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THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260

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

<p>Cap. 260. 32(l) of 2003 31(l) of 2020 72(l) of 2020.</p>	<p>The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers conferred upon him under article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260 and by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 03 September 2020, hereby issues the following Decree:</p>
<p>Short title.</p>	<p>1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No. 10) of 2021.</p>
<p>Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19. Government Gazette, Annex III (I): 26.1.2021.</p>	<p>2. Whereas the protection of public health and of the health care system are the responsibility of the Republic and for imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data with the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19, the protection of public health and the prevention of the possible collapse of the health system due to 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 has become imperative, other than the paragraphs issued under the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 9) of 2021 and without prejudice to the paragraphs that remain in force; and</p>
<p>Government Gazette, Annex III (I): 23.3.2020.</p>	<p>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 by COVID-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260, the following Regulations are issued:</p>
<p>Government Gazette, Annex III (I): 26.2.2021</p>	<p>2.1 Due to the imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data for the protection of public health and taking into consideration that from 20 to 26 February 2021 190 cases have been recorded in schools and despite the strict compliance with health protocols, there is an increased risk of an outbreak of cases both inside school units and within families, in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, paragraph 2.2(u) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 9) of 2021 is hereby deleted and replaced by the following new paragraph:</p>

“(u) (i) Private and public schools of primary education, as well as private and public nurseries and kindergartens, including pre-primary schools, special schools and special units of public schools shall operate with physical attendance;

(ii) Lyceums and technical schools, including evening schools and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education, shall operate with physical attendance and as of 08 March 2021 pupils should produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test on a weekly basis;

Provided that pupils who do not produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test or are unable to physically attend school for any medical reason shall attend online education:

Provided further that the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth as the competent authority, may regulate the physical attendance of the teaching and other staff of the public schools for the smooth operation of the online education;

(iii) High schools and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education shall operate through online education up to 07 March 2021 and as of 16 March 2021 with physical attendance and pupils should produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test on a weekly basis:

Provided that pupils who do not produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test or are unable to physically attend school for any medical reason shall attend online education:

Provided further that the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth as the competent authority, may regulate the physical attendance of the teaching and other staff of the public schools for the smooth operation of the online education;

(iv) public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions shall operate through online education:

Provided that where physical attendance of students or academic staff of Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions is absolutely necessary for research purposes or for the purpose of laboratory classes for preparing the students for examinations, laboratory classes or research work may be physically attended, subject to the health protocols.”

2.2 Paragraph 2.2 (av) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 9) of 2021 is hereby deleted and replaced by the following new paragraph valid as of 08 March 2021:

“(av) The entry/exit of any person into and from the reception, hospitality and detention centres for asylum seekers, is permitted, subject to the provisions of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 9) of 2021:

Provided that those falling within the provisions of this paragraph should hold a certificate of a negative antigen rapid test on a weekly basis;”

2.3 Paragraph 2.2(l) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 9) of 2021 is hereby deleted and replaced by the following new paragraph:

“(l) Visits to hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres are prohibited save for emergencies and exceptional cases upon approval by the Director of the institution;”

2.4 Paragraph 2.18(a) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 9) of 2021 is hereby amended by adding the phrase “for the first time” immediately after the phrase “who enter” (first line).

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health