COVID-19 Public Health Response (Self-isolation Requirements and Permitted Work) Amendment Order (No 2) 2022

This order is made by the Minister for COVID-19 Response under sections 11 and 15(1) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 in accordance with section 9 of that Act.

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Order

1 Title
This order is the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Self-isolation Requirements and Permitted Work) Amendment Order (No 2) 2022.

2 Commencement
This order comes into force at 11.59 pm on 11 March 2022.

3 Principal order
This order amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Self-isolation Requirements and Permitted Work) Order 2022.
4 **New clause 5A inserted (Transitional, savings, and related provisions)**

After regulation 5, insert:

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<th>5A</th>
<th><strong>Transitional, savings, and related provisions</strong></th>
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<td>The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in Schedule 1AA have effect according to their terms.</td>
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5 **New Schedule 1AA inserted**

Insert the Schedule 1AA set out in the Schedule of this order as the first schedule to appear after the last clause of the principal order.

6 **Schedule 1 amended**

(1) In Schedule 1, Part 1, clause 1(2), replace “1-month” with “3-month”.

(2) In Schedule 1, Part 2, item relating to clause 8, third column, paragraph (b), replace “10th” with “7th”.

7 **Schedule 2 amended**

(1) In Schedule 2, Part 1, clause 1(2)(b), replace “1-month” with “3-month”.

(2) In Schedule 2, Part 2, item relating to clause 8, third column, paragraph (b), replace “10th” with “7th”.

8 **Schedule 3 amended**

In Schedule 3, Part 2, item relating to clause 8, third column, paragraph (b)(i) and (ii), replace “10th” with “7th”.

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(No 2) 2022

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Schedule
New Schedule 1AA inserted

Schedule 1AA
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

Part 1
Provisions relating to COVID-19 Public Health Response (Self-isolation Requirements and Permitted Work) Amendment Order (No 2) 2022

1 Interpretation
In this Part,—

Amendment Order means the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Self-isolation Requirements and Permitted Work) Amendment Order (No 2) 2022

commencement means 11.59 pm on 11 March 2022.

2 Reduction in period of self-isolation applies to people with existing duty to self-isolate
Schedules 1, 2, and 3 of this order (as amended by clauses 6(2), 7(2), and 8 of the Amendment Order) apply to a person who, immediately before commencement, has an existing duty to be isolated in accordance with this order.

3 Change of definition of COVID-19 case applies to existing COVID-19 case
(1) Clause 1(2) of Schedule 1 (as amended by clause 6(1) of the Amendment Order) applies to a person who, immediately before commencement, is a COVID-19 case within the meaning of clause 1 of that schedule.

(2) The person ceases to be a COVID-19 case within the meaning of this order on and from commencement if clause 1(2) of Schedule 1 (as amended) applies to the person.

4 Change of definition of household contact applies to existing household contacts
(1) Clause 1(2) of Schedule 2 (as amended by clause 7(1) of the Amendment Order) applies to a person who, immediately before commencement, is a household contact within the meaning of clause 1(1) of that schedule.

(2) The person ceases to be a household contact within the meaning of this order on and from commencement if clause 1 of Schedule 2 (as amended) applies to the person.
Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Self-isolation Requirements and Permitted Work) Order 2022 (the principal order). It comes into force at 11.59 pm on 11 March 2022.

The amendments reduce the isolation period for COVID-19 cases, household contacts and specified close contacts from 10 days to 7 days.

The amendments also amend the definition of COVID-19 case and household contact for the purposes of the principal order to extend, from a 1-month period to a 3-month period, the period during which a person is not considered a COVID-19 case or household contact if they have previously completed a period of self-isolation as a COVID-19 case before testing positive for COVID-19 or becoming a household contact.

Existing COVID-19 cases, household contacts, and specified close contacts will get the benefit of the amendments in that—

• their period of self-isolation will end early; and
• an existing COVID-19 case or household contact will cease to be a COVID-19 case or household contact if they have previously completed a period of self-isolation as a COVID-19 case in the 3-month period before becoming a COVID-19 case or household contact.

Approval by resolution required

This order must be approved by resolution of the House of Representatives before the expiry of the period described in section 16(2) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020. If this does not happen, the order is revoked on the expiry of that period.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

Date of notification in Gazette:

This order is administered by the Ministry of Health.