

Ordinance 19 of 2021

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT NO.12) ORDINANCE 2021**

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

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

19 May 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.12) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 20 May 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.

(a) Ordinance 2/2021, amended by Ordinances 5/2021, 7/2021, 8/2021, 9/2021, 10/2021, 11/2021, 14/2021, 15/2021, 16/2021, 17/2021 and 18/2021.

- (2) In section 2 (interpretation), omit the definitions for “cultural institution”, “high-achieving athletes” and “public gathering space”.
- (3) In section 6 (prohibition on leaving a place of residence between 11pm and 5am)—
- (a) for the heading substitute “Prohibition on movement of people between midnight and 5am”,
 - (b) for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) Subject to subsection (2), between midnight and 5am a person is prohibited from being outside—

 - (a) a place of residence, or
 - (b) a hotel where they are lodging.”.
 - (c) in subsection (2) for “permitted to leave their place of residence between 11pm” substitute “permitted to be outside any place listed in subsection (1) between midnight”,
 - (d) in subsection (3) for “leaving their place of residence between 11pm” substitute “permitted to be outside any place listed in subsection (1) between midnight”.
- (4) In section 8 for the heading “Requirements when leaving a place of residence in a motor vehicle” substitute “Requirements when travelling in a motor vehicle”.
- (5) In section 9 (prohibited areas), for subsection (2)(a) substitute—
- “(a) where P holds a Safepass, or”.
- (6) In section 10 (visiting old peoples’ homes etc), in subsection (1) after “in” insert “the indoor sections of the following”.
- (7) In section 13 (measures relating to businesses)—
- (a) in subsection (2)(iv) before the words “catering premises” insert “the indoor areas of”,
 - (b) after subsection (11) insert—

“(12) A person who attends a playground, fun fair or theme park must comply with relevant health and safety guidelines.”.
- (8) In section 13A (recreational activities)—
- (a) after subsection (1)(c), insert—

“(d) all relevant health and safety guidelines are complied with.”
 - (b) at the beginning of subsection (3) insert “Subject to subsection (7),”,
 - (c) after subsection (5) insert—

“(6) Provided changing rooms are not used and relevant health and safety guidelines are complied with, swimming pools may be used by any person—

 - (a) for physical exercise, or
 - (b) with a disability for therapeutic exercise.

(7) No person aged between 12 and 17 years old inclusive may enter an indoor sports facility for the purpose of exercising unless they are in possession of a Safepass.”.
- (9) In section 15 (religious worship), in subsection (2) for “a religious service” substitute “an indoor religious service”.
- (10) For section 22(1)(a) (catering premises), substitute—
- “(a) no catering premises may operate after 11:45pm, except for the purpose of providing food and drink to be delivered off the premises.”
- (11) In section 26 (signage), after subsection (1) insert—
- “(2) A person operating or in charge of a premises providing public services must—
- (a) put in place signage within the premises to ensure that a distance of two metres is maintained between any people on the premises, including staff, and

- (b) display at the entrance to the premises the maximum number of people permitted to be within the premises in accordance with the relevant health and safety guidelines and this Ordinance.”.

(12) In section 31 (community councils and municipality council)—

- (a) in subsection (6)(c) after “or”, insert “a person who”,
- (b) in subsection (11)(a) remove “an” in the first place it occurs.

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.12) 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 certain provisions of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of Corona Virus Covid-19) Order (No.17) of 2021 (P.I. 208/2021).

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

4. Subsection (2) deletes the definitions of "cultural institution", "high-achieving athletes" and "public gathering spots", phrases which are no longer used in the principal Ordinance.

5. Subsection (3) amends the prohibition on leaving one's place of residence without a lawful reason and replaces it with a prohibition on being outside a permitted place during a curfew between midnight and 5am daily, and sets out the instances in which a person will be permitted to be outside under curfew.

6. Subsection (4) amends the heading for section 8 of the principal Ordinance to "Requirements when travelling in a vehicle".

7. Subsections (5) and (6) amends section 9(2) of the principal Ordinance on making visits to hospital, old people's homes and other related facilities.

8. Subsections (7), (8) and (9) amends sections 13, 13A and 15 of the principal Ordinance on measures relating to businesses, recreational activities and religious services. The amendments provide that people are permitted to be present in outdoor facilities without a Safepass, provided that health and safety guidelines are adhered to.

9. Subsection (10) amends section 22 of the principal Ordinance to set out requirements for the operation of catering premises.

10. Subsection (11) inserts a provision into section 26 of the principal Ordinance setting out requirements for signage where public services are being provided.

11. Subsection (12) amends section 31 of the principal Ordinance to clarify the provision.

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