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THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

ANNEX III

PART I

REGULATORY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS

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THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260

Decree by virtue of article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)

Cap. 260.
ANAK. 307
32(I) of 2003
31(I) of 2020
72(I) of 2020.

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers conferred upon him by article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g) of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260 and by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 02 September 2021, hereby issues the following Decree:

Whereas protecting the public health and the health care system is the responsibility of the Republic and for imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data with the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19, protecting public health and preventing a possible collapse of the health system due to the spread of the virus, taking into consideration the requirements in human resources and logistical infrastructures necessary to cope with the rapid spread of the virus and whereas the taking of requisite measures has become imperative; and

Government
Gazette, Annex
III (I):
23.3.2020.

Whereas by Notice published in the Government Gazette of the Republic, upon authorization by the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected with Covid-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260; and

Whereas, taking into consideration that by 25 January 2022, 87.7% of the adult population received at least one dose of the vaccine and 84.0% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 19 January until 24 January, 11.128 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily is around 235 patients per day, and from 19 January until 25 January 2022 24 deaths of patients have been recorded with COVID-19 being the ultimate cause of death, and because there are indications as to the 'Omicron' variant's increased transmissibility and until the full evaluation of the variant's epidemiological data on an international level and because there is an increased risk of re-infection after recovery from COVID-19 within a timeframe of less than six months, the following Regulations shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos:

Short title.
Official Gazette,
Annex III(I)
27.1.2022

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 6) of 2022 and it will be read together with the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Coronavirus) Decree (No. 5) of 2022 (which will be cited from now on as 'the basic Decree' and the basic Decree and the present Decree will be cited together as Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No. 5) to (No. 6) of 2022.

2. Paragraph (b) of the basic Decree is deleted and replaced by the following new paragraph (b):

“(b) students of private and public primary schools and of public and private secondary schools, who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases within school units, who:

- (i) According to the health protocols of the Ministry of Health, must remain in mandatory quarantine, may continue attending school on the precondition that they undergo, on a daily basis, on school days and for a period of 7 days since the date of the close contact, an antigen rapid test for COVID-19, according to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health,
- (ii) Hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme or a valid recovery certificate, shall undergo an antigen rapid test on the third and fifth day, according to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health:

Provided that in case a positive COVID-19 case is found, the health protocols of the Ministry of Health shall be followed”.

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

MICHALIS HADJIPANTELA,
Minister of Health

