

Subsidiary Legislation made under s.11.

**CIVIL CONTINGENCIES EMERGENCY (CORONAVIRUS)
(RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS) REGULATIONS 2020**

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Commencement **21.5.2020**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 11 of the Civil Contingencies Act 2007, and all other enabling powers, the Minister with responsibility for Civil Contingencies, acting with the consent of the Chief Minister, has made these Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Contingencies Emergency (Coronavirus) (Restrictions on Gatherings) Regulations 2020.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of publication and cease to have effect on 20th June 2020.

Statement in accordance with section 11(2) of the Act.

3. The Minister declares that –

- (a) there is an outbreak of Coronavirus which on the 11th March 2020 the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared to be a pandemic; there are more than 4,864,800 confirmed cases globally and more than 321,800 people have died so far; the virus has so far reached 216 countries, areas or territories, and it is therefore necessary to take measures to prevent, mitigate and control the spread of the virus in Gibraltar;
- (b) she is satisfied, in accordance with section 11 of the Act, that there exist a situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare in Gibraltar and which involves, causes or may cause loss of human life and human illness or injury;
- (c) on the advice of the Attorney General the measures contained in these Regulations are proportionate and compatible with the Gibraltar Constitution;
- (d) the conditions in section 12 of the Act are met;
- (e) these regulations contain only provisions which are appropriate for the purpose of preventing, controlling or mitigating an aspect or effect of the emergency in respect of which the regulations are made; and
- (f) the effect of these regulations is in due proportion to that aspect or effect of the said emergency.

Restrictions on gatherings.

4.(1) No person may participate in a gathering in a public place of more than twelve people except-

- (a) where the gathering is essential for work purposes;
- (b) where the gathering is necessary to carry out the work of the Civil Contingencies Committee or under the instructions of the Civil Contingencies Coordinator or the Director of Public Health;
- (c) where reasonably necessary to participate in legal proceedings or fulfil a legal obligation or statutory duty.
- (d) at a medical or care facility, including a veterinary clinic, where it is necessary for the normal business of the facilities;
- (e) at an airport where it is necessary for the normal business of the airport;
- (f) at the Gibraltar Parliament;
- (g) at a retail shop, supermarket, grocery store, bakery, confectionery, butcher, fishmonger, health shop or pharmacy, where it is necessary for the normal business of those premises;
- (h) where it is necessary for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services or under the instructions of law enforcement or the emergency services;
- (i) at a gymnasium provided that it is in compliance with the conditions of a permit issued by the Director of Public Health;
- (j) at a club provided it is with the prior approval of the Office of the Civil Contingencies Co-ordinator and subject to such conditions as may be specified.

(2) No person may participate in a gathering in residential premises of more than twelve people except-

- (a) for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services;
- (b) for the purposes of carrying out urgent or necessary repairs to the premises;
- (c) in any other emergency situation.

(3) Where a police officer considers that more than twelve people are gathered in contravention of this regulation he may direct the gathering to disperse.

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(4) A person who contravenes this regulation or fails to comply with a direction of a police officer, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation –

“residential premises” includes any communal area, garden or patio.