

Ordinance 08 of 2021

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT NO.3) ORDINANCE 2021**

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021.

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

09 February 2021

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.3) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 10 February 2021.

Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021

2.—(1) The Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 5 (general exceptions to the prohibition on leaving a place of residence), in subsection (1)(b) after “pharmacy” insert “, medical board”.

(3) In section 9 (prohibited areas)—

(a) Ordinance 2/2021, amended by Ordinances 5/2021 and 7/2021.

- (a) in subsection (1), at the start, insert “Subject to subsection (4),”;
- (b) at the end of subsection (1), for the comma, substitute a full stop;
- (c) after subsection (3), insert—
 - “(4) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply on land occupied by the Crown in right of its Government of the United Kingdom.”.
- (4) In section 11 (places of residence), in subsection 2(e), for “one other person” substitute “three other people”, and for “is” in the second place it appears substitute “are”.
- (5) In section 13 (prohibited activities)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), omit paragraphs (a), (e), (k), (s) and (t);
 - (b) after subsection (2) insert—
 - “(2A) Paragraph (v) of subsection (1) does not apply in respect of playgrounds on land occupied by the Crown in right of its Government of the United Kingdom.”;
 - (c) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b)—
 - (aa) after “matches of the First” insert “or Second”;
 - (bb) after subparagraph (ii) insert—
 - “; and
 - (iii) no matches of the Second Category of the Cyprus Sports Organisation may be held before 13 February 2021.”;
 - (ii) after paragraph (b), insert—
 - “(c) in relation to outdoor sports facilities only, the facility is used for personal training without any physical contact, provided that no more than five persons train together, including any instructor.”;
 - (d) after subsection (4), insert—
 - “(5) A person operating or in charge of any undertaking or operation of a sports facility must ensure that a person who takes part in any activity at that facility—
 - (a) has submitted to a rapid antigen test for Coronavirus COVID-19 within the seven days preceding the day on which they attend the sports facility; and
 - (b) the test referred to in paragraph (a) returned a negative result.
 - (6) The person in charge of a betting shop must ensure that customers only remain at the premises to complete and submit their betting slips or to collect any winnings.
 - (7) The person in charge of an indoor or outdoor theatre, amphitheatre, cinema or performance hall must ensure that no more than 50 people attend any performance.”
- (6) In section 15 (religious worship)—
 - (a) for subsection (1), substitute—
 - “(1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), the person in charge of a place of religious worship must ensure that no more than 50 persons attend a service at that place of religious worship”;
 - (b) omit subsection (2);
 - (c) after subsection (3), insert—
 - “(4) A person in charge of a place of religious worship must ensure that the ratio of persons present at that place of worship to the surface in square metres of that place of worship does not at any time exceed one person per 3 square metres.”.
- (7) Omit section 19 (permitted retail businesses).
- (8) After subsection (4) of section 23 (number of persons to be permitted to enter business premises) insert—
 - “(5) A person specified in subsection (6) must—

- (a) ensure that a person is present at the entrance of the premises to monitor the number of persons entering and leaving the premises to ensure that the maximum number of people permitted in that premises is not exceeded, and
 - (b) not intentionally, recklessly or through lack of reasonable care permit or suffer the ratio in subsection (2) to exceed 1 person per 15 square metres.
- (6) The persons specified for the purpose of this subsection are—
- (a) a person in charge of a retail business with a surface area greater than 1,000 square metres, and
 - (b) a person in charge of a shopping centre.”
- (9) In Schedule 2 (declaration of citizen’s movement by exception), in number 1 after “going to a pharmacy,” insert “medical board,”.

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.3) Ordinance 2021 ("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 amendments are intended to mirror the Quarantine (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of Corona Virus Covid-19) Order (No.6) of 2021 (P.I. 40/2021) of the Republic, and Quarantine (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of Corona Virus Covid-19) Order (No.7) of 2021 (P.I. 61/2021).

3. Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021 ("the principal Ordinance").

4. Subsections (2) and (9) add attendance at medical boards to the list of exceptions to the prohibition on leaving a place of residence.

5. Subsection (3) permits the use of outdoor play areas on land occupied by the Crown in right of its government of the United Kingdom.

6. Subsection (4) increase the number of people allowed to be present in a place of residence that is not their own from two to four.

7. Subsection (5) amends restrictions on permitted activities, to allow the operation of cultural institutions, betting shops, theatres and cinemas, and also to broaden the categories of individuals that are permitted to train and play matches at sports facilities.

8. Subsection (6) permits services of religious worship to resume subject to an absolute limit of fifty people, or otherwise a limit determined by the size of the place of worship.

9. Subsection (7) removes the general prohibition on retail businesses and allows these to resume operation.

10. Subsection (8) sets out specific rules for those operating large retail business and shopping centres to ensure that the number of visitors do not exceed the specified limits.

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