L.N. 119 of 2022

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(CAP. 465)

Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks
(Amendment No. 3) 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 in 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. 3) 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 25 April 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 25 April 2022, for the purposes of any act, decision, action or proceedings taken in respect of any breach of those regulations.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Sub-regulation (2) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

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

(a) inside schools and other educational institutions;

(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 individuals is maintained;

(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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