L.N. 106 of 2022

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(CAP. 465)

Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2022

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 26 and 27(c) of the Public Health Act, the Minister responsible for public health after consultation with the Superintendent of Public Health, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2022 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations". S.L. 465.48.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on 14 March 2022:

Provided that the principal regulations which are being amended by virtue of these regulations shall be deemed to be still in force, even after the 14 March 2022, for the purposes of any act, decision, action or proceedings taken in respect of any breach of those regulations.

Substitutes regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"2. (1) Any person shall, when going to an indoor place, wear a medical or cloth mask or visor in a proper manner covering the nose, mouth and chin of the person:

Provided that the mandatory use of medical or cloth masks or visors shall not apply to private homes or private vehicles:

Provided further that individuals in a mass event, whether indoors or outdoors, shall wear a medical or cloth mask or visor in a proper manner covering the nose, mouth and chin of the person:

Provided further that the following individuals shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a face mask:

(a) children up to three (3) years of age;

(b) persons with severe cognitive, physical, mental or respiratory impairments who have difficulties tolerating a mask as certified by a licensed medical practitioner, in which case such individuals shall at all times carry the relevant medical certificate exempting them from wearing a mask.

(2) Without prejudice to sub-regulation (1), the temporary removal of face masks shall be permissible in the following situations:

(a) in the case of children attending kindergarten, while in the classroom;

(b) during high intensity physical activity;

(c) when speaking or providing assistance to any individual who relies on lip reading to communicate;

(d) during official public speaking provided that a physical distance of at least two (2) metres between individual is maintained:

Provided that the delivery of lessons or lectures in schools, universities or other education establishments shall not be construed as official public speaking;

(e) if requested to for identification purposes, including at banks, at the airport or seaport or by law enforcement officials;

(f) to receive any medical or cosmetic treatment or service involving the face or mouth;

(g) to take medication;

(h) when seated at establishments where food and drink is served; or

(i) when necessary during the consumption of food or drink:

Provided that in the case mentioned in paragraph (i), the temporary removal of face masks shall not be permissible while a person is walking.".

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