

**Ordinance 26 of 2021**

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

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

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*27 July 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.19) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 28 July 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 13 (measures relating to businesses)—
- (a) for the section heading substitute “Measures relating to premises”,
  - (b) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) For the purposes of this section “relevant premises” are any indoor or outdoor premises, other than parks, beaches, squares, dams, picnic sites and nature trails, where social distancing measures allow more than 20 persons to be present simultaneously.”,
  - (c) in subsection (3) for “Subsection (1)” substitute “Except as provided for in section 27A, subsection (1)”,
  - (d) in subsection (8)—
    - (i) omit paragraph (a),
    - (ii) in paragraph (b)(ii) omit “Plus”,
  - (e) omit subsection (8A),and
  - (f) in subsection (14)(a)(ii) for “350” substitute “450”,
  - (g) after subsection (15) insert—

“(16) Any business or premises owner who decides to allow access to the business or premises only to those holding a Safepass Plus must notify the Chief Officer in writing of this decision.”.
- (3) In section 13A (recreational activities) omit subsection (8)(d).
- (4) In section 14 (events and gatherings)—
- (a) omit subsection (1)(e),
  - (b) in subsection (5) omit “From 16 June 2021”,
  - (c) omit subsection (7)(a).
- (5) In section 15 (religious worship) in subsection (1)(a)(ii) for “350” substitute “450”.
- (6) In section 16 (weddings, funerals and christenings) in subsection (1)(a)(ii) for “350” substitute “450”.
- (7) In section 17 (relevant health and safety guidelines for operating a ferry etc.) after “ensure” insert “that all passengers and crew are in possession of a Safepass and”.
- (8) In section 22 (catering premises) in subsection (2)(a)(ii) for “350” substitute “450”.

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(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, 20/2021, 21/2021, 22/2021, 23/2021, 24/2021 and 25/2021.

## **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.19) Ordinance 20201 (“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.31) of 2021 (P.I. 314/2021).

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

**4.** Subsection (2) has the effect that a Safepass is required to enter any premises where social distancing rules would permit more than 20 people to gather. It also increases the indoor capacity of nightclubs, reception halls, music venues and dance venues from 350 to 450, provided that all attendees are in possession of a Safepass Plus. Where the person in charge of a premises wishes to only allow access to those who are in possession of a Safepass Plus, the Chief Officer must be notified of this decision.

**5.** Subsections (3) and (4) repeal expired provisions relating to sporting events.

**6.** Subsection (5) increases the maximum attendance at an indoor religious service from 350 to 450, provided that all attendees are in possession of a Safepass Plus.

**7.** Subsection (6) increases the maximum number of attendees at an indoor wedding, christening or funeral from 350 to 450, provided that all attendees are in possession of a Safepass Plus.

**8.** Subsection (7) requires all crew and passengers on ferries, amateur fishing vessels, and boats used for water sports, to be in possession of a Safepass.

**9.** Subsection (8) increases the maximum indoor capacity of catering premises from 350 to 450, provided that all customers are in possession of a Safepass Plus.

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