**BEREKUM EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (INFECTIOUS DISEASE)**
**BYE-LAW, 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Berekum East Municipal Assembly by Section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) these Bye-laws are hereby made:

**Cleansing and Disinfecting of Premises**

19.1 Where the Assembly is satisfied upon the Certification of the Medical Officer of Health or any legally qualified Medical cleansing and disinfection of any Premises or articles would tend to prevent or check any dangerous or infection disease, the Assembly may by a notice in writing served on the owner of the premises or article, direct that it will at his cost do the cleansing and disinfection or destruction unless within 24 hours after the receipt of the notice, he informs the Assembly that within the time specified in the notice he will take such measures as are specified therein to the satisfaction of the Assembly.

19.1.1 If a person on whom the notice is served does not inform the Assembly as required or having informed the Assembly does not take the steps specified to the satisfaction of the Assembly within the time specified, the Assembly may cause the premises to be cleansed and disinfected or destroyed and later recover the expenses reasonably incurred in so doing from the person on whom the notice was served.

19.1.2 The Assembly may serve notice in writing on the owner of any building, clothing or other article which has been exposed to infection by any dangerous or infections disease requiring the delivery of the articles to an officer of the Assembly duly authorized within such time as may be specified in the notice for removal for disinfection or destruction as the case may be.

**Notification**

19.2 Where any in-mate of any building or structure used for human habitation, not being a hospital is suffering from infectious disease, the head of the family to which the patient belongs shall as soon as he becomes aware of the fact send notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health. In the absence of a head of family, the nearest relative of the patient present in the building and in the absence of such relatives, any person in charge of or in attendance on the patient and in default of any such person, the occupier of the building or structure shall send notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health.

**Medical Practitioner**

19.3 (a) A Medical Practitioner attending or called in to visit a patient shall as soon as he becomes aware that the patient is suffering from a dangerous or infectious disease, send to the Medical Officer of Health a Certificate stating the name of the patient, the nature of his illness and his address.

(b) Any Medical Practitioner who fails to send a certificate as required by these Bye-laws commits an offence.

**Prohibition**

19.4 A person who knows that he is suffering from a dangerous or infectious disease shall not engage in a or carry on any trade, business or occupation in connection with food or any trade, business or occupation which he can engage in or carry on without the risk of spreading such disease.

19.4.1 **A person who:**

i. Knowing that he is suffering from a dangerous or infectious disease exposes other persons to the risk of infection by using any public transport or by using his presence or conduct in any street or footpaths, public place, place of entertainment or assembly, club hotel, restaurant, shop or any licensed premises, or

ii. Having the care of a person whom he knows to be so suffering to use or permits that person to expose other persons to the risk of infection; or

iii. Gives land, sells, transmits or exposes with previous disinfection, any bedding, clothing or other articles which he knows to have been exposed to infection from any such diseases and which are likely to carry such infectious disease commits an offence.

**Restriction on Deposit of Rubbish**

19.5 No person shall place or deposit or cause a permit to be placed or deposited in a dustbin or ash-pit or other receptacle for containing refuse or any matter he knows to have been exposed to infection from a dangerous or infectious disease and which has not been disinfected.

**Infected Laundry**

19.6 No person shall send or deliver to any laundry or public wash house, for the purpose of being washed or cleaned, any article or thin which he knows to have been expose to infection from a disease, unless such article or things have been disinfected by or to the satisfaction of the medical officer of health.

19.6.1 No person shall let or offer to let any house, room or other premises in which a person to his knowledge has been suffering from a dangerous or infections disease, without having that house, room or other premises and all articles therein liable to retain infection, disinfected to the satisfaction of the medical office of health.

19.62 If the occupier of a house ceases to occupy that house in which to his knowledge a person was within six weeks previously, been suffering from an infectious disease and fails to have it and all articles there liable to:

(a) Retain infection disinfected to the satisfaction of the medical office of health or a qualified Medical Practitioner, or

(b) Fails so give to the owner of the house notice of previous existence of such disease commits an offence under these By-laws.

19.6.3 Any person who contravenes any provision of these Bye-laws commits an offence and is liable on Summary Conviction to a fine of not less than one hundred penalty units and not more than two hundred and fifty penalty units or to a term of imprisonment of not less than six months and not more than twelve months or to both fine and imprisonment.