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**THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260**

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

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 3 September 2020, hereby issues the following Decree:

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No. 6) of 2021.

2. Whereas the protection of public health and 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; and
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 Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos to be infected by COVID-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260, the following provisions are hereby issued:

2.1 The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decrees (No. 2) to (No. 5) of 2021 are repealed as of 01 February 2021 at 00:01 a.m. with the exception of paragraph 2.2 (e)(ii) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No 2) of 2021, as amended by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19) Decree (No. 3) of 2021, which is repealed by the publication of this Decree in the Government Gazette of the Republic.

2.2 Due to the imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data for the protection of public health, for coping with the spread of COVID-19 and taking into consideration that from 18 January 2021 to 26 January 2021 1,284 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily fluctuates between 160 and 175 patients per day, and given that during the above period 20 deaths of patients have been recorded with the COVID-19 and that the percentage of positive results from laboratory testing is approximately 1.2%, the following shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos from 01 February 2021 at 00:01 a.m. to 14 February 2021 at 23:59 p.m., unless otherwise stated in this paragraph.

(a) Movements are prohibited, with the exception of the following cases:

(i) going to and coming back from the workplace, as well as for work purposes, with the presentation of Form A (Confirmation of Employee’s Movement), attached hereto as Annex I;

(ii) strictly necessary visits to public services or services of the wider public sector and local authorities and movements for purchasing essential goods/services, to and from businesses/services the operation of which has not been suspended;

(iii) visiting a physician or for blood donation or going to a pharmacy or for laboratory testing for Covid-19 or for vaccination at the vaccination centres;

(iv) going to the bank for transactions not available online;

(v) helping people who are unable to take care of themselves or people who must protect themselves or who are in self-isolation and/or in places of compulsory isolation or for visiting a house, subject to the provisions of paragraph (g)

(vi) going to church services/other forms of religious worship or for Individual prayer or going to ceremonies such as funerals, weddings and christenings;

(vii) physical exercise or individual sports; and

(viii) movement of divorced or separated parents, which is necessary for the uninterrupted communication between parents and children:

Provided that people can use the movement by exception, other than for the reason of subparagraph (i), twice a day by sending a SMS to 8998 for authorisation purposes:

Provided that the movement of people with disabilities and those falling within the spectrum of autism, together with their carer, as well as the movement for physical exercise and for the needs of a domestic animal is permitted within a radius of 500 meters from their residence:

Provided further that people over 65 may use a written declaration of movement by exception (Form B) attached hereto as Annex II, only twice a day:

Provided further that the SMS shall only be valid for a reasonable period of time which shall not exceed 3 hours unless the sender of the SMS proves the necessity for extension of such time,

(b) The movements by exception provided for in paragraph (a) shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) the movement of persons from 21.00 p.m. to 05.00 a.m. is prohibited, with the exception of those holding Form A (Confirmation of Employee’s Movement), which certifies the necessity...
of movement during these hours,

(ii) all persons should carry their identity card or passport as an additional proof in case it is requested by the competent authorities;

(iii) people from the same household may travel in a private vehicle, depending on its capacity, without wearing mask;

(iv) up to three persons from different household may travel in the same private vehicle, including the driver, and they must wear masks;

(v) in case of traveling for work purposes in a private vehicle of a capacity exceeding 5 persons, only four persons may travel and they should wear masks;

(vi) in case a person is not able to drive, another person may drive the vehicle upon solemn declaration of that person,

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (a) and (b), the following movements are permitted exclusively for imperative urgency:

(i) going to a medical centre or hospital or pharmacy or veterinarian for medical emergencies;

(ii) provision of urgent assistance to persons who are unable to take care of themselves or who must protect themselves:

Provided that those moving by exception, under the provisions of subparagraph (c), should carry their identity card or passport as an additional proof in case it is requested by the competent authorities.

(d) Access to the following areas is prohibited:

(i) playgrounds; and

(ii) public gathering areas, such as squares, courtyards of churches and other places of religious worship, dams, excursion and camping sites, marinas, natural trails and/or other similar areas.

