

**Ordinance 20 of 2020**

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(CONSOLIDATION NO.2) (AMENDMENT NO.2)  
ORDINANCE 2020**

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An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2)  
Ordinance 2020.

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*26 June 2020*

**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) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment No.2) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 12:00 noon on 26 June 2020.

## **Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020**

2.—(1) The Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 3 (interpretation) at the end of subsection (1) insert—

““transport service” does not include a transport service provided by Her Majesty’s Armed Forces.”.

(3) Omit section 4 (prohibited areas).

(4) In section 5 (events and gatherings) omit subsections (2) and (3).

(5) In section 6 (restrictions on the operation of activities) omit subsection (1)(g).

(6) In section 9 (relevant health and safety guidelines), in subsection (1)(h) for “an outdoor” substitute “a”.

(7) After section 9(1)(k) omit “or” and, after section 9(1)(l), insert—

“, or

(m) transport services,”.

(8) After section 9(7), insert—

“(7A) A person organising or attending an event, other than one to which subsections (2), (3) or (7) apply, must do so in compliance with the relevant health and safety guidelines.”.

(9) In section 11 (personal protective equipment) omit subsection (2)(d).

(10) After section 11(2), insert—

“(2A) Subject to subsection (2B), where a vehicle used in a transport service is carrying passengers, the driver and passengers of that service must wear a mask that complies with the relevant health and safety guidelines.

(2B) Subsection (2A) does not apply to—

(a) a passenger who, for a medical reason, cannot wear a mask required by virtue of that subsection, or

(b) where the vehicle in question is of category M1, within the meaning of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 2013(b), a passenger who is situated more than 2 metres away from any other person.”.

(11) Omit section 11(4).

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(a) Ordinance 18/2020, as amended by Ordinance 19/2020.

(b) P.I. 22/2013, as amended by P.I. 35/2013, and 7/2015. “Category of vehicle” is defined in section 2(2).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment No.2) Ordinance 2020 (“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.** This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.

**3.** The Ordinance amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020 (“the principal Ordinance”).

**4.** Section 2(2) amends section 3(1) of the principal Ordinance. It inserts a definition to the effect that, for the purposes of that Ordinance, “transport service” does not include a transport service provided by Her Majesty’s Armed Forces. Section 2(7) requires compliance, by those operating a transport service, with the relevant health and safety guidelines mentioned in the principal Ordinance. Section 2(9) to 2(11) change the requirements concerning the wearing of masks in transport services. There is no such requirement when the driver is alone in the transport vehicle. Otherwise, both passengers and drivers must wear a mask. This does not apply, however, to passengers that are unable, for a medical reason, to comply with that requirement. Furthermore, in vehicles of category M1 (within the meaning of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 2013), that requirement does not apply to a passenger who is situated more than 2 metres away from any other person.

**5.** Section 2(3) deletes section 4 of the principal Ordinance, which provided that no person was allowed to enter an indoor playground. Section 2(5) removes indoor children’s playgrounds or indoor children’s play centre from the list of businesses that, under the principal Ordinance, cannot be carried out. Section 2(6) extends the requirement to comply with the relevant health and safety guidelines mentioned in the principal Ordinance to indoor playgrounds.

**6.** Section 2(3) and (8) authorise the organisation of, and attendance at, events or gatherings at which more than 10 persons are present (subject to other prohibitions concerning certain types of events set out in section 5(1) of the principal Ordinance), but subject to compliance with the relevant health and safety guidelines. A special regime will continue to apply to ceremonies such as christenings, weddings and funerals, religious worship and official sporting events.

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