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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 1028

PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of
Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England)
(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020**

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

		<i>23rd September</i>
<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2020</i>
		<i>at 11.00 a.m. on 24th</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>September 2020</i>
		<i>at 12.01 a.m. on</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>24th September 2020</i>

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45C(1), (3)(c) and (4)(d), 45F(2) and 45P(2) of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984⁽¹⁾.

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 requirements imposed by these Regulations are proportionate to what they seek to achieve, which is a public health response to the threat.

In accordance with section 45R of that Act the Secretary of State is of the opinion that, by reason of urgency, it is necessary to make this instrument without a draft having been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force at 12.01 a.m. on 24th September 2020.

(3) These Regulations apply in England.

(1) 1984 c. 22 (“the 1984 Act”). Part 2A was inserted by section 129 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14). See section 45T of the 1984 Act for the definition of “the appropriate Minister”.

Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020

2.—(1) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020(2) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 3, after paragraph 15, insert—

“**16.** Public houses.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

23rd September 2020

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Health and Social Care

(2) [S.I. 2020/791](#), to which amendments were made by [S.I. 2020/839](#), [882](#), [906](#), and [1026](#).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020 ([S.I. 2020/791](#)) such that employees and other persons providing services in public houses will be required to wear face coverings when they are in close proximity to members of the public unless they are exempt or have a reasonable excuse.

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been published alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.