

Direction No. 3 of 2021 of the Medical Officer of Health given under the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.5) Regulations, 2021

In accordance with the provisions of regulation 17(1) of the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.5) Regulations, 2021 ("the Regulations"), the Medical Officer of Health ("MOH") gives the following direction. In this direction, "self-isolate" has the meaning given in regulation 17 of the Regulations.

This Direction replaces the Medical Officer of Health's Direction No. 2 of 2021, made on 16th March 2021.

1. A person ("A") who:
 - (a) is required to self-isolate by virtue of regulation 5(1) of the Regulations,
 - (b) arrives in the Bailiwick on or after Thursday 20th May 2021,
 - (c) is not eligible to take part in the reduced self-isolation option (as set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations), and
 - (d) falls within paragraph 2,must self-isolate in accordance with paragraph 3.
2. A falls within this paragraph if, but for these directions, A would otherwise self-isolate in a property in which more than 3 households reside and either of the following circumstances applies -
 - (a) there is no separate bathroom for the sole use of each household, or
 - (b) A cannot be provided with food, drink and other essential items in such a manner as to prevent infection or contamination of a person who is not part of A's household.
3. A must:
 - (a) reside in accommodation designated by the MOH (either in relation to A's particular case, or generally) for the purpose of these directions ("designated self-isolation accommodation"),
 - (b) separate himself or herself from any person, other than a person who arrived in the Bailiwick with A as part of the same group,
 - (c) follow any further directions or guidance in relation to self-isolation as may be given by the MOH from time to time (either in relation to A's particular case, or generally), or published by the MOH from time to time, and
 - (d) not leave the designated self-isolation accommodation:
 - (i) except in the case of an immediate risk to life or limb, or
 - (ii) otherwise without the permission of the MOH.

4. For the purposes of:
 - (a) paragraph 2, "household" means an individual or family residing together in a self-contained unit of accommodation, and
 - (b) paragraph 3, "designated self-isolation accommodation" may include a hotel, self-catering unit or other accommodation.
5. Nothing in this direction shall be taken to prevent any person from:
 - (a) providing medical treatment (including any test or other examination) to any person who is residing in designated self-isolation accommodation, or
 - (b) providing necessary care to A where A is a child or vulnerable person, if this care is not otherwise available in the designated self-isolation accommodation.
6. The MOH may disapply in writing this direction in relation to a particular case where the MOH considers it appropriate to do so.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this direction limits or restricts the power of the Medical Officer of Health or the Civil Contingencies Authority to vary the requirement to self-isolate in any particular case, any categories of case or all cases (as the case may be) under regulation 6 of the Regulations, and this direction must be read subject to any such variation.
8. This direction shall come into force on its publication on the relevant States of Guernsey website.

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