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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

VICTORIA.

COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

*Health Act 1919.*

REGULATIONS RELATING TO SMALL-POX.

*At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the twenty-ninth day of  
April, 1921.*

PRESENT :

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Lawson  
Mr. Robinson  
Mr. Barnes  
Mr. Oman

Mr. Baird  
Mr. McWhae  
Mr. Livingston

**U**NDER the powers conferred by the *Health Act 1919* (No. 3041), and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, doth hereby make the Regulations following (that is to say) :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the "Small-pox Regulations Citation. 1921," and shall come into operation on publication in the *Government Gazette*.
2. In these Regulations, unless inconsistent with the context or Interpretation. subject-matter—

"Contact" means any person who has been in contact with or in proximity to a patient.

"Patient" means any person suffering from small-pox in any stage of the disease from the invasion period until certified as free from infection.

"The Act" means the *Health Act 1919* (No. 3041).

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Medical practitioner to notify Commission and council of cases of small-pox. See section 117.

3. When a medical practitioner becomes aware that any person visited or professionally attended by him is suffering from small-pox, or who becomes aware that any person has died of small-pox, he shall immediately by the speediest practicable means notify the Commission of Public Health, Melbourne, and the Council of the municipal district in which such person is discovered or has died, that such person is so suffering from small-pox or has died of small-pox, and such notification shall include the full name, age, sex, address and occupation of the patient or of deceased, and the duration of the illness from which such patient is suffering or deceased has died.

Provided that where such notification has in the first instance been communicated orally to the Commission or the Council the medical practitioner furnishing the same shall, in addition, by way of confirmation, also furnish the Commission and the Council with a written and signed certificate of notification.

Council's duty on receipt of notification to cause patient to be examined by medical officer of health and inquiries made.

4. On receipt of such first-mentioned notification, the Council shall immediately cause such patient to be visited and examined by the medical officer of health or any medical practitioner duly authorized thereto by the Council, and such medical officer of health or medical practitioner shall in every case as well as in the case of a person who has died of small-pox, make such inquiries and obtain such particulars as will enable the Council to take such action as is necessary to prevent the spread of the disease, and to carry out any duty imposed on it by the Act or Regulations thereunder relating to small-pox.

Medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner to report to Council and Council to Commission.

5. Such medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner shall immediately after such visit, examination and inquiry report fully the result thereof to the Council, and the Council shall immediately furnish the Commission with a report of the whole of the facts and circumstances connected with or bearing upon the case of every such patient, or the death of any such person.

Patients to be isolated and detained. Schedule. Form 1.

6. The Council shall by order in writing under the hand of its medical officer of health or an authorized medical practitioner in the form contained in the Schedule hereto, cause every patient to be isolated either in the house wherein he is discovered or in some suitable hospital or place of isolation, and detained in isolation until he is free from infection or can be discharged without danger to the public health.

Contacts to be isolated or placed under surveillance. Schedule. Forms 2 and 3.

7. The Council shall by order in writing under the hand of its medical officer of health or an authorized medical practitioner in such one of the forms in the Schedule hereto as shall be applicable, cause every contact to be isolated for such period as the medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner deems necessary, or placed under medical surveillance subject to such conditions as may be specified by the medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner. Every such contact shall for such period submit to such treatment and carry out such instructions as such medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner specifies in the order placing him under medical surveillance.

Premises may be isolated. Schedule. Form 4.

8. The Council may on the advice of its medical officer of health or an authorized medical practitioner by order in writing in the form in the Schedule hereto, cause any house, dwelling or premises to be isolated, and any person being then in or upon such house, dwelling or premises shall be subject to all the provisions of these Regulations relating to contacts, and shall not leave the same until he is lawfully discharged or released subject to medical surveillance.

Person placed under medical surveillance to present himself for examination &c.

9. Any person placed under medical surveillance shall as frequently and at such times as may be required and set forth in the order placing him under medical surveillance, present himself for inspection and examination to the medical officer of health or the authorized medical practitioner signing such order.

Person placed under medical surveillance to report symptoms of illness or disease.

10. Any person placed under medical surveillance shall immediately on the appearance in himself of any symptoms or signs of illness or disease, report the facts or cause them to be reported to the medical officer of health or the authorized medical practitioner to whom he has been directed to present himself under the provisions of the last preceding regulation.

Parent to be responsible for observance of Regulations by child.

11. The parent or guardian of any child placed under surveillance shall be responsible for the observance by the child of the provisions of the Regulations relating to medical surveillance.

