

*Regulations made by the Department of Health and laid before the Assembly under section 25Q (Emergency procedure) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, for approval of the Assembly before the expiration of 28 days beginning with the day on which they are made.*

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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 239**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2)  
(Amendment No. 12) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

Made - - - - at 5.30 p.m. on 3rd  
November 2020  
at 9.00 a.m. on 4th  
November 2020  
Laid before the Assembly  
Coming into operation in accordance with  
regulation 1(2)

The Department of Health<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25C(1), (3)(c), (4)(d) and 25F(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967<sup>(2)</sup>.

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 Northern Ireland.

The Department of Health considers that the restrictions and requirements imposed by these Regulations are proportionate to what they seek to achieve, which is a public health response to that threat.

In accordance with section 25Q of that Act the Department of Health is of the opinion that, by reason of urgency, it is necessary to make these Regulations without a draft having been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 12) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into operation at the time and on the date they are made.

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(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.). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7)

**Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

2. The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020(3) are amended in accordance with regulation 3.

3.—(1) In schedule 2, at the end of paragraph 5(2)(c) omit “or” and in paragraph 5(2)(d) after “no more than 15 persons” insert—

“; or

(e) Physical education delivered by schools, pre-schools and other education providers.”

(2) In paragraph 8(7) of schedule 2, for “is made available” substitute “, tables or other facilities are made available”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health at 5.30 pm on 3rd November 2020

(L.S.)

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

Regulation 3(1) provides for physical education to take place in schools and other educational settings. Regulation 3(2) provides that tables or other facilities in an area adjacent to hospitality premises are to be treated as part of the premises.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.