

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020 No. 25

**The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Schools)
(Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020***Made**20th March, 2020**Coming into operation**See regulation 3**Laid before the States**, 2020*

WHEREAS there are one or more persons within the Bailiwick who are or may be infected with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2, resulting in the occurrence of an emergency within the meaning of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012^a ("**the Law**");

AND WHEREAS the Civil Contingencies Authority ("**the Authority**") (having consulted the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the risk to public health created thereby and by the spread of COVID-19, and the measures necessary to prevent or slow the spread of infection) is satisfied that the conditions set out in section 13 of the Law are satisfied, and that the following regulations contain only provisions which are appropriate for and proportionate to the purpose of preventing, controlling or mitigating the emergency referred to above;

AND WHEREAS the Authority is satisfied that the effect of the following regulations is in due proportion to that emergency, and that they are compatible with

^a Order in Council No. XIV of 2012; amended by Ordinance No. IX of 2016; and No. II of 2017.

the Convention rights within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2000^b;

NOW THEREFORE THE AUTHORITY, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 12(1), 14 and 19 of the Law, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations: -

Power of Medical Officer of Health to close schools.

1. (1) The powers of the Medical Officer of Health under Article VIII(8) of the Public Health Ordinance, 1936^c, to require measures to be taken by any school in order to prevent the spread of infection, shall apply in respect of Sark.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the measures that the Medical Officer of Health may require to be taken under the above enactment (including as it applies in Sark under paragraph (1)) include, but are not limited to, the immediate closure, partial closure, or closure subject to conditions, of any school for any period.

Citation and extent.

2. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Emergency Powers

^b Order in Council No. XIV of 2000; amended by No. I of 2005; Ordinance No. XXXVII of 2001; No. XXXIII of 2003; No. XX of 2015; No. IX of 2016; No. XXVI of 2018; and G.S.I. No. 27 of 2006.

^c Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome VIII, p. 315; amended by Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXI, p. 278; Order in Council No. XIV of 2012; No. VI of 2015; Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome X, pp. 35 and 61; Tome XIII, p. 264; Tome XV, p. 239; Tome XV, p. 387; Tome XIX, p. 91; Tome XX, p. 163; Tome XXIII, p. 427; Tome XXVIII, p. 80; Ordinance No. XXXIII of 2003; No. XXXVIII of 2006; No. XLI of 2010; No. XLII of 2014; Nos. IX and XXI of 2016. This Ordinance is applied to the Island of Alderney by the Alderney (Application of Legislation) Ordinance, 1948 and to the Islands of Herm and Jethou by the Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 1963.

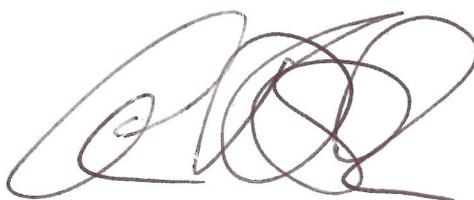
(Coronavirus) (Schools) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020.

(2) These Regulations shall have force in the Bailiwick.

Commencement

3. These Regulations shall come into force on being made.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several large, overlapping loops and flourishes, positioned above the printed name G.A. ST PIER.

G.A. ST PIER

Chairman of the Civil Contingencies Authority

For and on behalf of the Authority

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are emergency regulations made by the Civil Contingencies Authority under Part 3 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012 ("**the Law**"). They are made on the occurrence of an emergency, within the meaning of the Law, in the Bailiwick, arising from the urgent need to prevent the spread of the virus Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease caused thereby, COVID-19 (referred to together in these regulations as coronavirus). They are prefaced with a statement by the Civil Contingencies Authority, as required by section 12(2) of the Law. They empower the Medical Officer of Health to exercise her powers to require schools to take measures to prevent the spread of infection in Sark, and provide, for the avoidance of doubt, that such measures may include the

immediate closure of any school. COVID-19 was made a notifiable disease for the purposes of the Public Health Ordinance, 1936 on 19th February 2020.

These Regulations will come into force on the day they are made, 20th March 2020.