(e) Access to the following areas is permitted only for physical exercise or individual sports, provided that the number of persons does not exceed 2 except minor children:

(i) parks and linear parks;

(ii) beaches.

(f) Mass and other events, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, concerts, festivals and similar events in public or private places are prohibited;

(g) The presence of 2 persons maximum in a residence beyond those residing permanently in it is permitted up to 07 February 2021 and as of 08 February 2021 the presence of 4 persons maximum in a residence beyond those residing permanently in it is permitted:

Provided that the presence of minor children and persons with disabilities, as well as childminders and nursery schoolteachers beyond the permanent residents is permissible exclusively for reasons of help and care, as well as the visit to a house to help persons who are unable to take care of themselves or/and for reasons of help and care of minor children, as well as the presence of professionals only for working purposes and for the reasonable time requested for the accomplishment of their work;

(h) Church services and other forms of religious worship in religious sites shall be performed without the presence of congregants up to 07 February 2021 and from 08 February 2021 church services and other forms of religious worship shall be performed with the presence of maximum 50 persons and by observing the measure of 1 person per 3 sqm, as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

Provided that the responsibility for compliance lies with the person or persons who are in charge of the specific religious worship site according to the regulating legal framework of the religion or/and creed concerned;
(i) Individual prayer in churches, mosques and other religious sites is allowed, outside church service hours or/and other religious ceremonies and provided that not more than 10 persons are simultaneously present within the religious worship place:

Provided that the responsibility for compliance lies with the person or persons who are in charge of the specific religious worship site according to the regulating legal framework of the religion or/and creed concerned;

(j) Ceremonies such as weddings, christenings, funerals are permitted with a maximum number of 10 persons attending;

(k) The holding of luncheons and/or dinners for weddings and christenings and for any other events is prohibited;

(l) Visits to hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres are prohibited;

(m) Visits to nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients’ units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres and child protection units are prohibited with the exception of persons with disabilities whereby each tenant may receive two visits per week with the possibility of additional visits being considered by a competent officer when an exceptional need arises;

(n) Operations and admissions of patients to State and private hospitals are regulated based on the ceilings set out by the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health;

(o) Persons approaching to a place accessed by the public should maintain a distance of 2 meters from other persons;

(p) Meetings/elections of Trade Unions registered according to the Trade Union Laws of 1965-1996, may take place by using electronic means, upon the approval of the Registrar of Trade Unions;

(q) The maximum number of passengers allowed to travel in all regular buses with a fare per passenger, as well as in all public and/or private transport means, depending on their capacity, is defined in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works:

Provided that the use of a protective facemask is mandatory for employees and passengers in all transport means mentioned in this paragraph;

(r) Retail food trade outlets and pharmacies shall provide services on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays (if applicable), from their opening time until 09.00 a.m., only to the following persons:

(i) aged 65 and over; and

(ii) with disabilities.

(s) Courts and Registries shall operate under the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court;

(t) The holding of written examinations shall be permitted upon request of the competent body, as well as the holding of meetings of State Authorities and/or meetings of Authorities and/or Services and/or Organs and/or Bodies, which are provided for by the Constitution, in places approved by the Ministry of Health;

(u) (i) Private and public schools of primary education shall operate through online education up to 07 February 2021 and with physical attendance as of 08 February 2021;

(ii) Private and public schools of secondary education shall operate through online education. As of 08 February 2021, third class of lyceums and technical schools, including the evening schools and the respective class of the private schools of secondary education shall operate with physical attendance. The other classes shall operate through online education,

(iii) Private and public nurseries and kindergartens, including pre-primary schools, shall operate with physical attendance,

(iv) Special schools and the Special Units of public schools shall operate with physical attendance,
(v) public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions shall operate through online education:

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

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 schools for the smooth operation of the online education;

(v) The operation of all private institutes and educational centres is suspended:

It is noted that they may operate through online education.

