

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS 2020

PROHIBITION NOTICE ON MOVEMENT ETC

Prohibition Notice by the Council of Ministers under regulation 26C (exceptions from regulation 26B: general) relating to the circumstances in which a person may not leave his or her home

Part 1 – Prohibition Notice

1. The Council of Ministers, having considered the need to ensure that members of the public have access to essential public services and goods, makes this Prohibition Notice in accordance with regulation 26C of the Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”).
2. This Prohibition Notice comes into operation at 00:01 on 24th March 2021 and will remain in force until 00:01 on 6th April 2021.

Part 2 –Prohibitions on movement

3. A person (other than an exempt person or a person who delivers an emergency or necessary voluntary service) may not leave his or her home -
 - (a) in the case of a Category A, B or C person as defined in the Regulations, otherwise than in accordance with –
 - (i) the Regulations;
 - (ii) the conditions of any direction notice applicable to that person at any given time as a result of the person being a Category A, B or C person; or
 - (iii) paragraph 5(1)(t) subject to complying with the conditions in in subparagraphs 5(1)(t)(v) and (vi); or
 - (b) in any other case, otherwise than for one or more of the purposes specified in paragraph 5, subject to complying with the specified conditions.
4. Where a purpose for which a person may leave his or her home is specified in paragraph 5, a person –
 - (a) may only do so where it is not reasonably practicable to achieve the purpose from the person’s home;
 - (b) must comply with –
 - (i) the Regulations;
 - (ii) any applicable direction notice made under the Regulations;

- (iii) without limiting subparagraph (ii), any closure direction made under Part 7 (closure of premises etc) of the Regulations and any direction notice made under Part 7A (events and gatherings) of the Regulations;
 - (iv) any guidance published on www.gov.im; and
 - (v) any specific conditions or restrictions specified in paragraph 5; and
- (c) must take all reasonable steps to mitigate any risks associated with leaving the person's home.

5. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3(b) the following purposes are specified –

- (a) to provide or participate in the provision of an emergency or necessary voluntary service;
- (b) to perform the duties of his or her office or employment in the provision of an essential service as defined in Part 3 of this Prohibition Notice;
- (c) to undertake shopping for basic necessities, including food and medicine provided that, in circumstances where such shopping is for another household the person must not enter the property of that other household;
- (d) in order to undertake exercise alone or with other members of his or her household (including a pet dog);
- (e) in order to address any medical need of the person, or a member of his or her household (including pets) or a vulnerable person; including where agreement is in place for attendance at or the provision of assistance in connection with the attendance at testing or vaccination appointments approved by authorisation from 111;
- (f) in order to care for a vulnerable person (including exercising the vulnerable person's pet dog);
- (g) if the person is a vulnerable person in order to go to a place to be cared for;
- (h) in order to accompany a child to the home of another parent or guardian of the child;
- (i) if the person is a child, in order for that child to go, to the home of a parent or to his or her guardian, provided that the only other children who attend that home are children who ordinarily reside there;
- (j) in order —
 - (i) in the case of a minister of religion (ordained or lay), to conduct a funeral; or
 - (ii) to attend a funeral provided that in respect of the premises at which the funeral is held, the responsible person has agreed attendance subject to a risk assessment and compliance with any guidance issued by the Director of Public Health;

