

Amendments (10/07/20)

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020. Engage Explain and Encourage

This guidance is designed to be read in conjunction the main Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 Practical Peeler guidance on Point.

Cinemas, bingo halls, amusement arcades, indoor fitness suites, indoor and outdoor gyms and playgrounds can reopen from 10th July; competitive sporting events can take place from 11th July; a place of worship can now open to solemnise a marriage or conduct a baptism; outdoor weddings are no longer subject to a maximum of thirty persons; libraries can re-open from 16th July; indoor leisure centres or facilities (but not swimming pools) can re-open from 17th July. Face coverings are required to be worn on public transport.

Museums, galleries and betting shops can reopen from 3rd July; massage, tattooing and piercing businesses can reopen from 6th July; Spas can reopen from 6th July but NOT to provide services involving steam or water; funerals are no longer restricted to close family and friends; attendance at summer schools or schemes is permitted and beer gardens can sell alcohol without having to sell food also (amendment number 10).

A person now has a reasonable excuse to leave the house to visit a nail, beauty or hair salon, a barbers shop or a shop providing tanning, electrolysis or acupuncture services; to travel for the purposed of staying in holiday accommodation or a second home; to attend a visitors attraction; to visit a restaurant, café, public house or bar (amendment number 8)

Places of worship for the purpose of holding religious services (other than baptism ceremonies and certain marriage ceremonies) and bible readings (amendment number 8)

Persons may gather in a public place to attend a visitor attraction or to visit a restaurant, cafe, public house or bar (amendment number 8)

A person can leave the place where they are living to travel to partake in an activity or access a service as are permitted under these regulations.

A maximum of six persons can visit another person's private dwelling (Regulation 5)

Outdoor gatherings of up to 30 persons not of the same household can now take place and any numbers of members of the same household can also take part in an outdoor gathering

Restaurants, Cafes, Coffee Shops will be allowed to open from 3 July 2020 (Regulation 3)

The indoor spaces of **pubs and bars** will also be permitted to open from the 3 July 2020 **to serve food and drink together or just food** (but <u>NOT</u> solely to serve Alcohol) on a **table service** basis (people will not be permitted to order either food or food and drink from the bar area).

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Pubs and bars with outdoor spaces, such as beer gardens, will be able to serve alcohol (where their licence permits them to do so) in these spaces on a table service basis

All hotels, pubs and restaurants are able to sell food or both food and alcohol for consumption on the premises in the following circumstances: -

- if the service takes place indoors, intoxicating liquor may only be served with food and the food must be a main table meal;
- if the service takes place outdoors, intoxicating liquor may be served with or without food, but only to persons seated at a table and not at the bar.

Indoor sports facilities can open to allow elite athletes to train (Regulation 3)

Moving House is permitted

Holiday accommodation (Holiday apartment, home, cottage or bungalow, campsite, caravan park) can reopen, along with **places of worship** for the purpose of holding religious services (other than baptism ceremonies and certain marriage ceremonies) and bible readings (Regulation 4)

Places of worship and community centers can open in order to provide childcare.

Persons who live alone can stay overnight at another's dwelling

Prohibition notices and fixed penalty notices (regulation 7) can be issued by district councils in respect of regulations 3 and 4.

Burial grounds are now permitted to remain open (regulation 4.8);

Special restriction apply to burial grounds (regulation 4A):

A person responsible for a burial ground must take all reasonable measures to ensure a distance of at least **two metres** is maintained between every person at the burial ground (except between members of the same household);

Places of worship can open for a wedding ceremony* where a party is terminally ill and not expected to live beyond six months. A maximum of 10 people including those getting married and the celebrant are allowed to attend (regulation 4. 6 (d)). *This exception does not extend to civil ceremonies;

Places of worship can open for acts of private worship and also for drive-in church services, providing the person responsible for the place of worship takes all reasonable measures to ensure that those attending a drive-in church service stay in their vehicles for the duration of the service.. The occupants of any one vehicle must be members of the same household.

Reasonable force may be used to remove a person in a gathering place to a place where they are living, and where the person is responsible for a child, and the child is with them, that person may be directed to take the child to where **the child** is living (regulation 7);

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District council officers can now issue prohibition notices and fixed penalty notices in respect of regulations 3 and 4 (regulation 9 (2)). District Councils have bespoke notices and tickets.

Garden centres and ornamental plant nurseries can now open (Schedule 2, part 3);

Livestock markets and auctions (whether for slaughter or breeding) are allowed to trade (Schedule 2, part 2);

Motor vehicle repair services can remain open (Schedule 2, part 3);

Savings clubs and undertakings which by way of business operate **currency exchange**, transit money (or any representation of money) by any means or cash cheques which are made payable to customers are allowed to operate (Schedule 2, part 3).

Cinemas, theatres, nightclubs, concert halls, museums and galleries can open to screen a film, or stage a concert or theatre performance outdoors to persons present in a parked vehicle on the premises...providing the person responsible for the business takes all reasonable measures to ensure that those attending stay in their vehicles for the duration of the performance and the occupants of any one vehicle must be members of the same household (regulation 3 (5)

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