees. Additionally, where possible, there should be a complete move to staff and board meetings being held virtually/online platform.

- **BUSINESS OPERATING HOURS (COVID19 ACT, SECTION 17)**

All Business Operations And Commercial Activities Must End By 7:00PM Daily, as guided by The COVID19 (Prevention & Control) Act, Section 17(2)(b). This requires all businesses – including supermarkets and restaurants – to completely shut its doors and dismiss staff by 7:00PM. Separate provisions apply for Essential Service, Manufacturing and Agricultural, Call Centres and the Hotel sector.

- **ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITIES ALLOWED TO OPEN: gas stations, supermarkets, financial services (inclusive of insurance, all with a blended approach), restaurants (take out service only), manufacturing, exports, hardware stores, public transportation, vendors on rotation with protocols, agricultural sector, call centers, hotels for international tourists, doctor's offices, Diagnostic and lab services and other health support services, pharmacies, law offices and accounting offices with blended approach, utility companies, media services, customs clearance and brokerage services, postal/courier services, auto garage services, auto parts and auto tire repair services, computer sales/services/repairs.

Essential Government services include – critical government agencies/ministries, hospitals, fire stations, police and immigration, Air and sea ports, infrastructure department, NEMO, public utility companies.

- **PROHIBITION OF ALL SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

NO Social Gatherings at this point. In public and private settings, individuals are to limit their contact to their immediate households. NO allowance is given for mass gatherings, social events (of any kind), or loud music permits.

- **PROHIBITION OF ALL SOCIAL GATHERINGS – Faith based Organizations**

All Daily, Regular Church and Religious Services may operate using a blended approach of physical and online services. Where there is such physical service, such an assembly is limited to Twenty-five (25) persons inclusive of Religious leaders and other service officials. Separate provisions apply for special religious rites, including Christenings, Weddings and Funerals. Those services may operate using a blended approach of physical and online, but where there is physical service such assembly is limited to ten (10) persons.

- **RESTRICTIONS ON ALCOHOL SALES**
Liquor License suspension at Supermarkets, Minimarts, community grocery shops, Gas Station, Restaurants and Bars. Liquor licenses remain suspended **UNTIL FEBRUARY 24TH 2021**.
- **RESTRICTIONS ON IN-DINING RESTAURANT SERVICES**
Restaurants and Food Vendors are to restrict services to “Take-Away” only, as “In-Dining” Services are strictly prohibited. Alcohol-licensed restaurants and vendors must abide with the updated policy for Liquor suspension.
- **PROHIBITION OF ALL SPORTING ACTIVITY, GYMS INCLUDED**
All Non-Contact and Contact Sporting Activities, Inclusive of In-Door and outdoor trainings, local competitions, gym workouts or social activities are prohibited. Special provisions apply for individual or immediate family households to exercise in a safe, open-air space. These activities may include running or walking, cycling, home-gyms, yoga etc. Special permission granted for training athletes requiring one-on-one coaching/training for non-contact sports. Special permission granted for 1-on-1 personal training.
- **SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSROOM TEACHING**
All schools (public and private) are to remain physically closed and exclusively operational via virtual instruction/teaching. The exceptions are or separate requirements apply for (public and private) education systems to facilitate in person teaching for the following categories: Students of Medical schools, Grade 6, Tertiary Educational Institutions, Secondary Schools (Forms 4 and 5), NELU, Students who are sitting CSEC, other exams and preparing for practical evaluations.

For more information on Saint Lucia’s COVID-19 response visit covid19response.lc.





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List of Public Sector/Private Sector Commercial and Business activities/services and Essential Services allowed during “Scaled Down” operations in Saint Lucia. Effective 11th February to 16th February 2021.

SCHEDULE 1 BUSINESS, ESTABLISHMENT OR OFFICE TO OPEN AT MINIMAL OPERATION

SERVICE/ACTIVITY	COMPONENT
Financial and/or Banking Services	Teller Services ATM Services Online Services Counter Services General Administration
Public or private electricity, water, telecommunications and other utility services	Public or private electricity, water, telecommunications and other utility services
Supermarkets, minimarts, small shops, bakeries	In Store At location Delivery activities
Hardware Stores	Sale of hardware supplies
Food Supply and preparation services	Supply of raw food
Restaurants	Delivery Take-away Drive-thru
Food trucks and food stalls	Take-away
Hotel and guesthouse restaurants	Service for house guest only
Farming and Fishing Activities	Fresh fruit Raw food Local Butchers Fishing production and distribution activities
Gas Stations and Petroleum Services	Gas station services Cooking Gas including operations and delivery Production Storage Delivery
Telecommunications Services	Operations Maintenance Counter Services

	Data Centre General Administration
Vending of food or agricultural produce	Operations Delivery
Automobile Garages	All Services
Automobile parts supplies services	All Services
Computer Services	Sales Servicing Repairs
Law Offices	All Services
Accounting Firms	All Services
The Public Service	All services except the services specified in Schedule 2
The Judiciary	All Services

SCHEDULE 2

ESSENTIAL SERVICES (PART I)

SERVICE/ ACTIVITY	COMPONENT
Health Services	Hospital Clinic Public and Private Pharmacies Medical Shops Dialysis Centre Diagnosis and Lab Services Private Doctor practices Veterinary Services
Police Fire Emergency Services Safety and Security Private Security	All Services
Public Transportation Services	All Services
The Public Service	Immigration Customs and Excise Department Department of Infrastructure Department of Transport
The National Emergency Management Organization	All Services
Sanitation and Solid Waste	Collection Disposal

Management Services	Cleaning operations
Air and Sea Ports	Airport operations, subject to travel restrictions Shipping Services Cargo Services Port Police Security General Administration
Customs Brokerage Courier Services Online Commerce	Operations Delivery
Broadcasting and Media	Production Operations and Information Dissemination
Postal Services	All Services
Public or private electricity, water, telecommunications and other utility services	Production Operation Repairs Maintenance
Cleaning services	All Services

PART II

BUSINESS, ESTABLISHMENT OR OFFICE

SERVICE/ACTIVITY	COMPONENT
Public Sector Construction	St. Jude's Hospital Reconstruction Project National Road Rehabilitation Program (Rodney Bay Roundabout Project)
Manufacturing	All Services
COVID-19 Certified Accommodation Provider	All Services
Call Centres	All Services

Please note all activities/services are to be carried out according to strict protocols outlined by the Ministry of Health. For businesses seeking additional clarification on these matters, kindly contact your commercial membership organizations or the Ministry of Commerce at email: mincommerce@govt.lc or contact number (758) 468-4218.

