

## **Decisions of the Council of Ministers on the new Covid-19 measures**

Following today's meeting of the Council of Ministers, the Deputy Government Spokeswoman, Ms Niovi Parisinou, announced in a written statement the following measures against COVID-19:

- a) **as of 21 March 2022**, the implementation of the **“test to stay” measure in kindergartens, pre-primary schools and special schools** for children aged **3 years and over**. In particular, children who are close contacts of a confirmed positive case, will be able to visit the predefined locations announced by the Ministry of Health to conduct a rapid antigen test **on the 3rd, 5th, and 7th day after contact. On the remaining days (1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th) parents should carry out a self-test on their children.** The measure will be optional and more information on the procedure will be announced by the Ministry of Health.
- b) **as of 21 March 2022**, the lifting of the ban on the overnight stay of tenants outside senior people's homes and closed structures. Upon return, the tenants should have a rapid antigen test of the same day, based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare.
- c) **as of 21 March 2022**, the lifting of the ban on school trips, based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- d) the extension of all existing measures until the 31st of March 2022.

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