

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS 2020

Direction by the Council of Ministers under Regulation 30

relating to closure of premises

1. For the purpose of Regulation 30 of the Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations") , the Council of Ministers gives a Closure Direction for the closure of certain types and classes of premises on the terms and in the manner set out in this Direction ("the Directions").
2. In making this Closure Direction, the Council of Ministers has had regard to the need to ensure that members of the public have access to essential services and goods and to advice given by the Director of Public Health.
3. This Direction and the prohibitions, requirements or restrictions set out herein shall be in operation from 00:01 on 7th January 2021 and will remain in force until 00:01 on 28th January 2021.

PART 1 CLOSURES AND QUALIFIED OPENINGS

1. Closure of all non-essential offices, business, occupational, retail and wholesale premises ("Non Essential Premises")

All offices, business, retail and wholesale premises to which a person may have access in the normal course of business shall be deemed Non Essential Premises and closed save as for any exceptions referred to in this Closure Direction.

2. Application to hospitality venues (including but not limited to pubs, clubs and restaurants, cafes) ("Hospitality Venues")

(1) All Hospitality Venues subject to an on-license under the Licensing Act 1995 shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

(2) All Hospitality Venues and purveyors of food for the purposes of dining on the premises shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 2(1) and (2) and subject to subparagraph 2(4), Hospitality Venues which have an off-license under the Licensing Act 1995 for the purpose of the sale of liquor or provide meals or food in the normal course of their business can operate a take-away or delivery service to any person for the provision of their services and may remain open for the provision of such take away or delivery services only.

(4) None of the above provisions in this paragraph 2 shall apply to any tourist accommodation providers (registered in accordance with the Tourist Act 1975) supplying services for the purposes of accommodating key workers, persons who are required to self-isolate or such other persons who may have vacated their own residence to allow a person required to self-isolate to occupy that residence.

3. Application to providers of lifestyle services (including but not limited to beauty salons, nailbars, health clubs, health spas, gymnasiums, hairdresser and barbers) ("Lifestyle Services")

(1) All premises providing Lifestyle Services shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

(2) The closure referred to in subparagraph 3(1) shall include any mobile or off premises services offered by the Lifestyle Service provider in question.

4. Application to the providers pet grooming services ("Pet Grooming Services")

(1) All premises providing Pet Grooming Services shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

(2) The closure direction referred to in subparagraph 4(1) shall include any mobile or off premises services offered by the Pet Grooming Service provider in question.

5. Application to sporting and leisure facilities (including but not limited to swimming pools, sports centres and all sports venues ("the Sports and Leisure Facilities"))

(1) All Sports and Leisure Facilities for the provision of sporting and leisure activities shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 5(1) any outdoor part of a Sports and Leisure Facility to which any person may freely have access in the normal course of use of that facility and without the requirement for entry to a building or part thereof (for example the perimeter track of the NSC) may remain open.

6. Application to general entertainment hubs (including but not limited to cinemas, casinos, theatres, bowling alleys, playcentres and arcades) ("Entertainment Hubs")

All Entertainment Hubs shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

7. Application to any social and amenity premises (including but not limited to places of worship, youth clubs, libraries and enclosed places in parks) ("Social and Amenity Premises")

All Social and Amenity Premises shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

8. Application to any construction, building or maintenance sites or other business or occupational services performed outdoors ("Outdoor Sites")

(1) All Outdoor Sites shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of 8(1) the Department of Infrastructure may undertake such works on Outdoor Sites (including highways) as it deems reasonably necessary.

9. Application to Vehicle Showrooms

All showrooms for the purpose of sale by retail or lease and hire of vehicles ("Vehicle Showrooms") shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction.

PART 2 EXCEPTIONS TO CLOSURE

10. Application to premises providing legal, accounting, financial, insurance, estate agency and banking services ("Office Services")

All Office Services may remain open.

11. Application to retail and wholesale premises providing food and groceries ("Food Provisions")

All Food Provision premises may remain open.

12. Application to retail and prescription pharmaceutical providers ("Chemists Services")

All Chemists Services premises may remain open.

13. Application to retail and wholesale domestic and transport fuel suppliers ("Fuel Premises")

All Fuel Premises may remain open.

14. Application to funeral homes and parlours ("Funeral Services")

All Funeral Service premises may remain open.

15. Application to storage and distribution facility premises (“Distribution & Storage Premises”)

All Distribution and Storage premises may remain open.

16. Application to taxi and private hire cab premises (Taxi & Private Hire Cab Premises)

All Taxi & Private Hire Cab Premises may remain open.

17. Application to Launderettes and dry cleaners premises (“Cleaning Premises”)

All Cleaning Premises may remain open.

18. Application to public toilets (“Public Toilet Premises”)

All Public Toilet Premises may remain open.

19. Application to information and communication technology premises (“Communications Premises”)

All Communications Premises may remain open.

20. Application to builders merchants, agricultural supplies merchants (including pet foodstuffs), hardware stores and garden centres (“Merchant Suppliers”)

All Merchant Suppliers premises may remain open for business.

21. Application to veterinary surgeries (“Veterinary Surgeries”)

Veterinary Surgeries may remain open for access to and provision only of such services as the qualified veterinarians responsible for such premises deems necessary on an emergency basis.

22. Application to healthcare providers (including but not limited to primary care providers, General Practitioners, opticians, dentists, physiotherapists) (“Healthcare Providers”)

Healthcare Providers may remain open for the provision of their services subject to such other directions or notices that may be made by the Council of Ministers or other Government department from time to time.

23. Application to garages, vehicle servicing, bicycle retailers and service centre premises (“Vehicle Services”)

All Vehicle Services may remain open for business.

24. Notwithstanding the provisions contained within paragraphs 10 to 23 (inclusive) where possible employers in those premises must:

- (1) make reasonable endeavours to facilitate employees working from home; or
- (2) ensure that the business adopts such measures as are reasonably practicable to reduce the risk of a person being infected with Coronavirus as a result of being present at that business or being in contact with a person from that business.

Signed: _____

Chief Secretary on behalf of the Council of Ministers

Date: 7th January 2021

Time: 00:02