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

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

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

01 December 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. 19) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 8:00pm on 1 December 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 is amended as follows.

- (2) In section 3(1), in the definition of “sports facility”, for “school”, substitute “teaching facility”.
- (3) In section 5 (Events and gatherings)—
- (a) in subsection (1), for “or open-air fair”, substitute “open air fair, or trade fair, unless permitted by or under relevant health and safety regulations”.
 - (b) for subsection (2)(b), substitute—
 - “(b) subject to subsection (2A), gather in a group of 2 or more people (including the person in question) in any place to which the public has access.”.
 - (c) after subsection (2), insert—
 - “(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), children under the age of 18 of any member of the group are not deemed to be part of the group.”.
 - (d) after subsection (3)(i), insert—
 - “(ia)the meeting of a community council or municipality Council,”,
 - (e) in subsection (6)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “75”, substitute (10), and
 - (ii) omit paragraph (b),
 - (f) in subsection (7)—
 - (i) omit “Except as provided by the relevant health and safety guidelines”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (a), for “150”, substitute “10”,
 - (iii) omit paragraphs (b) and (c),
 - (g) in subsection (11), omit “In the Akrotiri and Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area,”.
- (4) Omit section 5A (Restriction on movement: Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area).
- (5) In section 5C (Restrictions on Movement: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area)—
- (a) in the heading omit “: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area”,
 - (b) omit subsection (1),
 - (c) in subsection (2) for “8:00pm” substitute “9:00pm”,
 - (d) in subsection (3) for “8:00pm” substitute “9:00pm”,
 - (e) in subsection (4)(d) omit “in the District of Limassol.”.
- (6) Omit section 5D (Events and Gatherings: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area).
- (7) In section 6 (Restrictions on the operation of activities)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) at the end of paragraph (e), for the full stop, substitute a comma, and
 - (ii) after paragraph (e), insert—
 - “(f) a casino.”.
 - (b) after subsection (8), insert—
 - “(9) No person operating a betting house may permit or suffer any person, other than employees of the betting house, to be present on the premises for any purpose other than the completion and submission of betting, gaming or gains coupons.
 - (10) For the purpose of subsection (9), “betting house” has the meaning given to it by the Betting Houses, Gaming Houses and Gambling Prevention (Consolidation) Ordinance 1985(a).
 - (11) The person in charge of an open air market must ensure that the number of persons attending the premises does not exceed 50% of the capacity of that open air market.”.
- (8) In section 6A (Restriction on sporting and social activities Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area)—

(a) Ordinance 10/1985, as amended by Ordinances 1/1996, 30/2005, 18/2006, 5/2013 and 2/2015.

- (a) in the title, omit the words “Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area”,
- (b) omit subsection (1),
- (c) in subsection (6)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b), for the full stop substitute a comma,
 - (ii) after paragraph (b), insert

“(c) the gym is being used for personal exercise and training by no more than two people, including any instructor.”,
- (d) after subsection (6), insert—

“(6A) The person in charge of a teaching facility for sports or other physical activity, including dance, may not allow the facility to be used, unless the facility is being used for personal exercise and training by no more than two people, including any instructor.”.
- (9) Omit section 6ZA (Restriction on the operation of activities: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area).
- (10) In section 7 (Number of persons to be permitted to enter premises)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), at the start, insert “Subject to subsection (6),”,
 - (b) after subsection (5), insert—

“(6) Where a person is operating a retail activity, the ratio in subsection (2) may not exceed 1 person per 10 square metres”
- (11) In section 8 (Provision of food and drink)—
 - (a) for subsection (3), substitute—

“(3) Subject to subsection (3A), no person may operate a restaurant or other catering activity where food or drink is provided to customers for consumption on the premises between the hours of 7:00pm and 5:00am.”,
 - (b) after subsection (3), insert—