- (k) for the purposes of his or her office, employment or vocation, provided that in all cases no more persons are present at any one time than is necessary for the effective operation of the business;
- (l) to move to a new home (freehold or leasehold) where that move is reasonably necessary to avoid financial detriment to the person for failing to comply with a contractual obligation or a term of a mortgage offer and the move may be to temporary accommodation pending completion of all necessary formalities in respect of a move into a new long-term home;
- (m) only in an emergency, in order to attend premises required to close under Part 7 (closure of premises etc) of the Regulations;
- (n) where a notice is issued permitting entry to premises which had been required to close for the purpose of preparing the premises for reopening;
- (o) in order to take waste or recyclable produce to a civic amenity site or other facilities for the collection of recyclable products;
- (p) in order to take a vehicle to a garage for repair or maintenance;
- (q) in order to provide assistance to a member of the person's immediate family, or, if there is no immediate family available to provide the assistance required, to another person provided that the person must not enter the property (not including the garden or curtilage) of that other person;
- (r) to move from and return to other accommodation on a temporary basis for the purposes of compliance with the Regulations, social distancing, self-isolation, shielding or any other such measure required or advised by a Department or any appropriate professional body in connection with the Coronavirus pandemic;
- (s) in the case of a person in need of care ("assisted person"), to move on a temporary basis in order to be cared for by a person with whom the assisted person has an established relationship and who has agreed to provide that care ("care giver") at the care giver's home and, in the case of a care giver, to move on a temporary basis in order to provide care to an assisted person at the assisted person's home (and the temporary move may include one or more overnight stays), provided that –
 - (i) that the temporary move is necessary as a result of the assisted person's need for care;
 - (ii) the care giver and (where appropriate) the assisted person reasonably believe that the move is in the assisted person's best interests;
 - (iii) where an assisted person is subject to any restriction or requirement under the Regulations or a Direction Notice made under them or in guidance published on www.gov.im, the care giver and every member of the care giver's household become subject to and must, as far as is reasonably practicable, also comply with the restriction or requirement; and

- (iv) where an assisted person moves into the home of a Category A person (as defined in the Regulations), the assisted person becomes a Category C person and must comply with the Regulations as they apply to a Category C person;
- (t) in circumstances where –
 - (i) the person reasonably believes himself or herself to be at risk of domestic abuse;
 - (ii) the person is not entitled to remain at his or her home or is required to leave his or her home by a person by whom the home is owned or is otherwise in a position to determine who may or may not reside at those premises;
 - (iii) the person reasonably believes that, as a result of a medical condition, the person's home is no longer suitable for that person to live at safely; or
 - (iv) the situation is an emergency and it is necessary for the person to move, the person may move to other accommodation or, where applicable, in the case of subparagraph (iv), temporarily wait outside their accommodation until the emergency is resolved; provided that -
 - (v) in each of the cases, the person wears a face mask or other suitable face covering and maintains a distance of at least 2 metres from any person who is not a member of that household; and
 - (vi) in the case of a move to other accommodation and where the person is subject to a self-isolation requirement and the accommodation to which the person moves is shared with others as a household, each of the householders becomes a Category C person and must comply with the requirements and Regulations as they apply to a Category C person;
- (u) in the case of a person to whom any of the circumstances specified in subparagraph (t) apply, the person may meet the landlord or letting agent at a rental property to which the person is considering moving;
- (v) in the case of a landlord or letting agent of a rental property, in order assist a person to whom any of the circumstances specified in subparagraph (t) apply, the landlord or letting agent may meet with the person at a rental property to which the person is considering moving;
- (w) to move to other accommodation, following completion of the person's period of self-isolation as required under a direction notice under the Regulations;
- (x) in order to appear at a hearing at court which the person is required to attend, whether as a party or a witness;
- (y) in order to comply with a requirement of the person's bail;
- (z) in order to attend a police station;
- (aa) in order to enable the person —

