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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(NO. 2) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDINANCE 2022**

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An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (No.2) Ordinance 2021.

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*13 January 2022*

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

**Short title and commencement**

**2.**—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (No.2) (Amendment No.2) Ordinance 2022.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 14 January 2022.

**Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (No.2) Ordinance 2021**

**3.**—(1) The Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (No.2) Ordinance 2021 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 2 (interpretation)—

(a) at the appropriate place insert—

““full course of vaccination” means either—



### **“Residential and support facilities**

**23.**—(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) no person (“P”) may visit another person in the following—

- (a) an old peoples’ home,
- (b) a care home for the elderly,
- (c) a chronic care unit,
- (d) a shelter facility for vulnerable groups,
- (e) a temporary shelter for the homeless,
- (f) a day care centre, or
- (g) a childcare facility or child protection unit.

(2) P is permitted to visit another person in a residential facility listed in subsection (1) if P has been given permission for the visit by the person in charge of the facility, and either—

- (a) P has tested negative for COVID-19 by a PCR within the period of 24 hours immediately preceding the visit, or
- (b) P has tested negative for COVID-19 by a rapid flow test within the period of 24 hours immediately preceding the visit, and the person in charge of the facility has approved the use of this test due to exceptional or emergency circumstances.

(3) P is permitted to visit another person in a non-residential facility listed in subsection (1) if—

- (a) P is less than 6 years old, or
- (b) P is aged between 6 and 11 and presents evidence that they—
  - (i) have had COVID-19 within the 6 months immediately preceding the visit,
  - (ii) have completed a full course of vaccination against COVID-19, or
  - (iii) have tested negative for COVID-19 (by either a PCR or rapid flow test) within the 7 days immediately preceding the visit.
- (c) P is aged 12 or over and presents evidence that they—
  - (i) have had COVID-19 within the 6 months immediately preceding the visit,
  - (ii) have completed a full course of vaccination against COVID-19, or
  - (iii) have tested negative for COVID-19 by a PCR within the 72 hours immediately preceding the visit.

(4) No resident of a residential facility listed in subsection (1) is permitted to leave the residential facility unless authorised by the person in charge of the facility.”

(11) For section 27 (visiting hospitals etc) substitute—

### **“Visiting hospitals etc**

**27.**—(1) No person may visit another person in hospital unless—

- (a) they have been given permission for the visit by the person in charge of the hospital, and either—
  - (i) they have tested negative for COVID-19 by a PCR within the period of 24 hours immediately preceding the visit,
  - (ii) they have tested negative for COVID-19 by a rapid flow test within the period of 24 hours immediately preceding the visit, and the person in charge of the hospital has approved the use of this test due to exceptional or emergency circumstances, or
  - (iii) they are less than 6 years old.

(2) No person may attend an outpatient facility, clinic, or diagnostic centre unless—

- (a) they are a boosted person,
  - (b) they have tested negative for COVID-19 (by either a PCR or rapid flow test) within the 24 hours immediately preceding the visit, or
  - (c) they are less than 6 years old.”
- (12) In section 28 (relevant undertakings)—
- (c) in subsection (2)—
    - (i) omit “(a) a casino,”;
    - (ii) after “a gaming or betting establishment” insert “, other than a casino”.
- (13) In section 28A (number of persons permitted to work at a private business), in subsection (1) for “60%” substitute “50%”.
- (14) After section 28A, insert—

#### **“Casinos**

- 28B.** A person in charge of a casino must ensure that—
- (a) the relevant health and safety guidelines are complied with,
  - (b) the number of people simultaneously present in the casino does not exceed 50% of the capacity of the casino, and
  - (c) all people present either—
    - (i) hold a Safepass, or
    - (ii) are less than 6 years old.”.
- (15) After section 31 (prisons) insert—

#### **“Remote working for community councils and municipality councils**

- 31A.** Community councils and municipality councils must ensure that no more than 50% of the total number of employees are present at an individual site of the council at any one time.”.
- (16) In section 32 (community and municipality councils), in paragraph (1)(a) after “section 16, insert “, section 31A,”.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (No.2) (Amendment No.2) Ordinance 2022 (“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 Coronavirus Covid-19) Order (No.2) of 2022 of the Republic (P.I. 3/20222).

**3.** Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (No.2) Ordinance 2021 (“the principal Ordinance”).

**4.** Subsection (2) inserts a definition of “full course of vaccination” and amends the definition of “Safepass” to include a person aged between 6 and 11 who has received a full course of vaccination against COVID-19. It also includes a provision that ID must be presented alongside any evidence of vaccination, exemption from vaccination, negative tests or recovery.

**5.** Subsection (3) amends the provision relating to mask wearing so they must now be worn by secondary school pupils.

**6.** Subsection (4) reduces the number of people aged over 12 who are permitted to be simultaneously present at a private residence.

**7.** Subsection (5) reduces the number of people permitted to be in the congregation during a religious service

**8.** Subsection (6) reduces the number of people permitted to be present a wedding, funeral or christening, and amends the criteria which allow people to attend these events.

**9.** Subsection (7) reduces the number of people permitted to be present at a catering establishment and reduces the number of people permitted to sit at each table in the venue.

**10.** Subsection (8) reduces the number of people permitted to be simultaneously present at a nightclub, reception hall, disco, music or dance venue.

**11.** Subsection (9) reduces the number of people permitted to be simultaneously present in a football stadium.

**12.** Subsection (10) restricts visits to residential and support facilities and prohibits the residents of such facilities from leaving to visit other locations.

**13.** Subsection (11) amends restrictions on hospitals, outpatient centres and diagnostic clinics.

**14.** Subsection (12) removes casinos from a list of businesses defined as “relevant undertakings”.

**15.** Subsection (13) reduces the number of working at a private business permitted to be present at any one time.

**16.** Subsection (14) reduces the number of people permitted to be present at a casino.

**17.** Subsection (15) requires 50% of community council and municipality council workers to work remotely.

**18.** Subsection (16) amends the provisions relating to community councils and municipality councils to reflect the new requirement for home working.

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