

Public Health Amendment (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Regulation (No 4) 2021

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—

- (a) increase the penalty notice amount payable for an offence against the *Public Health Act 2010*, section 10 committed by an adult involving a contravention of a Ministerial direction to wear a face covering given in an order made under section 7 of that Act to \$500,
- (b) provide for specific penalty notice amounts for a child under the age of 18 years of age who commits the offence.

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 Mandatory Face Coverings) Regulation (No 4) 2021.*

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 30 July 2021 and is required to be published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Public Health Regulation 2012

Schedule 4 Penalty notice offences

Omit the matter relating to "Section 10, for an offence of failing to comply with a direction to wear or carry a face covering given by the Minister in an order made under the Act, section 7" under the heading "Part 1 Offences under the Act".

Insert instead—

Section 10, for an offence committed by an individual who is 18 years of age or older of failing to comply with a direction to wear or carry a face covering given by the Minister in an order made under the Act, section 7

\$500

Section 10, for an offence committed by an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age of failing to comply with a direction to wear or carry a face covering given by the Minister in an order made under the Act, section 7

\$80

Section 10, for an offence committed by an individual who is 15 years of age or younger of failing to comply with a direction to wear or carry a face covering given by the Minister in an order made under the Act, section 7

\$40