

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS
First Minister of Wales

5 October 2020

Dear Mark

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2020, as amended

At our meeting on 28 September, we considered regulations amending The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (the principal regulations).

The following provisions of the principal regulations place restrictions on citizens unless a reasonable excuse exists:

- Regulation 2A (Extended households),
- Regulation 12A (Requirement to wear face covering on public transport),
- Regulation 12B (Requirement to wear face covering in certain indoor public places)
- Regulation 14 (Restriction on indoor gatherings)
- Regulation 14A (Restriction on outdoor gatherings)
- Regulation 14B (Restriction on organising certain unlicensed music events)
- Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 (Requirement to stay within local health protection area)
- Paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 (Requirement not to enter local health protection area)
- Paragraph 3 of Schedule 5 (Effect of premises closure notice)

These provisions also contain examples of what can constitute a reasonable excuse. We recognise that it would not be possible to provide in legislation an exhaustive list of reasonable excuses.



However, as we discussed in our meeting (see paragraphs 23-28 of the transcript), we think there would be merit in providing some further guidance (in addition to the Frequently Asked Questions available on the Welsh Government's website) covering some potential scenarios that may help our constituents understand what they can and cannot do.



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We believe such guidance would be welcome given the potential penalties that non-compliance may incur but also because it could help reduce the spread of the covid virus within the local population.

We would therefore welcome your thoughts on the provision of such guidance at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Antoniw', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg
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