

PREMISES IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

REFERENCE NUMBER: 20/38697/COVIDS



THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS) (No.2) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2020 Regulation 17A & Schedule 5

Business/Premises Name:	Lidl
Business/Premises Address:	Newport West Retail Park Docks Way Newport South Wales NP20 2NZ
Name of Person Responsible:	Tomasz Sejka (Manager)
Address of Person Responsible:	As above
Type of Premise/Business/Service:	Supermarket

I, Pete Luff (Trading Standards Officer), as a relevant person and enforcement officer designated by Newport City Council, consider that you, as the person responsible, are contravening a requirement imposed by these Regulations and it is necessary and proportionate to give you this Premises Improvement Notice for the purpose of preventing you from continuing to contravene the requirement(s) of the Regulations.

I am of the opinion that you, as the person responsible, for the premises detailed above, which is listed in Regulation 12 and Schedule 4 are failing to comply with the following relevant provision(s):

Regulation 12(2) of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2020 for the following reasons:

Failure to comply with the obligations imposed on you by Regulation 12(2) 'Reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus'.

Specifically, on 28 September 2020 at 1730 hrs -

- you failed to put in sufficient measures in place to allow persons to maintain 2m distancing whilst queuing to pay from customers navigating the end of aisle to access the next aisle.
- you failed to provide clear and sufficient signage at your store entrance to inform customers of the requirement to maintain a 2 metre distance prior to entry.

Which fails to ensure that reasonable measures have taken place for the same purpose, contrary to Regulation 12(2)(b).

This Premises Improvement Notice is being given to you for the purpose of protecting against the risks to public health arising from coronavirus and the serious and imminent threat to public health posed by the incidence and spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in Wales.

Failure to comply with The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2020, without reasonable excuse, is an offence under Regulation 20(1) and punishable on summary conviction by a fine.

In order to secure compliance Newport City Council hereby directs you to take the following actions:

- Implement a queuing system that allows your consumers to maintain a 2 metre distance from other customers. This should be achieved by allocating one aisle as a dedicated queue to serve all tills, and to have clear and sufficient signage (including at the entrance to the store) that customers will need to queue in that particular aisle .
- Ensure clear and appropriate signage at the entrance of the store to inform persons entering are required to maintain a 2 metre distance from other customers.
- Implementation of all actions identified in your COVID Risk Assessment.

Other measures that achieve equal effect but are not necessarily specified in the guidance may be implemented.

Further guidance is available at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-legislation-and-guidance-law> and <https://gov.wales/taking-all-reasonable-measures-minimise-risk-exposure-coronavirus-workplaces-and-premises-open>

Time Limit for Measures to be taken

The measures identified within this Premises Improvement Notice must be taken within 48 hours, commencing with the time that the notice is issued

It is an offence not to comply with this Premises Improvement Notice by the date stated.

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Enforcement Officer Name:	Pete Luff (Trading Standards Officer)		
Signed:		Time & Date:	28 September 2020 1812 hrs
Enforcement Officer Contact Details:	trading.standards@newport.gov.uk 01633 656656 Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport. NP20 4UR		

Appeals

The appeals process is set out in Schedule 5 Paragraph 5.

A person to whom a premises improvement notice is issued may appeal to a Magistrates' court against the notice.

An appeal must be made:

- a) By way of complaint for an order, and in accordance with the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980(37), and
- b) Within 7 days after the day the notice is issued

A magistrates' court may allow an appeal to be made after the expiry of the period mentioned in b) above if satisfied that there is a good reason for the failure to apply before the expiry of that period (and for any delay in applying for permission to appeal out of time).

Notes

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2020 are made under The Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984 (*as amended*).

"Coronavirus" means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

A "person responsible for carrying on a business" includes the owner, proprietor and manager of that business.

These Regulations expire on the 8th January 2021. All requirements and restrictions will be subject to review by the Welsh Ministers every 21 days.

A Premises Improvement Notice may be issued to a person responsible for premises referred to in Regulation 12(1), if the officer considers that the person is not complying with the obligations imposed on the person by Regulation 12(2) and the measures specified are necessary and proportionate in order to ensure that the person complied with those obligations.

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This Premises Improvement Notice is being issued under Regulation 17A and Schedule 5 of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2020

Schedule 5 of the Regulations places a requirement on the Local Authority to publicise all Premises Improvement Notices.

WARNING

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE CAN RESULT IN A PREMISES CLOSURE NOTICE BEING ISSUED

Further advice may be sought from a solicitor or from the Magistrates Court at:

Gwent Magistrates' Court
The Law Courts
Faulkner Road
Newport
NP20 4PR

Tel: 01633 261300

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