
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 90

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International
Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

PART 2

Obligations on persons arriving in Northern Ireland and others

Requirement to self-isolate

- 4.—(1) This regulation applies where a person (“P”)—
- (a) arrives in Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) has been outside the common travel area at any time in the period beginning with the 14th day before the date of their arrival in Northern Ireland.
- (2) P must remain in isolation from others (“self-isolate”) in accordance with this regulation.
- (3) P must self-isolate—
- (a) unless sub-paragraph (b) or (c) apply—
 - (i) in the case of a person to whom regulation 3 applies, at the address specified in P’s Passenger Locator Form as the intended place of self-isolation, as required by regulation 3 and paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 1,
 - (ii) in the case of a person described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (other than one described in paragraph (12)(a)(i)), at a place at which they intend to self-isolate while in Northern Ireland,
 - (iii) where it is not possible for P to self-isolate in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) or (ii), in accommodation facilitated by the United Kingdom Government for the purposes of P’s self-isolation,
 - (b) where P is an asylum seeker, in accommodation provided or arranged under section 4, 95 or 98 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999⁽¹⁾, or
 - (c) where P is a person described in paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016⁽²⁾ (powers of Secretary of State to enable person to meet bail conditions), in accommodation provided or arranged under that paragraph.
- (4) The address specified by P in the Passenger Locator Form as the intended place of self-isolation must be—
- (a) their home,

(1) 1999 c. 33. Section 4 was amended by section 49 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c. 41), by section 10(1) of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), by section 43(7) of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), and by paragraph 1 of Schedule 11 to the Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19). Section 95 was amended by section 50(1) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 and by paragraph 29 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016

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- (b) the home of a friend or family member, or
 - (c) a hotel, hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation, or other suitable place.
- (5) More than one address may be specified in the Passenger Locator Form where—
- (a) a legal obligation requires P to change addresses, or
 - (b) it is necessary for P to stay overnight at an address on their arrival in Northern Ireland before travelling directly to another address at which they will be self-isolating.
- (6) In paragraph (3)(a)(ii) “a place at which they intend to self-isolate while in Northern Ireland” means—
- (a) where the person has completed the Passenger Locator Form, at an intended place of self-isolation specified in that form,
 - (b) where the person has completed the Passenger Locator Form pursuant to an enactment in England, Scotland or Wales, at an intended place of self-isolation specified in that form,
 - (c) in any other case at a place described in paragraph (4)(a) to (c).
- (7) P must, on their arrival in Northern Ireland, travel directly to the place at which they are to self-isolate, and must then self-isolate until whichever is the earlier of—
- (a) the end of the 14th day after the day on which they arrive in the common travel area, or
 - (b) their departure from Northern Ireland.
- (8) Paragraph (2) does not require P to remain in isolation—
- (a) from any person with whom they were travelling when they arrived in Northern Ireland and who is also self-isolating in the place where P is self-isolating,
 - (b) where P is self-isolating in their home, from any member of their household,
 - (c) where P is self-isolating in the home of a friend or family member, from any member of the household of that friend or family member.
- (9) During the period of their self-isolation, P may not leave, or be outside of, the place where P is self-isolating except—
- (a) to travel in order to leave Northern Ireland, provided that they do so directly,
 - (b) to seek medical assistance, where this is required urgently or on the advice of a registered medical practitioner, including to access any of the services referred to in paragraph 37 or 38 of Schedule 2 to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020(3),
 - (c) to fulfil a legal obligation, including attending court or satisfying bail conditions, or to participate in legal proceedings,
 - (d) to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm,
 - (e) on compassionate grounds including to attend a funeral of—
 - (i) a member of P’s household,
 - (ii) a close family member, or
 - (iii) if no-one within sub-paragraphs (i) or (ii) are attending, a friend,
 - (f) to move to a different place for self-isolation specified on a Passenger Locator Form completed by P,
 - (g) in exceptional circumstances such as—

- (i) to obtain basic necessities such as food and medical supplies for those in the same household (including any pets or animals in the household) where it is not possible to obtain these provisions in any other manner,
 - (ii) to move to a different place for self-isolation where it becomes impracticable to remain at the address at which they are self-isolating,
- (h) to access critical public services, including—
- (i) social services,
 - (ii) services provided to victims (such as victims of crime),
- (i) in the case of a minister of religion or worship leader, to go to their place of worship alone provided they will be there alone,
- (j) to take exercise alone, or
- (k) to visit a burial ground to pay respects to a member of the person’s household, family member or friend provided they are doing so alone.
- (10) For the purposes of this regulation, the place referred to in paragraph (3) includes the premises where P is self-isolating together with any garden, yard, passage, stair, garage, outhouse, or other appurtenance of such premises.
- (11) If P is a child, any person who has custody or charge of P during P’s period of self-isolation must ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that P self-isolates in accordance with this regulation.
- (12) If P is a person described—
- (a) in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2—
 - (i) where P is a person described in paragraph 1(1)(a) to (k) of, and meets the conditions set out in paragraph 1(2) of, that Schedule, P is not required to comply with this regulation,
 - (ii) in any other case, paragraph (3)(b) and (c) does not apply to P,
 - (b) in paragraph 28 of Schedule 2, paragraph (2) does not require P to remain in isolation in the circumstances set out in paragraph 28,
 - (c) in paragraph 38 of Schedule 2—
 - (i) paragraph (2) does not require P to remain in isolation from any other person who is living or working on the specified farm,
 - (ii) paragraph (3)(a)(i) applies with the modification that the address specified by P as the address at which they intend to self-isolate must be the specified farm, where “specified farm” has the meaning given in paragraph 38 of Schedule 2,
 - (d) in any other paragraph of Schedule 2, P is not required to comply with this regulation.