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**PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE TEMPORARY LIFTING OF
CURFEW IN EKITI STATE**

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the EKITI STATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (PREVENTION OF INFECTION) REGULATIONS, 2020 and specifically the on-going curfew imposed in all the 16 Local Government areas of Ekiti State, The Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi has directed the temporary lifting of curfew in Ekiti State as follows:

Tuesday 7th April 2020: Curfew will be lifted at 6.00 am and will come to effect again at 2.00pm on the same day.

Thursday 9th April 2020: Curfew will be lifted at 6.00am and will come to effect again at 2.00pm on the same day.

2. For the purpose of clarity the EKITI STATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (PREVENTION OF INFECTION) REGULATIONS, 2020 remains in force. This temporary lifting of curfew is not a complete reversal of existing measures, as curfew will be re-imposed once the break has lapsed.

3. All existing measures to contain the spread of Coronavirus disease (COVID -19) in Ekiti State remain in force as stated in the Regulations summarized as follows:

(a) Restriction of Movement of Persons and Goods:

- i) All persons shall be confined to the place where he or she ordinarily resides in Ekiti State. Movement between Local Governments and between towns, villages and communities is prohibited.
- ii) Only exceptions allowed are for the purposes of obtaining food, seeking emergency, life-saving, or chronic medical attention or obtaining social security grant.

(b) Closure of Businesses, Oja-Oba and Oja Bisi Markets:

- i. All businesses and other entities shall remain closed save for any business or entity involved in the manufacturing, supply, or provision of an essential good or service.
- ii. The Oja-Oba and Oja Bisi Markets shall remain closed. Retail shops and shopping malls must be closed, except where essential goods are sold.
- iii. In facilities where essential goods are sold, all directives in respect of hygienic conditions to prevent the exposure of persons to COVID-19 must be adhered to.

(c) Prevention and Prohibition of Gatherings

Any gathering in Ekiti State remains prohibited save for gathering in respect of a funeral, which shall be limited to 20 people.

(d) Closure of Boundaries

All boundaries of the State shall remain closed during

the period of curfew, except for transportation of fuel, and essential goods.

(e) Prohibition of Public Transport

All commuter transport services including bus services, taxi services, motorbikes (*Okada*) and tricycle services (*Keke NAPEP*), are prohibited.

Important Public Notice

4. The public should endeavor to return to their households before the commencement of the curfew period.

Persons who venture out should follow strict hygiene measures immediately upon return to their households. Hand washing with soap and the use of sanitizers are of the utmost importance. People should maintain a distance of more than one meter between one another when out in public at all times.

We request all pharmacies, shops, eateries selling essential goods to disperse any crowds and gatherings when catering to customers. We also request them to try and limit the number of persons entering their facilities at a time.

We urge the public to understand that the period where curfew is temporarily lifted will not be a total reversal. This time should be used only to sort out important personal needs.

Prosecution of offenders

5. From the day curfew was imposed, a large number of persons have been arrested for breaching the regulations. These persons have been vigorously prosecuted and many have been convicted with various punishments imposed.

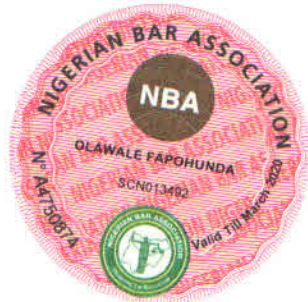
The Ministry of Justice and the Security Agencies have been directed to continue to maintain strict action against any person who violates the curfew. Any vehicle, motorbike or tricycle venturing out during the curfew period will be confiscated. Security agencies have been further directed to patrol main roads as well as by-roads, lanes and footpaths and arrest anyone breaking the curfew.

Public Appeal

6. We urge our people to adhere to all quarantine measures put in place by the State Government to control the spread of the virus. We must now be fully aware of how dangerous this pandemic is, especially since countries with a highly developed health services sector are overwhelmed. We as a State do not wish to face such a stark situation.

Issued Under My Hand and Seal

This *6th* day of *April*, 2020.



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