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**ANNEX III**

**PART I**

**REGULATORY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS**

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THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260

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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 1 February 2022, 87.9% of the adult population received at least one dose of the vaccine and 84.3% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 25 January until 31 January 2022, 15.266 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily is around 215 patients per day, and from 25 January until 31 January 2022 18 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. 7) 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. 7) of 2022.

2. Paragraph (c) of Regulation 11 of the basic Decree is deleted and replaced by the following new paragraphs (c) and (d):

"(c) for workers in nursing homes and other closed care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups, the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare shall be followed and the following are required:

(i) presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours; or

(ii) presentation of a valid certificate of completed vaccination against COVID-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19 and a negative PCR or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours,

(d) for workers in day care facilities for vulnerable groups, transitional shelters for homeless people, day centres and child protection facilities, the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare shall be complied with, and either a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 shall be required, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a valid certificate of a completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19. "

3. Paragraph (b) of Regulation 16 of the basic Decree is deleted and replaced by the following paragraph (b):

"(b) Students in private and public primary schools and public and private secondary schools, who are close contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases within the school unit who:

(i) Are required by the health protocols of the Ministry of Health must remain in mandatory confinement, may continue to attend the school unit with physical presence, provided that they undergo daily, on school days and for a period of 7 days from the date of the close contact, a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health,

(ii) hold a certificate of a completed vaccination or a valid certificate of recovery, shall undergo on the third and fifth days, a rapid antigen detection test in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health:

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

4. Regulation 26 of the basic Decree is amended by deleting the colon at the end of sub-paragraph (v) thereof and inserting the comma, the hyphen "or" and the following new sub-paragraph (vi):

"(vi) by presenting, for persons aged 12 to 17 years who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having taken place within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who meets the conditions of subparagraphs (i) or (iii) or (iv):".

5. The second proviso to Regulation 30 of the basic Decree is deleted and replaced by the following new proviso:

"Provided further that, as regards catering establishments within hotels and for the holding of events, the provisions of Regulations 9 and 31 shall apply mutatis mutandis.".

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6. Regulation 31 of the basic Decree is amended by deleting the colon at the end of subparagraph (v), adding the comma, the hyphen "or" and the following new subparagraph (vi):

"(vi) by presenting, for persons aged 12 to 17 years who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having taken place within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who meets the conditions in subparagraphs (i) or (iii) or (iv):".

7. The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 6) of 2022 shall be abolished on 3 February 2022 at 23.59 p.m.

8. This Decree shall enter into force as of 4 February 2022.

Official Gazette,  
Annex III(I)  
1.2.2022

MICHALIS HADJIPANTELA,  
Minister of Health





