
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 907

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions on Holding of Gatherings and Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Restrictions on holding of gatherings in England

Amendment of the Principal Regulations

- 2.**—(1) The Principal Regulations are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 5—
- (a) in the heading, after “on” insert “participation in”;
 - (b) in paragraph (6), in the words before sub-paragraph (a), after “regulation”, insert “, regulation 5A and regulation 5B”.
- (3) After regulation 5, insert—

“Restriction on organisation or facilitation of certain large indoor gatherings

5A.—(1) During the emergency period, no person may hold or be involved in the holding of a section 63 type gathering.

- (2) For the purposes of this regulation and regulation 5B—
- (a) “section 63 type gathering” means a gathering of a type mentioned in regulation 5(4);
 - (b) a person is not involved in the holding of a gathering if that person’s only involvement in the gathering is by attendance at the gathering.

Restrictions on organisation or facilitation of other gatherings

5B.—(1) During the emergency period no person may, unless paragraph (4) applies, hold or be involved in the holding of a relevant gathering.

- (2) For the purposes of this regulation “relevant gathering” means a gathering which—
- (a) consists of more than thirty persons,
 - (b) takes place—
 - (i) in a private dwelling, including a houseboat,
 - (ii) on a vessel, other than a houseboat or a vessel used for public transport, or
 - (iii) on land which satisfies the condition in paragraph (3), and
 - (c) is not a section 63 type gathering.
- (3) Land satisfies this condition if it is a public outdoor place, which is not—
- (a) operated by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body as a visitor attraction, or

- (b) part of premises used for the operation of a business, charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body.
- (4) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) in the case of a gathering described in paragraph (2)(b)(ii) or (iii), the person concerned or, if they are not the person responsible for organising the relevant gathering, the gathering organiser—
- (i) is a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution, a public body or a political body,
 - (ii) has carried out a risk assessment which would satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999⁽¹⁾, whether or not they are subject to those Regulations, and
 - (iii) has taken all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus, taking into account the risk assessment carried out under paragraph (ii);
- (b) the relevant gathering is necessary for the training of or competition between elite sportspersons;
- (c) the relevant gathering is reasonably necessary—
- (i) for work purposes, or the provision of voluntary or charitable services,
 - (ii) for the purposes of education or training,
 - (iii) for the purposes of childcare provided by a person registered under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006, or as part of supervised activities provided for children,
 - (iv) to provide emergency assistance, or
 - (v) to enable one or more persons in the gathering to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm;
- (d) the relevant gathering is necessary to allow any person to fulfil a legal obligation.
- (5) In determining whether all reasonable measures have been taken to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus for the purposes of paragraph (4)(a)(iii), any guidance issued by the government relevant to the gathering in question must be taken into account.”
- (4) In regulation 8(1), after “5,” insert “5A, 5B,”.
- (5) In regulation 9—
- (a) for paragraph (6) substitute—
- “(6) The amount specified under paragraph (5)(c)—
- (a) where the notice is issued in respect of the offence described in regulation 8(1) of contravening, without reasonable excuse, a restriction in regulation 5A or 5B, must be £10,000;
 - (b) where the notice is issued in respect of any other offence, must, subject to paragraphs (7) and (8), be £100.”;
- (b) in paragraph (7), after “penalty notice” insert “of a type mentioned in paragraph (6)(b)”;
- (c) in paragraph (8)—
- (i) after “penalty notice”, in the first place it occurs, insert “of a type mentioned in paragraph (6)(b)”;
 - (ii) after “these Regulations” insert “(other than a fixed penalty notice to which paragraph (8A) applies)”;

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1999/3242, as amended by SI 2005/1541, 2015/21 and 2015/437.

(d) after paragraph (8), insert—

“(8A) This paragraph applies to a fixed penalty notice if it is issued under this regulation in respect of the offence, described in regulation 8(1), of contravening, without reasonable excuse, a restriction in regulation 5A or 5B.”.