

THE QUARANTINE LAW (CAP. 260)

Decree issued in accordance with article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers conferred upon him by article 6(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f) of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260 by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 10 March 2020, hereby issues the following Decree:

1. This Decree shall be referred to as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.24) of 2020.

2. Whereas the protection of public health and of the public health care system are the responsibility of the Republic and with the aim of containing the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease, protecting public health and preventing the possible collapse of the health system through the spread of the virus, taking into consideration the requirements in human resources and logistical infrastructure necessary to cope with the rapid spread of the virus, and whereas the taking of requisite measures in addition to the Regulations that have been issued by the Decrees (No.1) to (No.23) of 2020 under the Quarantine Law (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) is made imperative, and without prejudice to those of the Regulations which will continue to be in force, and

Whereas, by Notice published in the Official Gazette of the Republic on the authorization of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Ammohostos and Paphos as being infected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260, the following Regulations are issued, taking effect as of 06:00hrs of May 21st, 2020, unless otherwise stated in the Regulations below:

2.1. Regulations 2.1. and 2.8, as amended by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.22) of 2020, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.9, as the latter has been amended by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.23) of 2020, as the latter has been amended by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.23) of 2020, 2.14, 2.20, 2.21, 2.23, 2.25, 2,26 of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.20) of 2020, are hereby deleted and abolished.

2.2. Regulation 2.2. of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.23) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished.

2.3. Access to the following areas is prohibited and the activities being carried out by enterprises therein are suspended:

(a) Children's playgrounds; and

(b) Closed sports venues, including closed swimming pools, except for the installations indicated by the Cyprus Sports Organization only for the training of high performance athletes, who are on the list of the Cyprus Olympic Committee and the High Performance Planning of the Cyprus Sports Organization, albeit without any use being made of dressing rooms and/or gyms and other related infrastructure, provided those participating in the training do not exceed two persons, including the coach.

2.4 Individual or group games/exercise is allowed in open air spaces, provided they shall not exceed 10 persons and the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organization are observed:

Provided that the use of dressing rooms and/or closed gyms and/or any other closed sports venues and related infrastructure shall not be allowed.

2.5 The presence and gathering of persons in houses is permitted, provided that they do not exceed 10 persons per house, inclusive of any minors.

2.6 Free movement and access to the following places, as well as the functioning of enterprises carrying on their activities thereat shall be allowed, provided that the gatherings do not exceed 10 persons per group, inclusive of minors:

(a) Parks, excepting children's playgrounds, and

(b) Public gathering places, including amongst other, squares, water dams, picnic sites and marinas.

2.7 Mass gatherings or any other events, rallies, parades, concerts in public and private venues, open-air fairs as well as football matches and other sports competitions are prohibited.

2.8 Church attendance and other forms of religious worship in churches, mosques and other religious venues and religious ceremonies such as weddings, christenings and funerals are allowed from 06:00hrs of

May 23, 2020, provided that the guidelines of the Ministry of Health are observed.

- 2.9 The functioning of the following enterprises is suspended:
- (a) Hotels and tourist accommodation except where the proprietors or/and managers have concluded or/and are due to conclude relevant agreements for:
 - (i) Temporary hospitality of persons who will remain from the date of their arrival in compulsory isolation;
 - (ii) Temporary hospitality of foreign tourists who could not return to the countries of their permanent residence;
 - (iii) Diplomatic missions of States or/and international Organizations with which/whom the Republic has concluded bilateral state agreements or international treaties for temporary hospitality to foreign subjects, who could not return to the countries of their permanent residence;
 - (iv) Hospitality of asylum seekers/individuals who seek international protection status or of other vulnerable sections of the population;
 - (v) Temporary hospitality of health workers and other personnel employed by the Organization of State Health Services in combating the Coronavirus.
 - (b) Malls
 - (c) Cinemas, theatres and performance halls;
 - (d) Theme parks (amusement parks etc.), children's playgrounds;
 - (e) Third party ground handlers or self-handlers) as they are described in article 65 of the Civil Aviation Laws, excepting those who service flights allowed under the Civil Aviation Decrees;
 - (f) Casinos;
 - (g) Functioning of sports clubs, cultural clubs, guilds and associations with the exception of their open-air catering facilities, which may operate under the conditions laid out in Regulation 2.11 of this Decree and by following the guidelines of the Minister of Health;
 - (h) Betting shops, until 05:59hrs of May 23, 2020;
 - (i) Libraries, museums and archaeological and historical sites, until 05:59hrs of June 1, 2020; and

- (j) Retail trade businesses situated within malls, except for the retail food trade enterprises (e.g. supermarkets):

Provided that all enterprises suspending their activities shall maintain the capability of carrying out their administrative and other work behind closed doors, not having to do with the service of the public, while also upholding all hygiene regulations.

