

Ordinance 21 of 2021

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT NO.14) ORDINANCE 2021**

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

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

04 June 2021

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

PART 1

Preliminary

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19)(Amendment No.14) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 5 June 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 (prohibition on movement of people between 1am and 5am)—
- (a) at the beginning of subsection (1) insert “Until and including 9 June 2021”,
 - (b) for subsection (2)(e) substitute—
 - “(e) P is travelling between 1am and 3am, for the purposes of attending or returning from a wedding event.”
- (3) In section 9 (prohibited areas) omit subsection (1).
- (4) For section 11 (places of residence) substitute—
- “**11.**—(1) Subject to subsection (2), no person may permit more than 20 people to be present in their places of residence, including that person and any other permanent residents.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where the Chief Officer has granted a permit for a wedding or christening to be held at the residence, in accordance with the relevant health and safety guidelines.
- (3) The function of the Chief Officer under subsection (2) is a general delegated function under the Delegation of Functions Ordinance 2007(b).”.
- (5) In section 13 (measures relating to businesses)—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a)(vi) omit “outdoor and”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (a)(vii) omit “outdoor and” and “(including amphitheatres)”,
 - (iii) in paragraph (a)(xi) omit “and”,
 - (iv) in paragraph (a)(xii) for the semicolon substitute a comma,
 - (v) after paragraph (a)(xii) insert—
 - “(xiii) night clubs,
 - (xiv) reception halls,
 - (xv) discos,
 - (xvi) music and dance venues
 - (xvii) betting shops.”,
 - (b) omit subsection (4),
 - (c) omit subsection (5),
 - (d) in subsection (6) for “30%” substitute “50%”,
 - (e) omit subsection (7),
 - (f) in subsection (8)—
 - (i) after “ensure that” insert “no more than 50 people or 50% of the capacity of the venue (whichever is fewer) are simultaneously present at any given time”,
 - (ii) omit paragraph (a),
 - (iii) omit paragraph (b).
 - (g) for subsection (9) substitute—
 - “(9) Until and including 15 June 2021, no person may operate a camping site.”,
 - (h) after subsection (12) insert—

(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, 18/2021, 19/2021 and 20/2021.

(b) Ordinance 17/2007, as amended by Ordinance 8/2012.

“(13) Until and including 9 June 2021, no person may operate a nightclub, reception hall, disco, music venue or dance venue.

(14) From 10 June 2021, a person operating a nightclub, reception hall, disco, music venue or dance venue must comply with the following conditions—

- (a) except as provided by the relevant health and safety guidelines, customers must remain seated at tables,
- (b) except as provided by the relevant health and safety guidelines, no more than 8 people may be seated at any table,
- (c) no bar service may be provided to customers and the bar areas may only be used by staff for the preparation of food and drinks.”.

(6) In section 13A (recreational activities)—

(a) at the beginning of subsection (6) insert “Until and including 9 June 2021,”,

(b) after subsection (7) insert—

“(8) A person may operate a sports school, a dance school or other sports facility provided—

- (a) changing rooms are not used,
 - (b) in indoor facilities, no person operating that facility may, intentionally, recklessly or through lack of reasonable care, permit or suffer the number of persons present in that facility to exceed 1 person per 10 square metres,
 - (c) the relevant health and safety guidelines are complied with, and
 - (d) up to and including 14 June 2021, the facility is only used for the purpose of exercise without any physical contact.
- (9) From 10 June 2021, swimming pools may be used by any person, provided changing rooms are not used and relevant health and safety guidelines are complied with.”.

(7) In section 14 (events and gatherings)—

(a) in subsection (1), for paragraph (e) substitute—

“(e) until and including 15 June 2021, a social sporting event.”,

(b) in subsection (2)—

- (i) for “From 17 May 2021 a person organising a conference” substitute “A person organising an indoor conference”,
- (ii) for “30%” substitute “50%”,

(c) in subsection (3) for “a conference” substitute “an indoor conference”,

(d) omit subsection (4),

(e) after subsection (4), insert “(5) From 16 June 2021, a person organising a social sporting event must ensure that the relevant health and safety guidelines are complied with.”.

(8) In section 15 (religious worship)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) after “exceed” insert “50% of the maximum capacity of that place of religious worship.”,
- (ii) omit paragraph (a),
- (iii) omit paragraph (b),

(b) in subsection (3) for “10” substitute “20”.

(9) In section 16 (weddings, funerals and christenings)

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) after “exceed” insert “50% of the capacity of the venue”,
- (ii) omit paragraph (a),

- (iii) omit paragraph (b),
 - (b) in subsection (2) for “a wedding” substitute “an indoor wedding”.
- (10) In section 22 (catering premises)—
 - (a) omit subsection (1)(a),
 - (b) in subsection (1)(b) omit “outdoors”.
- (11) In section 23 (number of persons to be permitted to enter business premises), in subsection (4A) for “15” substitute “10”.
- (12) In section 24 (number of persons permitted to work at a private business), for subsection (1) substitute—
 - “(1) Subject to subsection (2) a person operating a private business must ensure that until and including 9 June 2021 no more than 50% of the total number of employees of the business are physically present at any individual site of the business at any one time.”.
- (13) In section 31 (community councils and municipality councils) before subsection (2) insert
 - “(1) This section applies until and including 9 June 2021.”.

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.14) 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.20) of 2021 (P.I. 230/2021) and the Quarantine (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of Corona Virus Covid-19)(Order no.20) of 2021 (P.I. 231/2021)

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

4. Subsection (2) has the effect of lifting the curfew from 10 June 2021. While the curfew remains in place, it also provides that a person may travel between 1am and 3am for the purposes of attending a wedding.

5. Subsection (3) removes the prohibition on gathering in places such as beaches, parks and public squares.

6. Subsection (4) increases the number of persons permitted to be present at a private residence from 10 to 20. This limit does not apply where a permit has been issued for a wedding or christening to take place at the residence, in accordance with the relevant Health and Safety Guidelines.

7. Subsection (5) permits the reopening of venues including nightclubs and reception halls from 10 June 2021. It also permits the use of tables and chairs inside betting shops and removes the prohibition on social events being held at playgrounds and funfairs. Camping sites are permitted to reopen on 16 June 2021.

8. Subsection (6) permits the operation of sports facilities and swimming pools from 10 June 2021, subject to certain restrictions.

9. Subsection (7) permits social sporting events to take place from 16 June 2021. It also permits conferences to take place at up to 50% of any indoor venue capacity.

10. Subsection (8) increases the number of people permitted to be present at a religious service to 50% of the capacity of the place of worship.

11. Subsection (9) increases the number of people permitted to be present at a wedding, funeral or christening to 50% of the capacity of the venue.

12. Subsection (10) removes the restriction on the operating hours or catering premises and permits the using of indoor space for dining.

13. Subsection (11) increases the number of people permitted to be present in a shopping centre from 1 person per 15 square metres to 1 person per 10 square metres.

14. Subsection (12) removes the limit on the number of people who are able work on the premises at a private business from 10 June 2021.

15. Subsection (13) removes the limit on the number of people who are able to work on the premises of community and municipality councils from 10 June 2021.

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