(w) All athletic and social group events are prohibited:

Provided that athletic group events falling within the provisions of paragraph (au) are permitted;

(x) The operation of retailers and department stores is suspended up to 8 February 2021 at 05.00 a.m., with the exception of the following undertakings:

(i) food and beverage retailers (supermarkets, grocery stores, butchers, fish markets, bakeries, pastry shops, fruit markets, liquor stores, kiosks, mini markets, tobacco stores) without using tables and chairs;

(ii) pharmacies;

(iii) private health undertakings (clinical laboratories);

(iv) gas stations;

(v) shops and laboratories for disability and orthopaedic products;

(vi) shops and laboratories for medical and industrial gases and equipment;

(vii) optics shops and laboratories;

(viii) hearing aids retailers;

(ix) undertakings of medical equipment and consumables;

(x) undertakings of car parts and accessories;

(xi) tire retailers;

(xii) bicycle retailers and repairers;

(xiii) carwash businesses;

(xiv) car and motorcycle garages;

(xv) dry cleaners;

(xvi) postal and courier services;

(xvii) animal feed and veterinary medicines retailers;

(xviii) pet shops;

(xix) telecommunications service providers for services relating to bill payments and portability, top-ups, repair and replacement of mobile devices;

(xx) pesticides, fertilisers and agricultural materials or equipment retailers;

(xxii) florists and garden centres;

(xxii) farmers’ markets shall operate at 50% of their capacity, observing the distance of 1.5 meters between people and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health:
Provided that retailers whose operation is not suspended, as well as the undertakings resuming operation on 08 February 2021, should observe the measure of 1 person per 10 sqm of working capacity for shops below 1,000 sqm and of 1 person per 15 sqm of working capacity for shops exceeding 1,000 sqm. Moreover, big stores exceeding 1,000 sqm are obliged to ensure that there is a check at the entrance in the presence of an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld:

Moreover, they should take measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters, which should be observed by the customers while they are being served, both inside and outside the premises and to display at the entrance of the premises the maximum number of persons permitted in the premises under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance:

Provided further that all retailers, irrespective of whether their operation has been suspended or not, may provide e-commerce services or home delivery services,

(y) The operation of malls is suspended up to 08 February 2021 at 05.00 a.m., with the exception of the supermarkets inside the malls:

Provided that as of 08 February 2021, the malls should observe the measure of 1 person per 15 sqm and to ensure that there is a check at the entrance in the presence of an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld:

Moreover, they should take measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters, which should be observed by the customers while they are being served, both inside and outside the malls and to display at their entrance the maximum number of persons permitted in the mall under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health:

Provided further that the use of tables and chairs at the public areas of the malls is not permitted:

Provided further that retailers inside the malls should observe proportionally the provisions of paragraph (w);

(z) Conferences, trade and art fairs, meetings etc. are suspended;

(aa) The operation of betting shops is suspended up to 08 February 2021 at 05.00 a.m.:

Provided that their operation as of 08 February 2021 is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority and on the condition that the measure of 1 person per 10 sqm is observed and that the clients remain in the premises only for as long as it takes to fill in their cards, submit them and collect their gains;

(ab) The operation of casinos is suspended;

(ac) The operation of swimming pools is suspended other than for therapeutic exercise of persons with disabilities or for training of persons falling within the provision of paragraph (au)(iii), with a maximum number of 5 persons including the coach:

Provided that these swimming pools are designated by the Cyprus Sports Organisation;

(ad) The operation of gyms, dancing schools and other sports academies is suspended;

(ae) The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites is suspended up to 08 February 2021 at 06.00 a.m.:

Provided that their operation as of 08 February 2021 shall be governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

#af) The operation of itinerant sales and bazaars is prohibited;

(ag) The operation of hairdressing salons, barber shops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(ah) The operation of night clubs, event venues, discos, clubs and music and dancing venues is suspended;
(a) The operation of open-air and indoor theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is suspended;

