

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS 2020

Direction by the Council of Ministers under Regulation 30

relating to closure of premises

Part 1 – Closure Direction

1. This Closure Direction is made by the Council of Ministers in accordance with Regulation 30 of the Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”).
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 public 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 14:30 on 9th January 2021 and will remain in force until 00:01 on 28th January 2021.
4. This Direction revokes and replaces the Direction by the Council of Ministers under Regulation 30 relating to closure of premises made at 00:02 on 7th January 2021 [GC No. 2021/0005].

Part 2 – Premises to which this Closure Direction relates

5. This Closure Direction relates to premises which are more particularly described in Column A of the table in Part 1 of the Schedule subject to any conditions on qualified opening set out in Column B of that table.
6. Premises which are permitted to remain open with qualifying conditions for conduct within or concerning the operation of premises are set out in Part 2 of the Schedule.
7. Where premises are permitted to open, or continue with qualified opening under the Regulations, or where this Direction, or any other Direction made under the Regulations, all persons responsible for, owning or operating or occupying the premises shall:-
 - a. Adhere to the terms of the Regulations and any Direction(s) made under the Regulations which may apply to the premises;
 - b. Provide that all employees are able to work from home where this is possible, and ensure they do so where practically possible to minimise the number of people at the premises;

- c. Maintain appropriate social distancing, adequate hygiene measures including face coverings or other PPE at all times where reasonably practicable;
 - d. Adopt any measures reasonably practicable to reduce the risk of a person being infected or contaminated with coronavirus as a result of attendance at or on any premises which are open and any contact with any staff or persons present on that premises;
 - e. Have regard to any current recommendations or guidance published by or on behalf of the Director of Public Health, Cabinet Office or the Department for Enterprise in the operation of business premises including working remotely/online where possible;
 - f. Subject to the provisions in paragraph 7 a - e above, where a Non-Essential premise as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule is closed or partially closed under this Closure Direction, a minimum number of staff to maintain essential operations, or to prepare the business for re-opening in line with any Government directions, shall be permitted to attend a closed premise.
8. Any person working outdoors where that business is permitted to remain open in accordance with this Closure Direction shall continue to be permitted to work outdoors.

Signed: W Greenhow

Chief Secretary on behalf of the Council of Ministers

Date: 9th January 2021

Time: 14:10

SCHEDULE

Part 1 – Closed Premises

The premises listed in column A of the table below (“Closed Premises”) shall be closed in accordance with this Closure Direction subject to qualified opening set out in column B of the table below.

Closed Premises	Qualified Opening Conditions (if applicable)
Non-Essential Premises (including all offices, business, retail and wholesale premises to which a person may have access in the normal course of business)	Offices owned occupied or operated by a Government Department, Statutory Board or Office or other premises which require the attendance of on-Island essential workers, where such office is providing critical national infrastructure or a key public service and in accordance with Regulation 26C no Closure Direction may close such premises, including transport and ports. On-Island essential workers are set out in the Annex to this Closure Direction
Hospitality Premises (including all pubs, clubs, restaurants, cafes, food retailers or purveyors with seating for customers, off-licensed premises with customer seating, on-licensed premises)	Hospitality Premises providing for sale food or refreshments (including liquor) may operate a take-away or delivery service from the Hospitality Premises
Tourist Premises, within the meaning of and registered under the Tourist Act 1975 and including hotels and hostels	Tourist premises may provide accommodation and ancillary facilities for catering or other critical services for the purposes of accommodation of a person who has been directed to self-isolate in accordance with the Regulations or a Direction made under the Regulations or is residing in a hotel or hostel in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 26D provided that such Tourist Premises may not provide any services which would be provided as part of a Lifestyle Business
Lifestyle Businesses (including beauty salons, nail bars, health clubs, health spas, gymnasiums, hairdressers, barbers, and which term includes any mobile or off premises services offered by the Lifestyle Business)	
Pet Grooming Services	
Sports and Leisure Facilities	Outdoor places which are not enclosed may remain open (including but not limited to parks, public spaces, and for example perimeter raceway of the NSC)
Entertainment Venues including cinemas, casinos, theatres, bowling alleys, play centres), roller rinks, karting tracks, arcades for amusement or other indoor or outdoor entertainment venues)	

Places of worship	Places of worship may remain open for the purposes of live streaming, recording or broadcasting of worship services or holding a funeral as permitted by the Regulations or any Direction made under the Regulations
Youth Clubs and Centres	
Libraries	Libraries in Educational Institutions or healthcare settings may remain open where those premises remain open in accordance with the Regulations or any other Closure Direction issued under the Regulations. Libraries may continue to provide on-line lending or other enquiries
Construction, building or maintenance sites, including any business or occupational services performed outdoors	<p>The Department of Infrastructure and the Manx Utilities Authority may continue to undertake works as it deems to be necessary to maintain the critical national infrastructure or otherwise as it deems reasonably necessary.</p> <p>For all other construction, and trades, despite closure of premises under this or any other Closure Direction, any tradesperson carrying on business including plumbers, carpenters, heating, gas, or air condition engineers, roofers and general builders may carry out any essential or emergency work which is necessary for preservation of life and property, and must follow any guidance issued and published on www.gov.im</p>
Vehicle Showrooms	

Part 2- Premises Remaining Open

Despite the generality of the closure of all premises in accordance with the Regulations, this Direction, or any other Direction made under the Regulations, for the avoidance of doubt, the premises listed in Column A of the table below shall remain open subject to:

- (a) the qualifications in column B where applicable and;
- (b) all risk mitigation measures set out in paragraph 6 of this Closure Direction.

Open Premises	Qualifying Conditions (if applicable)
Professional practices including legal, accounting, financial, insurance, estate agency, and banking services	
Retail and wholesale premises for the provision of food and groceries	No customer seating or service is permitted and any items purchased must be consumed off the premises
Chemist and pharmacy premises including retail and prescription medicines	
Fuel premises including retail and wholesale domestic and transport fuel suppliers	
Funeral homes and parlours	
Storage and Distribution facilities including containers, warehousing or other storage and distribution facilities	
Taxi and private hire premises	
Launderettes and dry cleaners	
Public toilets	
Information and communication technology premises	
Merchant suppliers including builders merchants, agricultural supplies, pet foodstuffs, food merchants or wholesalers, hardware stores and garden centres	
Veterinary surgeries	Where the person responsible for the premises deems the premises are required to open for emergency care for any animal
Primary healthcare provider premises including general practitioner surgeries, dentists, opticians, physiotherapists	Subject to any directions, notices, guidance or other requirements issued by the healthcare provider, the Department of Health and Social Care, or the Director of Public Health
Vehicle services including garages, vehicle servicing, bicycle retailers and service centre premises	
Manufacturing and engineering premises, including agricultural premises, farms and fisheries	
Animal welfare facilities, where the care is the subject of veterinary oversight or a recommended care programme	

ANNEX

Work Sector	If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision
Health and social care	This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the Island's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.
Education and childcare	This includes childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.
Key public services	This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.
Local and national government	This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.
Food and other necessary goods	This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).
Public safety and national security	This includes police and support staff, contractor and (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff.
Transport	This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services	This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the telecommunications sector (including but not limited to network operations, manufacturing and engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.
Miscellaneous Services	This includes those that are required for essential commercial cleaning staff who are deployed in any of the working areas of the categories listed above in order to allow them to function.
General Guidance	If workers think they fall within the critical categories above, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.