2.10 Hairdressers salons, barber shops, beauty centres and tattooing studios may carry on their business, in accordance with the conditions specified below and subject to the guidelines of the Minister of Health.

2.11 Catering services, including amongst other the following enterprises, are allowed to operate, under the conditions specified below and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

- (a) Restaurants,
- (b) Hotels and tourist accommodation,
- (c) Taverns,
- (d) Cafeterias
- (e) Pizzerias
- (f) Beer cellars, snack-bars and bars;
- (g) Coffee shops, and
- (h) Refectories or/and catering facilities of sports clubs, cultural clubs, guilds and associations.

The services of the above enterprises to the public shall be provided under the following conditions:

- (i) The services shall be provided only in open external spaces of the enterprises. The term "open external space" has the meaning assigned to it by the Health Protection (Smoking Control) Law;
- (ii) the service of the public shall be provided by the use of tables and chairs, subject to the guidelines of the Minister of Health.
- (iii) Where there are bars in the above enterprises they shall not accept to serve the public and their use shall be limited exclusively to the preparation of meals or drinks by the employees, prohibiting the public from being directly served at the bar.
- (iv) The operation of children's playgrounds in internal and external venues of catering enterprises is prohibited.

2.12 All the retail trade enterprises whose activities have not been suspended, must maintain safety and health measures, in accordance with the guidelines that have been issued by the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Securities.

2.13 All enterprises serving the public, as well as the offices of the public and wider public service sector and of the Local Government Authorities, which provide services to the public, ought to take measures for the marking of a distance of at least two metres that must be observed by the citizens during the time of being served, both within and without the service area; the presence shall not be allowed of more than one person per 8 sq.m. of useful space at any given moment in the same area, inclusive of the employees. In addition, they shall be obliged to maintain the safety and health measures, in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Securities.

2.14 The use of protective face mask by the workers is made compulsory:

- (a) In indoor spaces of private enterprises that serve the public,
- (b) In the offices of the Public and Wider Public Sector as well as those of the Local Government Authorities,
- (c) In the retail trade enterprises,
- (d) In public transport means, including public passenger transport services,
- (e) Worksites,
- (f) Barber shops, hairdressers, beauty centres and tattooing studios, and
- (g) In catering services.

The following terms shall apply in relation to this Regulation:

(i) The employers are obliged to provide protective face masks and gloves to their employees, where this is applicable in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(ii) The movement of workers and suppliers within the enterprises referred to without the use of protective face masks and gloves is prohibited, where applicable under the guidelines of the Minister of Health;

(iii) The Employees and Employers are obliged to maintain safety and health measures in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Securities;

(iv) As of 06:00hrs of May 23, 2020, the provisions of sections (i) to (iii) shall apply to the workers of betting games, in accordance with the Guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(iv) As of 06:00hrs of June 1, 2020, the provisions of sections (i) to (iii) shall apply for the workers in libraries, museums, archaeological and historical sites, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

2.15 Pharmacies and food supermarkets shall on weekdays, Saturday and Sunday (if applicable) offer services from their opening hour 10 a.m. exclusively to the following persons:

- (a) Persons falling in the categories of vulnerable groups as these have been defined by the Ministry of Health in a published list, dated 29 April 2020 or/and in any future review of it:
- (b) Sixty years and above, and
- (c) With disabilities.

2.16 Access to the beaches shall be allowed as of 06:00hrs of May 23, 2020, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

2.17 Any person illegally entering the Republic through a non-authorized point or any other point or/and by sea, shall after such entry be placed for 14 days in venues of compulsory isolation (quarantine) indicated by the Republic.

2.18 Any persons who at the time of this Decree coming into force find themselves in compulsory isolation (quarantine) shall continue their compulsory isolation until its expiry.

2.19 Relocations of private boats between licensed docking areas within the territory of the Republic for maintenance and repair purposes, as well as for recreation purposes within the territory of the Republic, provided that the passengers and crew do not exceed 10 persons per group, including under-age children.

3. This Decree shall enter into force immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

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