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COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (REOPENING — CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening — Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and come into operation on 29 March 2022.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening — Control Order) Regulations 2022 (G.N. No. S 179/2022) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “authorised cohort” and substituting the following definition:

““authorised cohort” means a group consisting of not more than 10 individuals;”;

(b) by deleting the words “, the composition of which does not change in relation to that purpose or those purposes except by way of reduction in numbers” in the definition of “cohort”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “funerary memorial event”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “live performance”, the following definition:

““live performance venue” means any of the following places to which the public or any class of the public has access (gratuitously or otherwise):

- (a) a theatre, a music hall, a concert hall, an auditorium or a cinema;
 - (b) a room or an open-air area in which a live performance is or is to be staged;”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “nuptial event”, the following definition:

““open-air area” means —

- (a) an area, or any part of a deck of a vessel, lorry or bus, which is not covered by any roof or roof-like structure, permanent or otherwise; or
- (b) any area as follows that is under a permanent or temporary roof or roof-like structure overhead:
 - (i) a public path (as defined by the Active Mobility Act 2017), but not an underpass;
 - (ii) an area that is substantially not enclosed by any structure, barrier or other device (whether fixed or moveable, opened or closed) that prevents or impedes lateral airflow to and from the area,

regardless if the roof or roof-like structure is immediately capable or convertible to provide shelter against rain or water or the wind to people below the structure;

Examples of open-air areas

The upper deck of a double-decker bus without a roof.

The Padang.

The void deck of a public housing block of flats.

The area under an awning, or a retractable canopy or detachable wind sail.

The area under a cantilever roof with no sides.

A covered walkway, a five-footway or a covered overhead pedestrian bridge.

A bus stop.”;

- (f) by deleting paragraph (c) of the definition of “Part 3 private social event” and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) any other private social event held outside a place of residence;”;

- (g) by inserting, immediately after the words “public place” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “public space”, the words “, whether or not an open-air area”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the words “common property” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “public space”, the words “(whether or not an open-air area)”;
- (i) by deleting the words “, funeral event or funerary memorial event” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “religious gathering” and substituting the words “or funeral event”;
- (j) by deleting the definitions of “solemnisation special cohort” and “wedding special cohort”;
- (k) by inserting, immediately after the words “in a fixed position” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “unmasking concession for public speaking”, the words “on the stage, lectern, rostrum, podium, soapbox or other platform, or any other area which is designed to be used by performers in a live performance to perform on or in”;

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- (l) by deleting paragraph (c) of the definition of “unmasking concession for public speaking”; and
 - (m) by deleting the words “, being a marriage in respect of which no organised gathering has earlier taken place in connection with the celebration of that marriage” in the definition of “wedding”.

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (j); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (k) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(l) when the individual or child is in an open-air area.”.

Amendment of regulation 8

4. Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 9, an individual (A) must not arrange to meet, or organise or attend a gathering that is made up of, any other individual or individuals for a common purpose at any place that —

(a) is outside of A’s ordinary place of residence; and

(b) is a public space,

except in an authorised cohort.”.

Amendment of regulation 10

5. Regulation 10(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “5” in sub-paragraph (c) and substituting “10”.

Amendment of regulation 13

6. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “paragraph (2)” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “paragraphs (2) and (2A)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(2A) Where a place —

- (a) is reserved or dedicated to the use of the general public as a thoroughfare or an open space, a nature reserve, beach, public park or wildlife sanctuary, or otherwise for the purposes of public recreation; and
- (b) is one to which the general public has access as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, whether or not on payment of a fee,

a person is not to be treated as an occupier of the place merely because the person owns the place or has the charge, management or control of the place because of a public Act.”;

- (c) by deleting the words “a funeral event or funerary memorial event” in paragraph (4)(b) and substituting the words “a funeral event”;
- (d) by deleting the words “or funerary memorial event (as the case may be)” in paragraph (4)(b)(i);
- (e) by deleting the words “or funerary memorial event” in paragraph (4)(b)(ii); and
- (f) by deleting paragraph (c) in the Illustrations in paragraph (4).

