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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (COVID-19 — STAY ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Infectious Diseases Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 — Stay Orders) Regulations 2020.

Definitions

- 2.—(1) In these Regulations —

“antigen rapid test” or “ART” means an antigen rapid test carried out in Singapore in relation to an individual, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in that individual;

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“at-risk individual” means an individual who —

- (a) on or after 26 March 2020, enters Singapore (by land, sea or air) from a country or territory outside Singapore;
- (b) comes into contact or has come into contact with any other individual who is, or is suspected to be, infected with COVID-19;
- (c) has undergone a PCR test and the test result is pending or uncertain; or
- (d) on or after 26 March 2020, appears to the specified person to be or have been exposed to the risk of becoming infected with, or a carrier of, COVID-19;

“authorised accommodation worker” means an individual who is —

- (a) deployed at work in a place of accommodation providing any sleeping facilities and residential accommodation in the course of any business; and
- (b) authorised by a specified person to exercise a power under these Regulations;

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“COVID-19” means the infectious disease known as Coronavirus Disease 2019;

“mode of transport” does not include passenger travel by air or sea, or passenger travel on a rapid transit system or a bus;

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“PCR test” means a polymerase chain reaction test carried out in Singapore in relation to an individual, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in that individual;

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“place of accommodation”, for an individual, means —

(a) a house or flat in Singapore that is the individual’s home in Singapore or a room which is within that house or flat;

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(b) any other premises in Singapore that the individual is ordinarily resident at when in Singapore or a room which is within any of those premises; or

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(c) a room, or a partitioned-off space for sleeping, that is in a hotel, hostel, guesthouse, serviced apartment or dormitory or in any other premises in Singapore that provides sleeping facilities and residential accommodation, whether or not other accommodation is also provided;

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“respiratory specimen” includes human biological tissue, saliva or mucus;

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“serology test” means a COVID-19 serology test;

“specified person” means the Director or any police officer, immigration officer or Health Officer;

“traveller” means an individual described in paragraph (a) of the definition of “at-risk individual”.

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(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, where an individual undergoes —

(a) a test or tests consisting of PCR test or tests only;

(b) an ART or 2 or more antigen rapid tests only; or

(c) a series of tests consisting of PCR tests and antigen rapid tests,

the individual's test result is treated as negative for SARS-CoV-2 under the same conditions as described in regulation 8(1), (2) or (3) (as the case may be) of the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021).

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[S 989/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

Stay orders

3.—(1) A specified person may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19, order any at-risk individual to go directly to one or more places of accommodation specified in the order or by a specified person or an authorised accommodation worker and not leave the place or places (as the case may be) of accommodation —

(a) if the individual is a traveller entering Singapore, on or after 7 October 2021 — for the period starting upon the issue of the order and ending on the later of the following:

(i) a day specified in the order, which must not be later than the 21st day after the date the order was issued;

(ii) the day that the individual knows that he or she —

(A) tests negative for SARS-CoV-2 after undergoing any ART or PCR test on a respiratory specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i); and

(B) if the individual is required to undergo a serology test, also tests positive after undergoing a serology test on a blood specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i);

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(aa) if the individual is a traveller entering Singapore, on or after 6 May 2021 but before 7 October 2021 — for the period starting upon the issue of the order and ending —

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- (i) on (and including) either the 7th day, 14th day or 21st day after the date the order was issued, as specified in the order; or
 - (ii) the day that the individual knows that he or she —
 - (A) tests negative for SARS-CoV-2 after undergoing any ART or PCR test on a respiratory specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i); and
 - (B) if the individual is required to undergo a serology test, also tests positive after undergoing a serology test on a blood specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i),

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whichever ends later; or

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- (b) in any other case — for the period specified in the order, starting upon the issue of the order and ending not later than the 14th day after the issue of the order.

[S 472/2020 wef 17/06/2020]

[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]

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(1A) A specified person or an authorised accommodation worker may further order any at-risk individual who is issued an order under paragraph (1) to do one or more of the following, during the period that the order under paragraph (1)(a), (aa) or (b) (as the case may be) applies to the at-risk individual, to enable the electronic monitoring of the at-risk individual's whereabouts at any time during that period:

- (a) to wear in the specified manner, and keep activated, at all times the electronic wristband provided by the specified

person or authorised accommodation worker (as the case may be);

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(b) to use a mobile application in the manner specified in the order;

(c) to ensure that the electronic gateway device provided by the specified person or authorised accommodation worker (as the case may be) is at all times activated at the at-risk individual's place of accommodation;

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(d) to do such other thing as may be specified in the order that is incidental to sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

[S 668/2020 wef 10/08/2020]

[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]

(1B) Any person who unlawfully destroys, damages or tampers with the electronic wristband or electronic gateway device mentioned in paragraph (1A)(a) or (c) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

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(2) *[Deleted by S 48/2022 wef 26/01/2022]*

(2A) *[Deleted by S 48/2022 wef 26/01/2022]*

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an individual who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with an order under paragraph (1) or (1A) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

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[S 48/2022 wef 26/01/2022]

(4) To avoid doubt, it is a reasonable excuse for the purposes of these Regulations if the individual leaves the place of accommodation —

(a) only where necessary to obtain —

(i) medical treatment for a suspected COVID-19 infection at a hospital, medical clinic or any other

place, designated by the Director for the treatment of COVID-19; or

- (ii) emergency medical treatment or other medical treatment that is of a pressing nature;

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[S 193/2020 wef 29/03/2020]

- (aa) to undergo any ART, PCR test or serology test and at such place and time as the Director or a Health Officer orders under the Act the individual to undergo; or

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- (b) with the prior express permission of the Director or another specified person, whether general or specific.

