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INFLUENZA EMERGENCY REGULATIONS 1919.

UNDER the authority in that behalf conferred by Section 19 of the *Health Act 1915* on the Minister of Health to exercise the powers, rights, and authorities vested in the Board of Public Health, I, the undersigned, the Honorable John Bowser, His Majesty's Minister of Health for the State of Victoria, do make the regulations following, under the authority exercisable by the said Board by Section 173 of the said Act, in consequence of an Order in that behalf made under Section 172 by the Governor in Council such Board so enabling:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the "Influenza Emergency Regulations 1919," and shall come into force forthwith upon publication in the *Government Gazette*.
2. In the construction of these regulations "Infected Area" means any area within a radius of fifteen miles from any house, building, or place wherein a case of Influenza has occurred with respect to which a medical practitioner or Registrar of Births and Deaths in conformity with the requirements of Section 178 of the Health Act has heretofore since the first day of January reported or hereafter may report. "Proper health authority" includes the Mayor of a City, Town, or Borough or the President of a Shire.
3. Persons in an infected area are hereby forbidden to assemble for a common purpose (ostensible or otherwise) within any enclosed building or place whether public or private in numbers exceeding twenty at any one time. This provision shall not apply to persons meeting in some building dedicated to sacred use for divine worship provided that such persons at all times during the meeting wear a mask of an approved kind nor to persons actually employed at their profession trade or calling assembling in the place accustomed nor to persons resorting *bonâ fide* for the purpose of obtaining a meal to any room set apart for the consumption of food in any club, hotel, eating house, tea room, or other like establishment. Provided nevertheless that the several exceptions hereinbefore expressed shall be read as conditional on the proper health authority not having in the particular case notified that the meeting of persons in excess of twenty in that particular building is prohibited either generally or unless certain conditions are observed or requirements attended to. In the case of a general prohibition persons shall not assemble in excess of twenty; where the prohibition is conditional persons shall not assemble in excess of that number unless the conditions are observed or/and the requirements attended to.
4. In the case of an infected area (as well as in the case of places not yet coming within the definition upon the despatch of a report by any medical practitioner or Registrar of Births and Deaths of the occurrence of Influenza in any district or place outside the 15 miles radius fixed in the Influenza Regulations (Closing of Places of Entertainment) 1919, made in pursuance of the obligations imposed by Section 178 of the *Health Act 1915*), the several classes or kinds of places mentioned in the regulations aforesaid shall be closed and not used until notice permitting such use is published in the *Government Gazette*.
5. Forthwith (in the case of a theretofore clean area) upon a report being so despatched, the local municipal officials and the proper Central Government Authority in the neighbourhood cognisant of its despatch shall take prompt steps to notify the persons controlling the places in the last clause referred to of that fact either verbally or in writing, but the non-receipt of any such notification from an official source shall not be an excuse if the person concerned had knowledge otherwise that a report had been despatched.

6. No authority, company, firm, or person controlling or running any boat or vessel (steam or other), or any railway train shall arrange for or knowingly allow any of its, their, or his plant aforesaid to be used or employed in carrying persons not availing themselves of the service for business reasons or purposes not of pleasure, and no person shall use any of the services aforesaid to proceed from an infected area to a place outside except moved thereto by some excuse considered sufficient by the tribunal having to determine the matter if such person's conduct is challenged as a breach of this regulation.

Made at Melbourne this 30th day of January, 1919.

JOHN BOWSER,  
Minister of Public Health.

NOTE.—The following are the classes or kinds of places to be closed referred to in Clause 4 above :—

SCHEDULE.

All Theatres, Picture Theatres, Music or Concert Halls, and all Public Buildings where persons assemble for the purposes of entertainment or instruction.