Amendment of regulation 14

7. Regulation 14(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “wearing a mask unless” in sub-paragraph (a), the words “the place is an open-air area or”.

Amendment of regulation 15

8. Regulation 15 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “must take” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “are to take”;

(b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) that any performing activity undertaken in person by anyone present in the place is in compliance with —

(i) for public speaking without wearing a mask — the unmasking concession for public speaking; and

(ii) for other performing activity — Part 11 or 12 of the First Schedule, whichever is applicable, as if the performing activity were engaged in by a performer; and”;

(c) by deleting the words “, and paragraph (3) where applicable” in paragraph (1)(b);

(d) by deleting the words “consists of only applause or approval expressed by handclapping, while seated and without any accompanying verbal exhortations, singing or whistling” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “is undertaken while wearing a mask”; and

(e) by deleting paragraph (3).

Amendment of regulation 16

9. Regulation 16(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “5” wherever it appears in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting in each case “10”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 20

10. Regulation 20 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Part 3 private social events — banned places

20. A person must not knowingly cause or allow a nuptial event to take place on board a vessel that is not a harbour craft or pleasure craft.”.

Amendment of regulation 23

11. Regulation 23(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (a);
- (b) by deleting the word “; and” at the end of sub-paragraph (b) and substituting a full-stop; and
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (c).

Amendment of regulation 24

12. Regulation 24(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “is seated” in sub-paragraph (b), the words “, or is standing in a substantially stationary position,”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “his or her seat” in sub-paragraph (b)(i), the words “or position”;
- (c) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (b)(iv);
- (d) by inserting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (v) of sub-paragraph (b), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(vi) while going to or returning from another authorised cohort; and”;

(e) by deleting the semi-colon at the end of sub-paragraph (c) and substituting a full-stop; and

(f) by deleting sub-paragraphs (d) and (e).

Amendment of regulation 25

13. Regulation 25(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “singing unmasked pursuant to Part 6 or 7 of the First Schedule” in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the words “any other unmasked performing activity that does not go beyond what is incidental only and is not of a substantial nature having regard to the purpose of the authorised service, or a Part 3 private social event or a defined event, as the case may be”.

Amendment of First Schedule

14.—(1) Part 1 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1.

(2) Part 2 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 and substituting the following paragraphs:

“1. The permitted enterprise providing the authorised service of a specified accommodation or specified hostel must take, so far as is reasonably practicable, steps to ensure that at any time, not more than 10 individuals (not counting a guest or an employee of the permitted enterprise) are to be allowed to enter and remain in any single room in the specified accommodation or specified hostel.

2. Each room in —

(a) a specified accommodation; or

(b) a specified hostel to which guests are allocated for the purposes of leisure,

must not be allocated to more than 10 guests to lodge in the same room unless the individuals are all members of the same household.

3. Every individual who wishes to stay at a specified hostel must, before the individual is permitted to do so, provide a written declaration as to whether the individual's purpose in staying at the specified hostel is for leisure (commonly called a staycation).";

(b) by deleting paragraph 9; and

(c) by deleting sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph 10(a) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(i) where the room contains bedding for 20 or fewer individuals to sleep, the room must not be allocated to more than 10 guests to lodge in the same room unless the individuals are all members of the same household; and

(ii) where the room contains bedding for more than 20 individuals to sleep —

(A) each bed that is not a bunk bed and provided for occupation in a room of the specified hostel must be at least one metre away from another bed provided for such occupation that is not a bunk bed, whether or not they are occupied; and

(B) only one level of each bunk bed provided for occupation in a room of the specified hostel may be permitted for occupation, and each occupied level of a bunk bed in such a room must not be adjacent to an occupied level of an adjacent bunk bed;”.