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[S 184/2020 wef 27/03/2020]

Measures for individuals under stay orders, etc.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), an individual who is subject to a movement control measure requiring the individual to not leave a place of accommodation commits an offence if the individual, without reasonable excuse —

- (a) allows into, when the individual's movement control measure has effect —

- (i) the place of accommodation if not a room, any other individual who is not ordinarily resident in that place of accommodation and is not an approved entrant; or

- (ii) the room which is the place of accommodation, any other individual who is not an approved occupant of that room;

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- (b) comes into contact or proximity, when the individual's movement control measure has effect, with —

- (i) where the place of accommodation is not a room, another individual who is not ordinarily resident in that place of accommodation and is not an approved entrant; or

- (ii) where the place of accommodation is a room, another individual who is not an approved occupant of a room;

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- (c) fails or neglects to wear a surgical or other mask over the individual's nose and mouth when the individual leaves the place of accommodation for any reason permitted in regulation 3(4);
- (d) fails or neglects to inform the individual's employer or the principal of the school in which the individual is enrolled as a student or teaches at (as the case may be) that the individual is subject to a movement control measure; or
- (e) does not answer within a reasonable time any call or message sent by or under the authority of the Director or a Health Officer.

(2) Paragraph (1)(a) does not apply where the other individual is delivering food or other essential goods to the place of accommodation.

(2A) Without limiting paragraphs (2) and (3), for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) and (b), an individual is —

- (a) an approved occupant of a room if —
 - (i) the individual is the subject of a movement control measure under regulation 3(1) or an order under section 15 or 17 of the Act relating to COVID-19 which is in effect (called the subject), and the room is specified as the individual's place of accommodation under the movement control measure; or
- [S 8/2022 wef 06/01/2022]*
- (ii) the individual is not the subject of any movement control measure but is approved by the Director or another specified person (specially or generally) to be an occupier of that room for the period the movement control measure is in effect;
- (b) an approved entrant to a place of accommodation which is not a room if the individual is not the subject of any

movement control measure but is approved by the Director or another specified person (specially or generally) to be an approved entrant to the place of accommodation for the period the movement control measure is in effect; or

- (c) deemed ordinarily resident in any premises which is not a room for the period a movement control measure under regulation 3(1) or an order under section 15 or 17 of the Act relating to COVID-19 is in effect if the individual is the subject of the movement control measure, and the premises are specified as the individual's place of accommodation under that movement control measure.

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(3) Paragraph (1)(a) and (b) does not apply where the other individual —

- (a) is providing services as are necessary for the individuals living in that place of accommodation to avoid any imminent danger or damage to life or property in that place of accommodation;
- (b) is providing medical treatment or other medical therapy or care to an individual who has a physical or mental disability; or
- (c) is a Health Officer or police officer.

(4) An individual who is guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, an individual is subject to a movement control measure for so long as the individual is required to not leave a place of accommodation because of —

- (a) an order made under regulation 3(1); or

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- (b) *[Deleted by S 48/2022 wef 26/01/2022]*

- (c) an order under section 15 or 17 of the Act relating to COVID-19.

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(6) For the purposes of this regulation, an individual is in close proximity to another individual if there is a distance of less than 2 metres between the 2 individuals.

[S 263/2020 wef 10/04/2020]

Cancellation of stay order

5.—(1) The Director or another specified person may at any time cancel any order given to or in relation to an individual under regulation 3(1) before the order ceases to have effect under that regulation.

(2) However, the cessation of an order given to or in relation to an individual under regulation 3(1) having effect (whether or not by cancellation under this regulation) does not prevent another order being made and given by a specified person if the specified person is satisfied that the circumstances warrant it under regulation 3(1).

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Travel by individual subject to stay order

6.—(1) An individual to whom an order under regulation 3(1) is given to directly go to and not leave a place of accommodation and who is not at that place when the order is given must, without delay, travel directly to the place of accommodation —

- (a) taking the shortest route and as far as practicable without stopping enroute; and
- (b) using a mode of transport approved by the Director or another specified person, and no other mode, unless he or she is walking.

(2) An individual who is subject to an order made under regulation 3(1) and is ordered by the Director or a Health Officer to undergo an ART, a PCR test or a serology test must, when leaving the individual's place of accommodation to undergo that test, travel from that place of accommodation to the place that the Director or a Health Officer (as the case may be) orders him or her to go to undergo an ART, a PCR test or a serology test —

- (a) taking the shortest route and as far as practicable without stopping enroute; and
- (b) using a mode of transport approved by the Director or another specified person, and no other mode, unless he or she is walking.

(3) An individual who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes paragraph (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

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