

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 116 OF 1938.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the powers vested in him by section *one* of the Public Health (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation, 1924 (No. 12 of 1924), as amended, His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve the following regulations made by the Resident Commissioner under that section.

By Command of His Excellency  
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,  
Administrative Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,  
Capetown, 18th July, 1938.

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PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS.

1. Any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from typhus fever, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic, or septicaemic), may on the order of a District Commissioner be quarantined or removed to a hospital or place of isolation and there detained.

2. Every person having charge of a case or suspected case of typhus fever, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic, or septicaemic), which is not under treatment in hospital, shall cause the premises and the body-clothing, bedding, and effects of the patient to be cleaned and kept in a cleanly condition and, where the patient is suffering or is suspected to be suffering from typhus, free from vermin, and shall not permit any person not being a medical or nursing or other necessary attendant to enter the room of or otherwise come in contact with the patient during the illness.

3. Any person who has been, or is suspected of having been, exposed to the infection of typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic, or septicaemic) may on the order of a District Commissioner be quarantined or placed under observation or surveillance until considered free from infection.

4. Any person quarantined, detained in a hospital or place of isolation, or placed under observation or surveillance under these regulations shall, for so long as he is required to submit to such quarantining, detention, observation, or surveillance, comply with all orders given by a District Commissioner, or by any officer or person appointed in writing by a District Commissioner to assist in carrying out these regulations, for the purpose of rendering effective such quarantining, detention, observation, or surveillance, and any remedial treatment provided in connection therewith.

5. Where deemed necessary for preventing the spread of typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic, or septicaemic), a District Commissioner may issue an order prohibiting the convening or holding of any meeting, assembly, or public gathering of any nature whatsoever; and any person attending or taking part in, or attempting to attend or take part in, any meeting, assembly or public gathering in respect of which such an order has been issued shall be deemed to be guilty of a contravention of such order, unless he proves that he was not aware that such order had been issued.

6. It shall be lawful for a District Commissioner to issue orders regulating or restricting public traffic, or prohibiting or imposing conditions or restrictions on the movements of all persons, or of persons of any particular class or description, into or out of any area in which typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic or septicaemic) exists or is suspected to exist; and every chief or sub-chief and every headman of a village shall restrict the movements of or detain all persons under them in such a manner as the District Commissioner of the district concerned or any officer of police or any other duly authorised officer may direct.

7. Where deemed necessary for preventing the spread of typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic or septicaemic), the Resident Commissioner may—

- (a) issue instructions for the regulation, restriction or prohibition of the entry into or departure from the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as "the Territory") or the movement from one part of the Territory to another of any person or persons;
- (b) prohibit the issue of passes to any person or persons to proceed to any area which may be known to have become infected with typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic or septicaemic);
- (c) order the detention of any person or persons known or suspected to have entered the Territory from any area infected with typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic or septicaemic), and order such person to be examined forthwith by a medical practitioner;
- (d) order the examination, detention or disinfection of animals, articles, or things known or suspected to have come from any area infected with typhus, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic or septicaemic).

8. A District Commissioner may, for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spread of smallpox in his district, issue an order requiring all persons residing or being within such district or any specified area thereof to be effectively vaccinated within a period to be prescribed by him, and it shall thereupon be the duty of every person residing or being within such district or area to cause himself and any minor children residing with him and under his control to be effectively vaccinated within such period: Provided that when a medical practitioner certifies in the case of any particular person that it is not desirable or not necessary that he should be vaccinated, this regulation shall not apply so as to require him to be vaccinated.

9. Every person in whose house or premises any person is suffering or suspected to be suffering from typhus fever, smallpox, cerebro-spinal-meningitis, or plague (bubonic, pneumonic or septicaemic), and every person having the charge or care of a person so suffering or suspected to be suffering, shall forthwith notify the District Commissioner of the district of the fact that the said person is so suffering or suspected to be suffering. This regulation shall not apply in the case of persons under treatment in any hospital.

10. High Commissioner's Notices No. 38 of 1924, No. 94 of 1924 and No. 123 of 1927 are hereby cancelled.

11. These regulations may be cited as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Public Health Regulations, 1938, and shall have force and take effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette*.