

## **The government is extending the 24-hour curfew for at least another week**

The government is extending the 24-hour curfew for at least another week as it continues measures to curtail the spread of COVID-19. The Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 indicate the extension will last from 6am on Thursday, April 9 to 6am on Thursday, April 16.

During this period, there will be a mandatory 24-hour curfew in effect during which freedom of movement will be exercised only in accordance with the regulations. Except in cases provided for in the regulations, every person is to be confined to his or her place of residence (which includes the porch, gallery and yard space of his or her home).

Among businesses which will be allowed to operate between 7am and noon each day of the extended curfew are fish and meat markets and abattoirs, wholesale or retail grocery stores, supermarkets, community shops, petrol stations, banking institutions, credit unions and Money gram and Western Union Money Transfer Services for the purpose of receiving moneys only.

The curfew does not apply to employees or officers of the essential services in the exercise of their duties. Meanwhile, the government has now made it mandatory for individuals to wear masks once they leave their homes. The regulations say: "No person is permitted to be in any motor vehicle, supermarket, market or in any street or in any public place without wearing a mask."