“(3A) Subsection (3) does not apply to the following catering activity—

 - (a) dining premises located within hotels and tourist accommodation to persons staying overnight at the hotel or tourist accommodation,
 - (b) catering premises located within an airport terminal,
 - (c) a military catering facility situated on land occupied by the Crown in rights of its Government of the United Kingdom,

(3B) Where subsection (3A) applies, food or drink may not be provided to customers for consumption on the premises after 10:30pm.”
 - (c) for subsection (4), substitute—

“(4) For the purpose of subsection (3), where seating is made available for customers in an area adjacent to premises where food is being sold, the food is deemed to be sold for consumption on those premises, whether or not the seating is made available by the seller.”
- (12) Omit section 8A (Provision of food and drink: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area).
- (13) In section 8B(1), for “10:00” substitute “9:00”.

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. 19) 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 Notice. 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.55) of 2020 of the Republic.

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

5. Section 2(2) amends the definition of “sports facility” in the principal Ordinance, to substitute, for the reference to a “school”, a reference to a “teaching facility”.

6. Section 2(3)(a) adds trade fairs to the list of activities that are prohibited under section 5(1) of the principal Ordinance, but provides that relevant health and safety guidelines may provide for exemptions from those prohibitions.

7. Section 2(3)(b) and (c) amend section 5(2)(b) of the principal Ordinance, to prohibit gathering in groups of more than 2 people in places to which the public has access; however, the children under the age of 18 of members of the group do not count towards that limit. Section 2(6) repeals section 5D of the principal Ordinance, to remove restrictions on gatherings that applied specifically to the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area.

8. Section 2(3)(d) amends section 5(3) of the principal Ordinance, to provide that the meetings of community or municipality councils are exempt from the restrictions on gathering provided for in section 5(2).

9. Section 2(3)(e) amends section 5(6) of the principal Ordinance. It limits the number of persons who can take part in ceremonies such as weddings, funerals and christenings to 10, removes the possibility of exemptions being provided for in relevant health and safety guidelines, and removes the limit on the number of persons per square metres who can be present.

10. Section 2(3)(f) amends section 5(7) of the principal Ordinance. It limits the number of persons who can take part in entertainment to celebrate events such as weddings or christenings to 10, removes the possibility of exemptions being provided for in relevant health and safety guidelines, and removes the limit on the number of persons per square metres who can be present.

11. Section 2(4) and (5) amends section 5C of the principal Ordinance, to impose a uniform curfew from 9pm to 5pm across the Areas, subject to certain exceptions.

12. Section 2(7)(a) amends section 6(1) of the principal Ordinance, to prohibit the activities of casinos. Section 2(7)(b) inserts new sections 6(9) and (10) into the principal Ordinance, which restricts the activities of betting houses, and a new section 6(11), which requires open-air markets to operate at 50% of their capacity.

13. Section 2(8) amends section 6A of the principal Ordinance. With certain exceptions, it restricts the operation of gyms and teaching facilities for sports or other physical activity, including dance, to personal exercise and training by no more than 2 people, including one instructor. It also extends to the whole of the Areas limitation on sporting and social activities that applies only in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Areas.

14. Section 2(9) repeals section 6ZA of the principal Ordinance, which provided for a number of restrictions on activities in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area.

15. Section 2(10) amends section 7 of the principal Ordinance, to provide that a person operating a retail activity, may not allow one person per 10 square metres to be present on the premises.

16. Section 2(11) amends section 8 of the principal Ordinance. It restricts the operation of catering activities between the hours of 7pm and 8am, except for hotel and tourist accommodation, airports and military catering facilities, where the restriction starts at 10.30pm. Takeaway by delivery is not affected. Section 2(12) repeals section 8A of the principal Ordinance, to remove certain restrictions on the provision of food and drinks that applied specifically to the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area.

17. Section 2(13) amends section 8B(1) of the principal Ordinance, to extend the time when pharmacies and grocery stores must reserve their services to persons with disabilities and persons over 65.

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