

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

**Press Release**

**Extended duration of contingency measures in force in the District of Larnaca**

In the follow up to the additional contingency measures that came into effect for Larnaca District as of 23 September 2020, the Ministry of Health announces that by a [Minister of Health Decree](#) today, the validity of the measures is renewed until midnight, October 14.

More specifically, the public are reminded that the measures in force are the following:

1. Individuals are permitted to attend gatherings in houses and public meeting areas, with the exception of catering places, **not exceeding a maximum number of 10 persons per house/group**, including under age children.
2. Mass attendance and other forms of religious worship in churches, mosques and other religious places, as well as religious ceremonies, shall be performed **with a maximum number of 75 persons**, subject to the protocols in force for places of religious worship.
3. The holding of matches in the sports venues of Larnaca District in the context of athletic championships, is allowed **without the presence of spectators**, provided that the relevant protocols are observed.
4. The maximum number of persons allowed to be served in catering establishments in Larnaca District **is set at 75 for indoor spaces and 150 for outdoor spaces**. The **social distancing measure of 3 sq.m. for indoor spaces and 2 sq.m. for outdoor spaces** per person continues in force in each case, **regardless of the area of each establishment**. For example, if a catering establishment in the Larnaca District has an outdoor area of 400 sq.m. and on the basis of maintaining a 2 sq.m. distance per person it could serve up to 200 persons, the number of customers may not exceed 150 persons. If an establishment has a 300 sq.m. indoor area and on the basis of maintaining a 3 sq.m. distance per person it could serve up to 100 persons, the number of persons may not exceed 75. Provided that in each case **not more than 10 persons may occupy a single table**.
5. The functioning of cinemas, theatres and performance halls is allowed **with a maximum number of 75 persons in indoor spaces and 150**

**persons in outdoor spaces**, subject to the guidelines and protocols in each case.

- 6. Cocktail parties and well-wishing at weddings and christenings is prohibited. Physical presence is only allowed at lunch or dinner, with a maximum number of 350 attending persons.**

The Covid-19 outbreaks in recent days demonstrate that in quite a large number of cases the measures and protocols are not properly and strictly adhered to, resulting in passing the virus on to the family, social and professional environments of persons.

Once again a point needs to be made for the diligent application of the personal hygiene and social distancing measures. All citizens should also be reminded that in case they develop symptoms (coughing, fever, lack of oxygen, loss of smell or taste, distortion of taste) they should **immediately contact their Personal Physician for further medical guidance.**