
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 23

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Notifiable Diseases
Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - - 28th February 2020
Coming into operation 29th February 2020

The Department of Health⁽¹⁾, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967⁽²⁾, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Health Notifiable Diseases Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 29th February 2020.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Act

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Act shall be amended by the insertion of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

(2) Accordingly the notifiable diseases to which the Act applies from the commencement of this Order are those set out in the Schedule which shall be substituted for Schedule 1 to the Act.

Revocation

3. The Public Health Notifiable Diseases Order (Northern Ireland) 1990⁽³⁾ is revoked.

(1) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see [2016 c 5 \(N.I.\)](#), s. 1(5)
(2) [1967 c. 36 \(N.I.\)](#)
(3) [S. R. 1990 No. 66](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 28 February 2020

(L.S.)

Nigel McMahon
A senior officer of the Department of Health

SCHEDULE

Article 2(2)

Notifiable Diseases

Acute encephalitis/meningitis: bacterial
Acute encephalitis/meningitis: viral
Anthrax
Chickenpox
Cholera
Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
Diphtheria
Dysentery
Food Poisoning
Gastro-enteritis (persons under 2 years of age only)
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis unspecified: viral
Legionnaire's Disease
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Measles
Meningococcal septicaemia
Mumps
Paratyphoid fever
Plague
Poliomyelitis: acute
Rabies
Relapsing fever
Rubella
Scarlet fever
Smallpox
Tetanus
Tuberculosis: pulmonary and non-pulmonary
Typhoid fever
Typhus
Viral haemorrhagic fevers
Whooping cough
Yellow fever

Status: *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends the list of notifiable diseases specified by the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

That Act requires a medical practitioner, as soon as he becomes aware, or has reasonable grounds for suspecting, that a person he is attending is suffering from a notifiable disease, to notify the Director of Public Health.