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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(CONSOLIDATION NO.2) (AMENDMENT NO.10)  
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**

*25 September 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.10) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on the day following the day of its publication in the Gazette.

## **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) After section 3(2), insert—

“(3) Relevant health and safety guidelines apply in the Areas as if—

- (a) the Areas formed part of the Republic, and
- (b) those parts of the Areas which, before 16th August 1960, lay within—
  - (i) the district of Limassol now lay within the district of Limassol of the Republic,
  - (ii) the district of Larnaca now lay within the district of Larnaca of the Republic, and
  - (iii) the district of Famagusta now lay within the district of Famagusta of the Republic.”.

(3) In section 5(7)(e), for “regulations”, substitute “guidelines”.

(4) After section 5, insert—

### **“Events and gatherings: parts of the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area that used to be in the Larnaca District**

**5A.**—(1) This section applies in the parts of the Areas which, before 16th August 1960, lay within the district of Larnaca.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), no person may—

- (a) be simultaneously present in a residence with more than 9 other persons, or
- (b) gather in a group of more than 10 persons (including the person in question) in any place to which the public has access.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to—

- (a) a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening,
- (b) an act of worship at a place of religious worship,
- (c) a restaurant or other catering premises where food or drink is supplied for consumption on the premises,
- (d) an official sporting event,
- (e) a cinema,
- (f) a theatre, or
- (g) a performance venue.

(4) Subsection (5) applies within property owned or occupied by the Crown in right of Her Majesty’s Government of the United Kingdom to which the public does not have access.

(5) In a place within property referred to in subsection (4), subsection (2)(b) applies as if the class consisting of the persons having access to the property were the public.

(6) The person in control of a place of religious worship may permit no more than 75 persons to be simultaneously present on the premises.

(7) A person may organise or permit a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening to take place only if that person ensures that no more than 75 persons are simultaneously present.”.

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(a) Ordinance 18/2020, amended by Ordinances 19/2020, 20/2020, 24/2020, 25/2020, 26/2020, 27/2020, 28/2020, 29/2020 and 30/2020.

(5) After section 8, insert—

**“Provision of food and drinks: parts of the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area that used to be in the Larnaca District**

**8A.**—(1) This section applies in the parts of the Areas which, before 16th August 1960, lay within the district of Larnaca.

(2) In a place referred to in section 8(1), no more than 10 customers may be seated at any table.”

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment No.10) 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 amendments are intended to mirror the Quarantine (Measures to Prevent the Spread of the coronavirus COVID-19) (Order No. 41) Order 2020, PI 437/2020 of the Republic.

**4.** Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020 ("the principal Ordinance").

**5.** Section 2(2) inserts a new section 3(3) into the principal Ordinance, which provides that relevant health and safety guidelines (defined at section 3(1) of the principal Ordinance) apply in the Areas as if the Areas formed part of the Republic, and those parts of the Areas which, before 16th August 1960, lay within certain districts of the Colony of Cyprus now lay within the corresponding districts of the Republic.

**6.** Section 2(3) amends section 5(7) of the principal Ordinance, so that it now refers to relevant health and safety guidelines.

**7.** Section 2(4) inserts a new section 5A into the principal Ordinance, which regulates events and gatherings in the parts of the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area that used to be in the Larnaca District.

**8.** Under it, the presence of more than 10 persons in places of residence is prohibited. In places to which the public has access, with some exceptions, gathering in groups of more than 10 persons is also prohibited. On property occupied by the Crown in right of Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom, and to which the public does not have access, the criterion is modified: the class consisting of the persons having access to the property is deemed to be the public.

**9.** Exceptions to the prohibition of gathering in groups of more than 10 persons in public places, or their equivalent on Crown land, are: ceremonies such as a wedding, funeral or christening; acts of worship at a place of religious worship; restaurants or other catering premises; an official sporting events (as defined in section 3 of the principal Ordinance; cinemas; theatres; and performance venues.

**10.** Section 2(4) also provides that the person in control of a place of religious worship may permit no more than 75 persons to be simultaneously present on the premises. It also provides that a person may organise or permit a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening to take place only if that person ensures that no more than 75 persons are simultaneously present.

**11.** Section 2(5) inserts a new section 8A into the principal Ordinance. It provides that, in the parts of the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area that used to be in the Larnaca District of the Colony of Cyprus, no more than 10 persons may be seated at the same table in restaurants and other catering premises.

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