



Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order (No 2) 2020

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 9th day of March 2020

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under sections 2(3) and 3(a) of the Health Act 1956 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order (No 2) 2020.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 11 March 2020.

3 Schedule 1 of Health Act 1956 amended

- (1) In the Health Act 1956, Schedule 1, Part 1, Section B, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

COVID-19

- (2) In the Health Act 1956, Schedule 1, Part 3, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

COVID-19

Novel coronavirus capable of causing severe respiratory illness

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order comes into force on 11 March 2020. It amends the Health Act 1956 by—

- adding COVID-19 to the list of infectious diseases notifiable to a medical officer of health in Section B of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of that Act; and
- adding both COVID-19 and novel coronavirus capable of causing severe respiratory illness to the list of quarantinable infectious diseases in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of that Act.

COVID-19 is an infectious agent causing flu-like symptoms that first came to official notice in Wuhan, China in December 2019. On 30 January 2020, novel coronavirus capable of causing severe respiratory illness was added to the list of infectious diseases notifiable to a medical officer of health in Section B of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Health Act 1956 by the Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order 2020. Since then, that outbreak of novel coronavirus has been named COVID-19.

The consequence of this order is that COVID-19 and novel coronavirus capable of causing severe respiratory illness are both separately listed as infectious diseases notifiable to a medical officer of health, as well as quarantinable infectious diseases.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This order is administered by the Ministry of Health.