

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**2020 No. 986**

**PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2)  
(England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020**

*Approved by both Houses of Parliament*

	<i>on 13th September</i>
<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>2020</i>
	<i>at 10.30 a.m. on</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament-</i>	<i>14th September 2020</i>
	<i>at 12.01 a.m. on</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>14th September 2020</i>

<sup>F1</sup>The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45C(1), (3)(c), (4)(b) and (d), 45F(2) and 45P of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 <sup>M1</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 England.

The Secretary of State considers that the restrictions and requirements imposed by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020 <sup>M2</sup>, as amended by these Regulations, are proportionate to what they seek to achieve, which is a public health response to that 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.

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1103\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1984 c. 22. Part 2A was inserted by section 129 of the [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c. 14\)](#).  
**M2** [S.I. 2020/684](#), as amended by [S.I. 2020/822](#), 824, 828, 865, 907 and 974. There are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

<sup>F1</sup>1. ....

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020*. (See end of Document for details)

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

**Amendment of the Principal Regulations**

**F12.** .....

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

**Amendment of the Principal Regulations: transitional and savings provision**

**F13.** .....

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

**Consequential amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020**

**F14.** .....

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

**Consequential amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

**F15.** .....

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

**Consequential amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020**

**F16.** .....

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

## Consequential amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020

<sup>F1</sup>7. ....

**F1** Regulations revoked (except reg. 8) (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1103\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(c)** (with reg. 9)

### Consequential amendments: transitional and savings provisions

**8.**—(1) Despite the amendments made by these Regulations, the local Regulations continue in force as they had effect immediately before these Regulations came into force in relation to a large gatherings offence committed under the relevant local Regulations before these Regulations came into force.

(2) In this Regulation—

“the local Regulations” means—

- (a) the [<sup>F2</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;
- (b) the [<sup>F2</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020;
- (c) the [<sup>F2</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020;
- (d) the [<sup>F2</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020;

“a large gatherings offence” means an offence under—

- (a) regulation 7 of the [<sup>F3</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;
- (b) regulation 4B of the [<sup>F3</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020;
- (c) regulation 7 of the [<sup>F3</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020;
- (d) regulation 7 of the [<sup>F3</sup>Health Protection] (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020.

**F2** Words in reg. 8(2) substituted (24.9.2020 at 5.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1029\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(3)(a)** (with reg. 9)

**F3** Words in reg. 8(2) substituted (24.9.2020 at 5.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1029\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(3)(b)** (with reg. 9)

### Commencement Information

**I1** Reg. 8 in force at 14.9.2020 at 12.01 a.m., see reg. 1(1)

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020. (See end of Document for details)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020, so that people may not participate in social gatherings, in any place, in groups of more than 6, unless they are members of the same household, two linked households, or exceptions apply.

This change applies in England. But in areas covered by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020, the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020 and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020, the change only applies in relation to social gatherings which take place otherwise than in private dwellings.

No impact assessment has been carried out for these Regulations.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020.