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INFECTIOUS DISEASES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

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The Minister for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 5, 29 and 31 of the Health Act 1947 (No. 28 of 1947) hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Regulations 2020.
2. In these Regulations, “Regulations of 2007” means the Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 559 of 2007).
3. The Infectious Diseases Regulations 1981 (S.I. No. 390 of 1981) are amended -
 - (a) in Regulation 8 (amended by Regulation 4(3) of the Regulations of 2007) by the insertion before “diphtheria” of “Covid-19,”,
 - (b) in Regulation 14(1)(b) (amended by Regulation 4(6) of the Regulations of 2007) by the insertion before “diphtheria” of “Covid-19,”,
 - (c) in Regulation 15(2)(a) (amended by Regulation 4(7) of the Regulations of 2007) by the insertion before “diphtheria” of “Covid-19,”, and
 - (d) by the substitution of the following Schedule for the Schedule (amended by Regulation 2(b) of the Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 567 of 2018)) to those Regulations:

“SCHEDULE

Diseases specified to be infectious diseases and their respective causative pathogens

| Disease | Causative Pathogen |
|---|---------------------------|
| Acute anterior poliomyelitis | Polio virus |
| Ano-genital warts | Human papilloma virus |
| Anthrax | Bacillus anthracis |
| Bacillus cereus food-borne infection/intoxication | Bacillus cereus |
| Bacterial meningitis (not otherwise specified) | |
| Botulism | Clostridium botulinum |
| Brucellosis | Brucella species |
| Campylobacter infection | Campylobacter species |
| Carbapenemase producing enterobacteriaceae, infection or colonisation | Enterobacteriaceae |
| Chancroid | Haemophilus ducreyi |

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| Chickenpox - hospitalised cases | Varicella-zoster virus |
| Chikungunya disease | Chikungunya virus |
| Chlamydia trachomatis infection (genital) | Chlamydia trachomatis |
| Cholera | <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> |
| Clostridium difficile infection | Clostridium difficile |
| Clostridium perfringens (type A) food- borne disease | Clostridium perfringens |
| Covid-19 | SARS-CoV-2 |
| Creutzfeldt Jakob disease | |
| variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease | |
| Cryptosporidiosis | <i>Cryptosporidium parvum, hominis</i> |
| Cytomegalovirus infection (congenital) | Cytomegalovirus |
| Dengue Fever | Dengue Virus |
| Diphtheria | <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> or <i>ulcerans</i> (toxin producing) |
| Echinococcosis | <i>Echinococcus</i> species |

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| Enterococcal bacteraemia | Enterococcus species (blood) |
| Escherichia coli infection (invasive) | Escherichia coli (blood, CSF) |
| Giardiasis | Giardia lamblia |
| Gonorrhoea | Neisseria gonorrhoeae |
| Granuloma inguinale | Klebsiella granulomatis |
| Haemophilus influenzae disease (invasive) | Haemophilus influenzae (blood, CSF or other normally sterile site) |
| Hepatitis A (acute) infection | Hepatitis A virus |
| Hepatitis B (acute and chronic) infection | Hepatitis B virus |
| Hepatitis C infection | Hepatitis C virus |
| Hepatitis E Infection | Hepatitis E virus |
| Herpes simplex (genital) | Herpes simplex virus |
| Herpes simplex (neonatal) | Herpes simplex virus |
| Human immunodeficiency virus infection | Human immunodeficiency virus |
| Influenza | Influenza A and B virus |

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| Klebsiella pneumoniae infection (invasive) | Klebsiella pneumoniae (blood or CSF) |
| Legionellosis | Legionella species |
| Leprosy | Mycobacterium leprae |
| Leptospirosis | Leptospira species |
| Listeriosis | Listeria monocytogenes |
| Lyme disease (neuroborreliosis) | Borrelia burgdorferi |
| Lymphogranuloma venereum | Chlamydia trachomatis |
| Malaria | Plasmodium falciparum, vivax, knowlesi, ovale, malariae |
| mcr-positive Enterobacteriaceae infection or colonisation | Enterobacteriaceae |
| Measles | Measles virus |
| Meningococcal disease | Neisseria meningitidis |
| Mumps | Mumps virus |
| Non-specific urethritis | |
| Novel or Rare Antimicrobial-resistant | |

Organism (NRAO)

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| Noroviral infection | Norovirus |
| Paratyphoid | <i>Salmonella Paratyphi</i> |
| Pertussis | <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> |
| Plague | <i>Yersinia pestis</i> |
| Pseudomonas aeruginosa infection (invasive) | Pseudomonas aeruginosa (blood or CSF) |
| Q Fever | <i>Coxiella burnetii</i> |
| Rabies | Rabies virus |
| Respiratory syncytial virus infection | Respiratory syncytial virus |
| Rotavirus infection | Rotavirus |
| Rubella | Rubella virus |
| Salmonellosis | Salmonella spp other than <i>S. Typhi</i> and <i>S. Paratyphi</i> |
| Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) | SARS-associated coronavirus |
| Shigellosis | Shigella species |

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| Smallpox | Variola virus |
| Staphylococcal food poisoning | Enterotoxigenic <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteraemia | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (blood) |
| Streptococcus group A infection (invasive) | <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> (blood, CSF or other normally sterile site) |
| Streptococcus group B infection (invasive) | <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> (blood, CSF, or other normally sterile site) |
| <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> infection (invasive) | <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (blood, CSF or other normally sterile site) |
| Syphilis | <i>Treponema pallidum</i> |
| Tetanus | <i>Clostridium tetani</i> |
| Toxoplasmosis | <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> |
| Trichinosis | <i>Trichinella</i> species |
| Trichomoniasis | <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> |
| Tuberculosis | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex |
| Tularemia | <i>Francisella tularensis</i> |

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| Typhoid | Salmonella Typhi |
| Typhus | Rickettsia prowazekii |
| Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection | Verotoxin producing Escherichia coli |
| Viral encephalitis | |
| Viral haemorrhagic fevers | |
| Viral meningitis | |
| West Nile fever | West Nile virus |
| Yellow fever | Yellow fever virus |
| Yersiniosis | Yersinia enterocolitica, Yersinia pseudotuberculosis |
| Zika virus infection | Zika virus". |



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Minister for Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulation and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

These Regulations (Regulation 3(d)) amend the Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Regulations 1981 (S.I. No. 390 of 1981) to include Covid-19 amongst the list of diseases designated as an ‘infectious disease’ for the purposes of the Health Act 1947, in accordance with Regulation 6 of those Regulations – all diseases that are so designated are required to be notified (by a medical practitioner who becomes aware or suspects an instance of such disease) to a medical officer of health and are subsequently relayed to the HSE’s Health Protection Surveillance Centre in accordance with Regulation 14 of the 1981 Regulations (as amended).

These Regulations (Regulation 3(a)) also amend Regulation 8 of the Infectious Diseases Regulations 1981 to provide for the inclusion of Covid-19 amongst the list of infectious diseases that a person (who is a probable source of infection with the disease) may (as a necessary safeguard against the spread of the disease) be detained and isolated for, in accordance with the Health Act 1947.

These Regulations (Regulations 3(b) and (c) also provide for the preliminary notification (i.e. immediate notification by telephone) of Covid-19.

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