- (i) to attend premises from which the person is produced at court (via live link), in accordance with the Criminal Justice, Police and Courts Act 2007; or
 - (ii) to take a juvenile to premises from which the juvenile is so produced;
- (bb) where it is to enable a person to attend a work place not closed by any direction made under the Regulations to perform the duties of his or her office or employment, in order to take a child to and collect a child from -
 - (i) the premises of a person providing education or childcare to whom paragraph 2 of the Schedule applies provided that the premises are not closed by any direction made under the Regulations;
 - (ii) the residence of a family member who will care for the child; or
 - (iii) one household where a household member will look after the child, provided that –
 - (iv) under (ii) and (iii), the only other children who attend that residence or household (at any time), are children who ordinarily reside there;
 - (v) where childcare is provided by a grandparent in respect of a grandchild whose parent is a person who provides essential services, the childcare may be overnight; and
 - (vi) in each of the cases –
 - (a) the parent or guardian of the child or the person who will care for the child may accompany the child between; and
 - (b) where appropriate, an unaccompanied child may go between, the child’s home and the residence or premises.
- (cc) in the case of a student, to attend the premises of a person providing education to whom paragraph 2 of the Schedule applies provided that the premises are not closed by any direction made under the Regulations;
- (dd) in the case of a general aviation pilot or crew member, in respect of whom an exemption notice is issued under the Schedule to the Regulations in order to travel to and from an airport or landing strip in the Island;
- (ee) to attend a retail business or premises which is not required to close by virtue of Part 7 (closure of premises) of the Regulations;
- (ff) as a tradesperson carrying out work in or about the home of another person (“P”), providing that —
 - (i) the works being undertaken are essential to ensuring the safety of the property (such as weatherproofing or structural damage) or the immediate health and wellbeing of P’s household (such as basic sanitary, heating, cooking and washing facilities) ; and

- (ii) the tradesperson must take reasonable steps to ensure that nobody in P's household is subject to any Direction Notice or any other requirements of the Regulations that would otherwise prohibit entry;
- (gg) in the case of a minister of religion (ordained or lay), to attend a public place of religious worship for the purposes of recording, streaming or otherwise broadcasting a service of religious worship;
- (hh) in urgent or exceptional circumstances, in order to take and collect a child or other vulnerable person to and from another household for the provision of urgent or critical care or care without which the child or vulnerable person could be at risk of harm; and if the care giver reasonably believes it to be necessary –
 - (i) where the care is provided at the care giver's home, the child or vulnerable person;
 - or
 - (ii) where the care is provided at the child or vulnerable person's home, the care giver,
 - may stay at those premises overnight;
- (ii) to provide care visits to a vulnerable person (including care provided by a relative or third sector volunteer or other public or private care provider) provided that such entry to the household is for the purposes of the provision of care (emergency or otherwise) which is considered to be important for the health and well-being of the person (for example, delivery of food, medicines, or other essential goods or response to a physical accident or emergency including preservation of the person's property);
- (jj) to attend premises for the provision of veterinary services including farrier services, emergency animal rescue services, or other critical animal welfare services;
- (kk) in the case of a Member of Tynwald, to undertake essential constituency duties;
- (ll) in order to visit a person, at that person's home or at other premises where the person is receiving end of life care in relation to a terminal illness or condition that is or has become advanced, progressive and/or incurable and is likely to result in imminent death, provided that all or any conditions or measures to mitigate any risks associated with the visit, as specified in guidance published on www.gov.im or by a person responsible for the management of the premises must be complied with; and
- (mm) in order to visit a person within their own, or one other household for the purposes of support, as provided for in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the direction notice made under Part 7A of the Regulations in relation to events and gatherings.

(2) A person who leaves his or her home for a purpose referred to in subparagraph (1)(a), (b) or (m), may take his or her child to a place where the child can be looked after to enable the person to undertake his or her work.

(3) In subparagraph (1) –

“care” means personal care, practical assistance or personal support and examples of the circumstances in which a person may be in need of care include before or after an operation or medical procedure or child birth; and

“vulnerable person” means a person whose ability to protect himself or herself from physical or psychological harm is significantly impaired through physical or mental disability or illness or condition, through intellectual, physiological or psychiatric impairment, through age or otherwise.

Part 3 – Essential Services

6. For the purposes of Part 2, “essential service” means –

(a) a service or business described in the Schedule; or

(b) a service provided at or from –

i. business premises;

ii. the premises of a registered charity; or

iii. premises of a local authority, joint board, joint committee or Department;

where those premises are not required to close under Part 7 (closure of premises etc) of the Regulations.

7. In paragraph 6(b)(iii), expressions which are defined in the Local Government Act 1985 have the same meaning as they have in that Act.

8. For the avoidance of doubt, Regulation 36(1) of the Regulations provides that it is an offence to fail to comply with a Direction given under the Regulations, without reasonable excuse.

