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Dear Elin,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022

I have today made these Regulations under sections 45C(1) and (3)(c) and 45P(2) of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984. I intend to lay these and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum once the statutory instrument has been registered.

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument will come into force on 28 January 2022, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the statutory instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the principal Regulations”) to provide that persons testing positive for coronavirus are now required to self-isolate for a 5-day period (rather than a 7-day period). The amendments being made today also provide that where a person comes within this category but was under a requirement to isolate immediately before the start of the day on 28 January 2022 as a result of having a notification to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test result, the isolation period ends in accordance with regulation 6 or 7 of the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Not adhering with the 21-day convention allows the Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity to ensure that individuals are being asked to isolate in accordance with public health advice and not longer than needed, which will help mitigate the impact of protracted staff absences on essential public services in Wales and align our position in Wales with that of the UK Government to reduce any cross-border issues or confusion.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MARK DRAKEFORD