

DIRECTION

Emergency Powers (Coronavirus)

(Events and Gatherings) Regulations 2020

Following consultation with the Director of Public Health, pursuant to **Regulation 5** (1) of the above-referred Regulations the Department of Health and Social Care hereby makes the following directions:

Gatherings

All persons permitted to leave his or her ordinary abode pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Prohibition on Movement Regulations) 2020 are directed not to meet, gather, congregate or otherwise associate physically with more than one other person in a public space save for as follows ("the Exceptions Gatherings"):

- (a) Where the gathering is of more than two persons who are all from the same household.
- (b) For the attendance at school by both students and staff so far as the same is permitted pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Schools) Regulations 2020
- (c) The attendance at court for the purposes of a hearing or trial
- (d) The attendance at premises which are permitted to remain open pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Premises) Regulations 2020 and to the extent that this may involve attendance in a public space;
- (e) Participation in the provision or receipt of a public service (to include the provision or receipt of medical or other emergency assistance and Tynwald hearings) to the extent that this may involve attendance in a public space
- (f) For the provision of an essential service as defined in the Emergency Powers (Prohibition on Movement Regulations) 2020
- (g) In order to care for a child or an adult who would otherwise suffer avoidable harm.
- (h) The attendance at funerals undertaken in accordance with the Emergency Powers (Prohibitions on Movement) Regulations 2020 to the extent that these may involve attendance in a public space

PROVIDED ALWAYS that where gatherings take place pursuant to the Exemptions, the persons take such steps to ensure that a distance of not less than 2 metres is maintained between them and another person.

Events

That the owner or occupiers of all premises (to include any other person involved in managing entry to or controlling the location and number of persons within premises) are directed not to allow more than two persons to attend those premises save for as follows ("the Exceptions Events"):

- (a) Where the attendance at those premises by persons who are all from the same household and who normally reside in that premises.
- (b) The attendance at school by both students and staff so far as the same is permitted pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Schools) Regulations 2020
- (c) The attendance at court for the purposes of a hearing or trial
- (d) The attendance at premises which are permitted to remain open pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Premises) Regulations 2020;
- (e) For the provision of an essential service as defined in the Emergency Powers (Prohibition on Movement Regulations) 2020
- (f) Participation in the provision or receipt of a public service (to include the provision or receipt of medical or other emergency assistance and Tynwald hearings)
- (g) In order to care for a child or an adult who would otherwise suffer avoidable harm.
- (h) The attendance at the premises of a tradesperson carrying out work in or about the premises to the extent that the same is permitted pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Prohibition on Movement Regulations) 2020
- (i) The operation of Hotels hostels or boarding houses to the extent that the same is permitted pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Prohibition on Movement Regulations) 2020

Offences

- a) A person commits an offence if the person fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a direction given to the person under these Regulations.
- b) A person who commits an offence under this regulation is liable on conviction before the High Bailiff to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to 3 months custody or both.

This Direction is made by the Department of Health and Social Care



Signed

Minister for the Department of Health and Social Care

Dated 26 March 2020