

Ordinance 01 of 2023

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2023**

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022

PJM Squires OBE
ADMINISTRATOR

10 February 2023

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment) Ordinance 2023.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 14 February 2023.

Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022

2.—(1) The Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 30 (residential and support facilities), for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) P may visit a resident of a residential facility listed in subsection (1) if—

(a) either—

(a) Ordinance 4/2022, amended by Ordinances 8/2022, 9/2022, 17/2022, 18/2022, 19/2022, 20/2022, 22/2022, 23/2022, 24/2022 and 26/2022.

- (i) P is less than 6 years old, or
 - (ii) P is in possession of evidence that they have either tested negative for COVID-19 by a PCR test within the preceding 48 hours or by a rapid flow test within the preceding 24 hours, and
 - (b) no other person is visiting that resident for the time being, and either—
 - (i) the resident has had no more than one other visitor on that day, or
 - (ii) the director of the residential facility has given permission for the resident to be visited by more than two people in total that day.”
- (3) Omit section 33 (Prisons).
- (4) In section 34 (community councils and municipality councils)—
- (a) in subsection (2)(a) omit “of section 20, or”;
 - (b) in subsection (6)(a)—
 - (i) omit “with section 16 or”;
 - (ii) for “sit” substitute “site”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (“the Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

2. This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not meant to be a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.

3. Section 2 of the Ordinance amends the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2022 to reflect amendments to the Republic legislation relating to COVID-19. Specifically, it amends the criteria for visiting people in residential facilities such as care homes, and removes any COVID-19 testing and vaccination requirement for visitors to prisons.

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