

## **PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS 2020**

### **Direction by Council of Ministers under Regulations 33C, 33D and 33E of Part 7A (Events and Gatherings) of the Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations") relating to the circumstances in which persons may gather together outside of their household**

#### **Part 1 - Direction**

1. The Council of Ministers, having considered the need to ensure the health and safety of all persons with regard to Coronavirus, makes this Direction in accordance with Part 7A of the Regulations.
2. The Council of Ministers in making this Direction has consulted with the Director of Public Health.
3. This Direction and the prohibitions, requirements and restrictions set out in Part 2 are in operation from 00:01 on 7 January 2021 and will remain in force until 00:01 on 28 January 2021.

#### **Part 2- Prohibition of events and gatherings**

4. No event or gathering may take place in a public or private place save as for the exceptions in this Direction.

#### **Part 3 – Exceptions to prohibition on events and gatherings**

5. A person may gather with up to nine (9) other persons in total at the premises (inside or outside) at which the funeral is taking place subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) Social distancing (being no closer in proximity than two (2) metres) to another person) is maintained at all times between all persons present; and
  - (b) Face coverings are worn by all persons present at all times;
6. For the purposes of this Direction a funeral does not include any pre or post social gathering of attendees (a wake) which shall remain prohibited.
7. Where a person as an employer or employee is in attendance at a premises permitted to be open under any other Direction or in the case of emergency services wherever they are required to attend in fulfilment of their services.

8. Where a person is a customer or service recipient at a shop or business premises permitted to be open under any other Direction.
9. In a public place where other persons may be present in accordance with any other permitted Direction and not in contradiction of any Direction or the Regulations in relation to household groups or social distancing or permitted outside exercise allowance.
10. Whilst attending at an emergency where two (2) or more people may inadvertently congregate to expedite matters

#### **Part 4- Definitions**

11. "Director of Public Health" ,"face covering" "event", "gathering", "premises", "private place" "public place" all have the same meaning as in the Regulations.

**Signed**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Secretary on behalf of Council of Ministers**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Time: 00:02**