(3) Part 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs 4 and 5;

(b) by deleting “, 5” in paragraph 7(1);

(c) by deleting the words “a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage” in paragraph 7(1) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “a nuptial event”;

(d) by deleting the words “and Part 7 of this Schedule” in paragraph 7(2)(a);

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- (e) by inserting the word “and” at the end of paragraph 7(2)(b);
- (f) by deleting the semi-colon at the end of paragraph 7(2)(c) and substituting a full-stop;
- (g) by deleting sub-paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) of paragraph 7(2);
- (h) by deleting paragraph 8; and
- (i) by deleting “, 4, 5” in paragraph 9.
- (4) Part 4 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “, 3, 4 and 5” in paragraph 1 and substituting the words “and 3”.
- (5) Part 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2(1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
- “(a) unmasked singing;” and
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 2.
- (6) Parts 6, 7 and 9 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations are deleted.
- (7) Part 8 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the word “; and” at the end of paragraph 1(a) and substituting a full-stop; and
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 1.
- (8) Part 10 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting paragraph 2; and
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 3.
- (9) Part 11 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7;

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- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 3(1);
 - (c) by deleting “5” in paragraph 4(1)(a)(ii) and substituting “10”;
 - (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 4;
 - (e) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (d) of paragraph 8(1);
 - (f) by deleting the words “2(1), 4(1) or (2) or 7(1)(b) or (2)(b)” in paragraph 8(1)(c) and substituting “4(1)”;
 - (g) by deleting the semi-colon at the end of paragraph 8(2)(c) and substituting a full-stop;
 - (h) by deleting sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 8(2);
 - (i) by deleting the definition of “live performance venue” in paragraph 9(1); and
 - (j) by inserting, immediately after the words “theatrical prop or infrastructure” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “stage area” in paragraph 9(1), the words “, an area containing a lectern, rostrum, podium or other like platform, and any other area which is designated for performing activity by participants”.
- (10) Part 12 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Part 11 of this Schedule are” in paragraph 1 and substituting the words “paragraph 4 of Part 11 of this Schedule is”;
 - (b) by deleting paragraphs 2 and 5; and
 - (c) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 4 and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(a) to ensure that any singing by any worshipper during the crowd management period of the religious gathering must not be undertaken unmasked except as a performer in a live performance on the stage area or other area which is designed to be used by performers in the live performance to perform on or in; and”.

(11) Part 13 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of paragraph 1(2);
- (b) by inserting the word “and” at the end of paragraph 1(2)(b);
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 3;
- (d) by deleting paragraph 4; and
- (e) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 5(1).

(12) Part 14 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph 1;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 2;
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph 3(1);
- (d) by inserting the word “and” at the end of paragraph 3(1)(b);
- (e) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 4(1); and
- (f) by deleting the words “or (d)” in paragraph 4(1)(b).

Amendment of Second Schedule

15.—(1) Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting “10” in paragraph (b) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number*”) of item 1 and substituting “7”;
- (b) by deleting the words “3, 4 or 5” in the first column (titled “*Place*”) of item 2 and substituting the words “3 or 5”;
- (c) by deleting “5” in paragraph (a) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number*”) of item 2 and substituting “10”;
- (d) by deleting items 3 and 4 and substituting the following item:

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<p>3. An indoor physical recreational facility or other restricted place —</p> <p>(a) where an education business is conducted; and</p> <p>(b) where any customer taking lessons, coaching or instruction engages or is likely to engage in —</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) any sporting activity in the place; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) any unmasked singing or playing a wind musical instrument in the place,</p> <p>and any customer in the class is an uncleared junior.</p>	<p>10 individuals (whether or not a customer).</p>
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”; and

(e) by deleting the words “or 4” in the first column (titled “Place”) of item 5.

(2) Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting “50%” in paragraph (b) in the second column (titled “Maximum number”) of item 1 and substituting “75%”;

(b) by deleting “5” in paragraph (a) in the second column (titled “Maximum number”) of item 2 and substituting “10”;

(c) by deleting item (1) in the second column (titled “Maximum number”) of item 3 and substituting the following item:

“(1) 10 individuals who are not ordinarily resident in that place of residence (who may include any party to the marriage) and any other individuals ordinarily resident in that place.”; and

(d) by deleting items 5 and 6.

Amendment of Third Schedule

16. Paragraph 1(1) of the Third Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “means” in the definition of “participant” and substituting the word “includes”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or funerary memorial event” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “participant”.

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