

Legal requirement imposed by the Civil Contingencies Authority to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival in Alderney or Sark from Guernsey

Under regulation 6(2) of the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 3) Regulations, 2021 (“the (No. 3) Regulations”), with effect from and including 4th March 2021 until Monday 22nd March, any person who arrives in Alderney or Sark from Guernsey must self-isolate for 14 days. Under regulation 6(7) of the (No. 3) Regulations, where this requirement applies in respect of a child, a person who is a responsible adult in relation to that child must ensure that the child complies with this requirement so far as that person is reasonably able to do so.

For the avoidance of doubt, any person who arrives in Alderney or Sark from Guernsey at any time before 22nd March must self-isolate for the full 14 days.

This requirement is subject to the power of the Medical Officer of Health under regulation 6(3) of the (No. 3) Regulations to vary it in relation to categories of case or particular cases.

Under regulation 14(2) of the (No. 3) Regulations, any person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with this requirement (and, subject to regulation 14(3), that person’s employer), commits a criminal offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £10,000, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both.

Under regulation 14(7) of the (No. 3) Regulations, a person who is a responsible adult in relation to a child in respect of whom this requirement applies who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with regulation 6(7) commits a criminal offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,000.

For the purposes of this requirement, “self-isolate” and “responsible adult” have the meanings given in the (No. 3) Regulations.

Note: this requirement has been in place since 26th January 2021, having previously been imposed under the equivalent provisions in previous emergency regulations made by the Civil Contingencies Authority.

This requirement was amended on 18th March 2021 to update the reference to the regulations to the (No.3 Regulations); to update the reference to the maximum penalties; and to make clear that the requirement ceases, in respect of new arrivals, with effect from 22nd March.

Date of Issue: 4th February 2021; amended 18th March 2021.