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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 585

PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Other Provisions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Made - - - - *14th May 2021*

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Laid before Parliament *at 11.00 a.m. on 17th May 2021*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45B, 45C(1), (3)(c), (4)(b), (4)(d), 45D, 45F(2), (6) and (7), and 45P of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984^(a).

These Regulations are made in response to the serious and imminent threat to public health which is posed by the incidence and spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in England.

The Secretary of State considers that the restrictions and requirements imposed by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings on Public Transport) (England) Regulations 2020^(b), the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020^(c), the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020^(d), the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Local Authority Enforcement Powers and Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020^(e) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021^(f), as amended by these Regulations, are proportionate to what they seek to achieve, which is a public health response to that threat.

^(a) 1984 c. 22. Part 2A was inserted by section 129 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14).

^(b) S.I. 2020/592, amended by S.I. 2020/906, 1021 and 1026.

^(c) S.I. 2020/791, amended by S.I. 2020/839, 882, 1021 and 1026. There are other amendments to S.I. 2020/791 which are not relevant to this instrument.

^(d) S.I. 2020/1008, amended by S.I. 2020/1046 and 2021/364. There are other amendments to S.I. 2020/1008 which are not relevant to this instrument.

^(e) S.I. 2020/1375, amended by S.I. 2020/1046, and 2021/364 and 455.

^(f) S.I. 2021/364, amended by S.I. 2021/455.

- (b) in sub-paragraph (5)—
 - (i) for paragraph (b), substitute—
 - “(b) takes place indoors—
 - (i) in a private dwelling, or
 - (ii) on a vessel, and”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (c), after “paragraph 3” insert “or 4”;
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (5), insert—
 - “(5A) A gathering falls within this paragraph if it—
 - (a) consists of more than 50 persons,
 - (b) takes place outdoors—
 - (i) in a private dwelling,
 - (ii) on a vessel, or
 - (iii) on land which satisfies the condition in sub-paragraph (6), and
 - (c) is not a gathering in relation to which any of the exceptions set out in paragraph 3 (so far as capable of applying to the gathering) apply.”;
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (7), for “sub-paragraph (5)(b)(ii)”, substitute “sub-paragraphs (5)(b)(ii) and (5A)(b)(ii)”;
 - (e) after sub-paragraph (7), insert—
 - “(7A) In applying for the purposes of sub-paragraph (5)(c) the exceptions set out in paragraph 3, paragraph 3(2)(b) does not apply.”;
 - (f) in sub-paragraph (8), for “(5)(c)” substitute “(5A)(c)”.
- (3) In paragraph 3—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) after “2(5)(c)” insert “and (5A)(c)”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (12)—
 - (i) in the opening words, for “29th March 2021” substitute “17th May 2021”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (a), for “29th April 2021” substitute “30th June 2021”;
 - (iii) in paragraph (b), after “under” insert “these Regulations or under”;
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (17), insert—
 - “Exception 15: support groups*
 - (18) Exception 15 is that the gathering—
 - (a) is of a support group,
 - (b) consists of no more than 30 persons, and
 - (c) takes place at premises other than a private dwelling.
 - (19) In determining whether the limit in sub-paragraph (18)(b) is complied with, no account is to be taken of any child who is below the age of five.
 - Exception 16: parent and child groups*
 - (20) Exception 16 is that the gathering—
 - (a) is of a parent and child group which is organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body for the benefit of children under the age of five, and
 - (b) consists of no more than 30 persons.
 - (21) In determining whether the limit in sub-paragraph (20)(b) is complied with, no account is to be taken of any child who is below the age of five.
 - Exception 17: funerals*
 - (22) Exception 17 is that—

They amend the Steps Regulations to remove the restrictions on leaving the United Kingdom, and amend the restrictions set out in Schedule 3 to the Steps Regulations to increase the number of people who are able to attend a parent and child group or a support group, to remove the limits on the number of people who may attend a funeral, to permit gatherings necessary to enable a student to move to another household for the purposes of a vacation before 30th June 2021 and to amend the restriction on organising a large gathering outdoors so that it only applies when there are more than 50 people in the gathering. They also amend the Steps Regulations to remove savings provisions in regulations 21 and 23 which are unnecessary because they replicate the effect of section 16 of the Interpretation Act 1978(a).

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

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