

WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 1149

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions)
(No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (expired)**

PART 4

Minimising risk of exposure to coronavirus

Requirement to wear face covering in certain indoor public places

19.—(1) A person (“P”) must wear a face covering in indoor public areas of premises to which the public have or are permitted access, whether on payment or otherwise.

(2) But this is not required—

- (a) where P is a child under the age of 11;
- (b) where P has a reasonable excuse not to wear a face covering, as to which see paragraph (3).

(3) The circumstances in which P has a reasonable excuse to not wear a face covering include—

- (a) where P is unable to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or a disability (within the meaning of section 6 of the Equality Act 2010);
- (b) where P is undertaking an activity and wearing a face covering during that activity may reasonably be considered to be a risk to P's health;
- (c) where P has to remove the face covering to communicate with another person who has difficulty communicating (in relation to speech, language or otherwise);
- (d) where P has to remove the face covering in order to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to themselves or others;
- (e) where P is at the premises to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and does not have a face covering;
- (f) where P has to remove the face covering to—
 - (i) take medication;
 - (ii) eat or drink, where reasonably necessary;
- (g) where P is asked to remove the face covering by an enforcement officer.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 19 in force at 23.10.2020 at 6.00 p.m., see reg. 1(3)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (expired), Section 19.