12. No person under medical surveillance shall leave either temporarily or permanently the locality where he is so placed under surveillance, or change his residence without the permission of the medical officer of health or an authorized medical practitioner. Person under surveillance not to change residence without permission.
13. Every person who is knowingly a contact shall forthwith report himself to the medical officer of health of the municipal district in which he then is. Contacts to report to medical officer of health.
14. Every Council is hereby authorized to use such guards and force as are necessary to remove patients or contacts to any hospital or place of isolation, and to detain such patients or contacts therein until lawfully discharged. Councils authorized to use guards and force to isolate and detain.
15. The Council shall provide for the supply of drugs and other substances for prevention and cure of small-pox, and for such accommodation, medical nursing and other aid as may be necessary. Drugs to be supplied by Councils.
16. The Council shall cause every house wherein a patient is or has been to be disinfected wholly or in part when and in such manner as the medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner shall direct. Premises to be disinfected.
17. Every person shall truly answer any question asked by the medical officer of health or any authorized person in respect of any matter relating to the existence of, the prevention of, or the prevention of the spread of small-pox or relating to any of the provisions of these Regulations. Questions asked by medical officer of health &c., to be answered.
18. Every medical officer of health or authorized medical practitioner may carry out such clinical, chemical, bacteriological and other examinations as may be necessary to ascertain whether any person is suffering from small-pox, and whether any patient has ceased to be liable to convey infection, and every such person and patient shall submit to any such examination. Clinical, chemical, bacteriological, and other examinations may be carried out.
19. The Council of every municipality shall superintend and see to the execution of these Regulations, and at its own cost do and provide all such acts, matters and things as are necessary for that purpose. Council's duty to enforce these Regulations.
20. Any person doing any act forbidden to be done or failing to do any act directed to be done by these Regulations, shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations, and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Twenty pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence a further daily penalty of not more than Five pounds; but so that the total of such penalties shall not exceed One hundred pounds. Penalties.
21. In respect of these Regulations there is deemed by the Commission to be in existence an emergency within the meaning of Section 310 (3) of the Act. Emergency Regulation.

SCHEDULE.

FORM 1.

*Small-pox Regulations 1921.*

ORDER ISOLATING PATIENT.

Whereas it appears that (a) is suffering from small-pox, and is, therefore, deemed to be a "patient" within the meaning of the above-mentioned Regulations.

Now, therefore, I, A.B. (b) do order that the said (a) shall be isolated in the (c)

Dated at this day of 192

Medical Officer of Health.  
(Or) Authorized Medical Practitioner.

(a) Here insert full name, address and occupation of patient.  
(b) Medical officer of health of the Council of the city, town, borough or shire of  
(or) a medical practitioner duly authorized by the Council of the city, town, borough or shire of  
(c) Here state place of isolation.

FORM 2.

*Small-pox Regulations 1921.*

ORDER ISOLATING CONTACT.

Whereas it appears that you (a) have been in contact with or in proximity to a patient suffering from Small-pox, and are, therefore, deemed to be a "Contact" within the meaning of the above-mentioned Regulations.

Now, therefore, I, A.B. (b) do order that you be isolated, and remain in isolation in the (c) for the period of

Dated at this day of 192

Medical Officer of Health.  
(Or) Authorized Medical Practitioner.

(a) Full name, address and occupation of contact.  
(b) Medical officer of health of the Council of the city, town, borough or shire of  
(or) a medical practitioner duly authorized by the Council of the city, town, borough or shire of  
(c) Here state place of isolation.

FORM 3.

*Small-pox Regulations 1921.*

ORDER PLACING CONTACT UNDER MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE.

(a) Full name address, and occupation of contact.

Whereas it appears that you (a) have been in contact with or in proximity to a patient suffering from Small-pox, and are, therefore, deemed a "Contact" within the meaning of the above-mentioned Regulations.

(b) Medical officer of health of the Council of the city, town, borough, or shire of

Now, therefore, I, A.B. (b) do order that you be released subject to medical surveillance, and the following conditions:—

(or) a medical practitioner duly authorized by the Council of the city, town, borough or shire of

- (1) That you report yourself at my surgery (c) situated at daily (d) until further notice.

- (2) That you submit to the following treatment, and carry out the following instructions for the period of days. (e)

(c) or other appointed place.

Dated at this day of 192

Medical Officer of Health.  
(Or) Authorized Medical Practitioner.

(d) or as may be directed.

(e) Here set out the treatment and instructions.

NOTE.—Your attention is directed to Regulations 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the above-mentioned Regulations which are printed at the back of this Order.

FORM 4.

*Small-pox Regulations 1921.*

ORDER ISOLATING A HOUSE, DWELLING, OR PREMISES.

(a) Full name and address (b) City, town, borough, or shire of

I, (a) medical officer of health of the Council of the (b) do order that the premises hereunder described shall be isolated, and that any person now in or upon such house, dwelling, or premises shall be subject to all the provisions of the above-mentioned Regulations relating to contacts, and shall not leave the same until he is lawfully discharged or released subject to medical surveillance.

Dated at this day of 192

Medical Officer of Health.  
(Or) Authorized Medical Practitioner.

Here describe the premises ordered to be isolated:—

And the Honorable Matthew Baird, His Majesty's Minister for Public Health for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

F. W. MABBOTT,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.