Part 4 - Revocation of previous Prohibition Notice

9. Government Circular No 2021/0060 in relation to prohibition on movement etc is revoked from the date and time when this prohibition notice comes into operation.

Signed: WILL GREENHOW

Chief Secretary on behalf of the Council of Ministers

Date: 23 MARCH 2021

Time: 17:22

SCHEDULE

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

[Paragraph 5(1)(b)]

1 Health and social care

- 1) Persons employed in, or for the purposes of, the health service provided under the National Health Service Act 2001 including, but not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives and paramedical personnel.
- 2) Social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff and support staff necessary to maintain the Island's health and social care systems.
- 3) Persons employed or working in the supply chains associated with the Island's health and social care system, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

2 Education and childcare

Persons providing childcare, and essential educational support, teachers and educational social workers and other associated professionals whose work is essential in order to support children who need it during the period that this Prohibition Notice remains in force but only to the extent permitted and in accordance with any Closure Directions made under the Regulations in relation to educational institutions and child care service providers.

3 Key public services

- 1) Persons involved in the operation of the justice system including—
 - (a) the judiciary;
 - (b) advocates, trainee advocates and paralegal staff employed by advocates—
 - (i) engaged in proceedings before any court, tribunal or other person exercising a judicial function pursuant to a Manx enactment;
 - (ii) attending at the Isle of Man Prison or any police station in respect of proceedings referred to in (i);
 - (iii) engaged in the preparation and completion (including execution) of testamentary documentation and enduring powers of attorney; or
 - (iv) engaged in the preparation and completion of documentation relating to a conveyance, transfer, grant, assignment or other disposition of real property;
 - (c) court staff and prisoner escorts (within the meaning of the Prisoner Escorts Act 2008).

- 2) Persons serving as Members of Tynwald and the Clerk of Tynwald and his staff.
- 3) The staff of HM Attorney General's Chambers.
- 4) Public sector employees (within the meaning of the Public Services Commission Act 2015) serving in any Department or Statutory Board, and those employed directly by a Department or Statutory Board who are involved in performing functions which are essential to the delivery of an effective response to Coronavirus. Example: those involved in the payment of social security benefits.
- 5) Persons involved in providing policy advice and technical support to Ministers (including the Chief Minister).

4 Local government

- 1) Persons serving on a local authority, joint committee or joint board or who are employed by such an authority committee or board, but only insofar as they have functions—
 - (a) which are imposed upon them by statute; or
 - (b) which are essential in dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak.
- 2) Expressions used in this paragraph and which are defined in the Local Government Act 1985 have the same meaning here.

5 Food production etc.

- 1) Those involved in the production, harvesting, processing, distribution and sale of food, and the raising and harvesting of food sources.
- 2) Those involved in the manufacturing and distribution of other key essentials of life such as medicine and cleaning materials.
- 3) Expressions used in this paragraph which are defined in the Food Act 1996 have the same meaning here.

6 Public safety and security

- 1) Those providing support and ancillary services to the Isle of Man Constabulary, the Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service, the Isle of Man Ambulance Service, the Civil Defence, the Coastguard or the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- 2) The Isle of Man Prison and Probation Service and those providing ancillary services in connection with the operation of the Isle of Man Prison and the Probation Hostel.
- 3) Border security staff.

7 Transport

Those involved in the conduct of air, road, and water transport including in each case the transport of freight and the operation of systems which facilitate the movement of freight, and those involved in the operation of a taxi service.

8 Utilities and information technology

Those involved in —

- (a) the supply of oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewerage and drainage);
- (b) the provision of essential telecommunications, information technology and data infrastructure;
- (c) the supply of primary materials for the industries mentioned in subparagraph (b) for the purpose of providing a response to Coronavirus;
- (d) postal services and other document and parcel delivery services;
- (e) waste disposal and commercial cleaning services.

9 Financial services

Those involved in the conduct of any regulated activity within the meaning of the Financial Services Act 2008.

10 Public Communications and Media

Those persons involved in broadcasting or communication of public news, alerts or journalistic purposes.