

Public Health Amendment (COVID-19 Spitting and Coughing) Regulation 2020

under the

Public Health Act 2010

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Public Health Act 2010*.

BRAD HAZZARD, MP Minister for Health and Medical Research

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to allow for the issue of penalty notices for an offence against section 10 of the *Public Health Act 2010* involving a contravention of a Ministerial direction under the *Public Health (COVID-19 Spitting and Coughing) Order 2020* about intentionally spitting or coughing on a public official in a way that is likely to cause fear about the spread of COVID-19.

This Regulation is made under the *Public Health Act 2010*, including sections 118 and 134 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Public Health Amendment (COVID-19 Spitting and Coughing) Regulation 2020.*

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Public Health Regulation 2012

Schedule 4 Penalty notice offences

Omit the entry relating to section 10 of the Act under the heading "Part 1 Offences under the Act".

Insert instead—

Section 10, for an offence against clause 5 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Spitting and Coughing) Order 2020* \$5,000

Section 10, for another offence occurring \$1,000 \$5,000 between 26 March 2020 and 25 March 2021