

**EMERGENCY POWERS (POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS PERSONS)
REGULATIONS 2020**

Declaration by the Department of Health and Social Care

In accordance with regulation 2(1) of the Schedule to the Emergency Powers (Potentially Infectious Persons) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations"), the Department of Health and Social Care ("the Department"), having consulted the Director of Public Health and such other bodies and persons as it considers appropriate, declares that the Department is of the view that —

- (a) the incidence or transmission of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health; and
- (b) the powers contained in the Regulations will be an effective means of delaying or preventing significant further transmission of coronavirus disease.

Signed 

Hon David Ashford MHK
Minister for Health and Social Care

Date *19th March 2020*
