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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 134**

**The Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and come into operation on 6th July 2020.

**Amendment of the Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982**

2.—(1) The Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982(1) are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 2(1) (persons deemed incapable of work)—
- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) omit “or”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (c)—
    - (i) in head (i), for “the Schedule” substitute “Schedule 1”;
    - (ii) at the end insert “; or”;
  - (c) after sub-paragraph (c) insert—
    - “(d) he is—
      - (i) shielding himself in such a manner as to prevent infection or contamination with coronavirus in accordance with Schedule 2; and
      - (ii) by reason of that shielding is unable to work.”.
- (3) In regulation 2(3), after “paragraph (1)(c)” insert “and (d) and Schedules 1 and 2”.
- (4) The Schedule (isolation due to coronavirus) is renumbered Schedule 1.
- (5) The renumbered Schedule 1 is amended in accordance with paragraphs (6) to (9).
- (6) At the end of paragraphs 2 and 4 insert “or, if earlier, until the end of the isolation period”.
- (7) Paragraph 3 is renumbered paragraph 3(1) and—
- (a) in the renumbered paragraph 3(1)—
    - (i) after “someone” insert “, or is in an extended household with someone.”;
    - (ii) at the end insert “or, if earlier, until the end of the isolation period”;
  - (b) after the renumbered paragraph 3(1) insert—
    - “(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), the person (P) is in an extended household with the person isolating himself in accordance with paragraph 2 (S) where—

- (a) P, and where applicable, the members of P’s household; and
  - (b) S and where applicable, the members of S’s household,
- have formed an extended household.”.
- (8) Omit paragraph 5A.
- (9) In paragraph 6—
- (a) insert in the appropriate places—
    - ““extended household” means two households where the adults in those households have agreed to be part of a single household in accordance with public health guidance;”;
    - ““isolation period” means the period ending on the day on which a relevant notification is received advising that the person with the symptoms of coronavirus is not in fact infected or contaminated with coronavirus;”;
  - (b) for ““public heath guidance”” substitute ““public health guidance””.
- (10) After the renumbered Schedule 1 the Schedule to these Regulations is inserted as Schedule 2.

**Amendment of the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

3. In regulation 2 of the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020(2) (suspension of waiting days), in both paragraph (3)(b)(ii) and (4), after “regulation 2(1)(c)” insert “or (d)”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

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