

Ordinance 23 of 2022

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 8) ORDINANCE 2022**

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

Clare Elizabeth Simpson
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

31 August 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. 8) Ordinance 2022.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 12:00 midday on 1 September 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—

(a) Ordinance 4/2022, amended by Ordinances 8/2022, 9/2022, 17/2022, 18/2022, 19/2022, 20/2022, and 22/2022.

“Masks

5.—(1) For the purposes of this section, a “high risk area” is any indoor area within one of following—

- (a) hospitals,
- (b) nursing homes,
- (c) premises provided for vulnerable groups,
- (d) premises providing health services,
- (e) outpatient clinics,
- (f) medical and diagnostic centres,
- (g) rehabilitation centres,
- (h) pharmacies, or
- (i) public transport.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), where two or more persons are in the presence of each other in a high risk area, all of the persons aged 12 years old or over must wear a mask.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to persons exempted from the requirement to wear a mask on medical grounds.”

(3) Omit sections 11, 13, 15, 18 to 22, and 24.

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. 8) 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.

2. The note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not meant to be a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.

3. Section 2 of the Ordinance amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2022 to reflect new measures introduced in the Republic in relation to the wearing of masks and the capacity of leisure and retail businesses. Specifically, it removes the mandate to wear masks in such spaces and removes any limit in the capacity of these businesses.

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