

Ordinance 18 of 2022

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT) (NO.4) ORDINANCE 2022**

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

01 June 2022

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment) (No.4) Ordinance 2022.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 5.00pm on 1 June 2022.

Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022

2.—(1) The Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022(a) is amended as follows.

(2) For section 5 (masks), substitute—

“Masks

(a) Ordinance 04/2022, as amended by Ordinances 08/2022, 09/2022 and 17/2022.

5.—(1) In high-risk areas, except as provided by relevant health and safety guidelines, where two or more people are in the presence of each other, all the persons aged 12 years old or more must wear a mask.

(2) In this section “high-risk areas” means—

- (a) public transport;
- (b) the indoor areas of hospitals or any other establishment providing medical or dental care or services whether on an outpatient or inpatient basis;
- (c) the indoor areas of the residential and support facilities listed in subsection 30(1).”

(3) In section 20 (number of persons permitted to enter public service or retail premises)—

(a) for subsection (1) substitute —

“(1) A person in charge of a retail premises, or any other premises where services are being provided to the public, where the total floor area exceeds 500 square metres must ensure that the number of people simultaneously present on the premises does not exceed 85% of the capacity of the premises.”;

(b) omit subsections (2) and (3).

(4) For subsection 24 (casinos) substitute—

“Gambling establishments

24. A person in charge of a casino, betting shop, or gambling establishment where the total floor area exceeds 500 square metres must ensure that the number of people simultaneously present on the premises does not exceed 85% of the capacity of the premises.”.

(5) In section 29 (hospitals etc)—

(a) in subparagraph (1)(b)(i) for “24” substitute “48”;

(b) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) No person may attend an outpatient facility, clinic, or diagnostic centre unless they are less than 6 years of age or are in possession of evidence that they have—

- (a) completed a full course of vaccination against COVID-19,
- (b) recovered from COVID-19 in the preceding 3 months, or
- (c) tested negative for COVID-19 by a PCR test within the preceding 72 hours or by a rapid flow test within the preceding 48 hours.”

(6) In section 30 (residential and support facilities), in subsection (2) for “visit another person in a residential facility listed in subsection (1)” substitute “visit a resident of a residential facility listed in subsection (1) provided that the resident has had no more than 3 other visitors that day, with no more than two visitors attending simultaneously,”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment) (No.4) Ordinance 2022 (the “Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance and is not intended to be a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.

2. Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022 (the “principal Ordinance”) and, broadly, relaxes or removes restrictions relating to COVID-19, reflecting the changes introduced in the Republic by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Order (No. 22) of 2022 (P.I 203/2022).

3. The Ordinance removes the requirement to wear masks indoors except in a number of limited circumstances, including healthcare settings. It amends the number of people permitted to be present in retail establishments, undertakings providing services to the public, and casinos, gambling establishments and betting shops. It also relaxes certain provisions relating to visits to hospitals and residential care facilities.

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