

**Ordinance 14 of 2021**

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(AMENDMENT NO.7) ORDINANCE 2021**

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

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*16 March 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.7) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 9:00pm on 16 March 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 6 (exceptions to the prohibition on leaving a place of residence between 5am and 9pm)—
- (a) in the heading, for “9pm” substitute “11pm”,
  - (b) for “9pm” substitute “11pm”,
  - (c) at the end of paragraph (e)(ii)(aa)(xvi), omit “or”,
  - (d) after paragraph (e)(ii)(aa)(xvii), insert—
    - “(xviii) going to a place referred to in section 9(2A), or”.
- (3) In section 9 (prohibited areas)—
- (a) in subsection (2), for “two”, substitute “six”,
  - (b) after subsection (2) insert—
    - “(2A) A person may enter the following public gathering spaces—
    - (a) dining premises,
    - (b) a park, beach, town square or trail designated as a nature trail by the Department of Forests of the Republic, provided that no person in such a place is part of a group of more than 6 persons.”,
  - (c) omit subsection (3).
- (4) In section 13(1)(w)—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (i), delete “or”,
  - (b) at the end of sub-paragraph (ii), insert “or”,
  - (c) after sub-paragraph (ii), insert—
    - “(iii) dining premises in accordance with section 22.”.
- (5) In section 22 (catering premises)—
- (a) for subsection (1) substitute—
    - “(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person in charge of a catering business must ensure that—
    - (a) food and drink are only served to customers seated at outdoor tables, except as otherwise provided by relevant health and safety guidelines,
    - (b) no more than 8 customers are seated at any table,
    - (c) no bar service is provided to customers, and the bar area is only used by staff for the preparation of food and drinks, and
    - (d) food and drink are not provided to customers for consumption on the premises after 10:45pm.”,
  - (b) in subsection (2)—
    - (i) for “Subsection (1)”, substitute “paragraph (d) of subsection (1)”,
    - (ii) omit paragraphs (a) and (c),
  - (c) in subsection (4) for “8:30pm” substitute “10.45pm”.
- (6) In section 22A (rent relief for businesses affected by prohibitions of their activities)—
- (a) in subsection (2)(b) for the words after “to pay it in” until the end of subsection (2) substitute “instalments of an equal amount to be determined by the tenant.”,
  - (b) in subsection (3)(b)—

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(a) Ordinance 2/2021, amended by Ordinances 5/2021, 7/2021, 8/2021, 9/2021, 10/2021 and 11/2021.

- (i) after “the obligation was”, insert “to pay the rent in instalments of an equal amount to be determined by the tenant”, and
- (ii) omit sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii).

(7) In section 24 (number of persons permitted to work at a private business), in subsection (1) for “50%” substitute “30%”.

(8) For section 28 (immigration centres) substitute—

“(1) A person entering a place approved by the Chief Officer under section 34(1) of the Immigration Ordinance 2020<sup>(a)</sup> for the detention of persons under Part 5 of that Ordinance must have taken a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within the previous 7 days, and that test must have returned a negative result.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply—

- (a) in emergency situations, or
- (b) in exceptional circumstances where prior permission has been given by the person in charge of the place.”.

(9) In schedule 2—

- (a) in number 2, for the words after “retail business” until the end, substitute “or food and beverage business”,
- (b) in number 6, for the words after “physical activity” until the end, substitute “or access to public gathering areas where access is permitted”.

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(a) Ordinance 34/2020.

## **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.11) of 2021 (P.I. 113/2021) of the Republic.

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

**4.** Subsection (2) amends section 6 of the principal Ordinance to add to the permitted exceptions which allow a person to leave a place of residence between 5am and 11pm.

**5.** Subsection (3) amends section 9 of the principal Ordinance to permit entering certain public gathering spaces, subject to conditions, and to make changes to the number of persons permitted to gather in public gathering spaces for the purposes of physical exercise.

**6.** Subsection (4) amends section 13(1)(w) of the principal Ordinance, to allow the dining premises of clubs, societies and associations to open.

**7.** Subsection (5) amends section 22 of the principal Ordinance to permit catering premises to operate subject to conditions.

**8.** Subsection (6) amends section 22A of the principal Ordinance to make changes to the way rent relief is provided to business tenants, subject to conditions.

**9.** Subsection (7) amends section 24 of the principal Ordinance to require a person operating a private business to ensure that no more than 30% of the total number of employees of the business are psychically in attendance at the business premises, at the same time.

**10.** Subsection (8) amends section 28 of the principal Ordinance to require any person who enters or exits an immigration centre to have had a negative result to a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 in the previous 7 days, subject to conditions.

**11.** Subsection (9) amends schedule 2 of the principal Ordinance, containing the form that can be used as evidence of the reason for movements outside a place of residence.

**SBA/AG/2/H/180(B)**

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