(a) The operation of open-air and indoor playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks is suspended;

(ak) The operation of sports clubs, cultural circles, associations and societies is suspended;

(al) The operation of zoos is suspended;

(am) The operation of constructions sites and in general of the construction sector and of related activities is permitted according to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance;

(an) The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units shall be permitted provided that they accommodate exclusively persons who do not reside in the Republic and fall within the provisions of paragraphs 2.9 to 2.14 and 2.16, as well as for the accommodation of persons in mandatory isolation referred by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, as well as for the accommodation of 1st division football clubs and national teams 24 hours prior to the official opening time of the matches:

Provided that the use of hotel and/or tourist accommodation facilities is not permitted by other persons other than those referred to in this paragraph;

(ao) With the exception of the catering areas of the Airports in Larnaca and Paphos, as well as with the exception of the catering areas inside the hotels and tourist accommodation units which may operate until 21.00 p.m. under points (i) to (iii) of the reservation, the operation of all catering areas such as restaurants, tavernas, cafeterias, pubs, snack-bars and bars, coffee shops and catering areas within malls, canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc., is suspended, with the exception of their take away services which may be provided until 20.30 p.m., the sale of alcohol not being permitted, and their home delivery services:

Provided that catering services in the hotels and tourist accommodations are provided on the following terms:

(i) only for the service of persons falling within the provisions of paragraph (an) and provided that they are served exclusively seated, observing the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(ii) the operation and use of bars inside the catering areas is limited exclusively to the preparation of food or drinks by the employees and the direct service from the bar is prohibited;

(iii) the maximum number of persons per table may not exceed six (6);

(ap) Private undertakings providing services, with the exception of substantial services, shall operate through teleworking and physical attendance of employees inside the workplace should not exceed 50% of the overall number of employees. The minimum number of persons physically present shall be 5, if the employer wishes so, observing the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(aq) The operation of equestrian events is permitted without spectators being present, observing the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organisation;

(ar) (i) The public and the wider public sector shall work through teleworking and with physical presence of the necessary personnel at the workplace, in order to ensure the smooth operation of the service and the service of citizens to meet emergency needs:

Provided that the outdoor construction sites/teams shall continue their works by observing the relevant health protocols;

(ii) the competent authority, by virtue of the Public Service Law of 1990 to 2020 or/and any laws governing the operation of Independent Services and/or Deputy Ministries, shall proceed immediately to the identification of staffing needs for teleworking and physical
presence at work for the smooth operation of the Service;

(iii) as to the Substantial Services, as determined in paragraph (as) hereof, the competent authority shall proceed to the necessary arrangements, in order to ensure, to the extent possible the physical presence at work for the smooth operation of the Service and of the State;

(iv) civil servants who fall within the categories of citizens with risk factors for serious illness by COVID-19 contained in a list prepared by the Ministry of Health and published on 29 December 2020 or/and in any future update of that list and they do not wish to return to their workplace are obliged to perform their duties from home through teleworking. If they do not wish to perform their duties from home, they may apply for a special sick leave which shall be considered as a sick leave according to the legislation in force and/or collective agreement and/or terms of employment for the period of which the said beneficiaries shall be indemnified with 60% of their earnings by their employer;

(v) civil servants who are responsible for the care of children up to 15 years of age or children with disabilities despite of their age, shall submit, for evaluation, a request to the head of their service for teleworking, where possible, provided that the smooth operation of the service is guaranteed. If they do not wish to perform their duties from home, they may apply for a special sick leave which shall be considered as a sick leave according to the legislation in force and/or collective agreement and/or terms of employment for the period of which the said beneficiaries shall be indemnified with 60% of their earnings by their employer;

Provided that only one of the parents/guardians may apply for such leave at any time, giving priority to the parent/guardian who is not working at a substantial service;

(vi) Where teleworking is not permitted due to the nature of the work, a request for special leave for reasons of public health may be submitted, depending on the needs of the service;

(vii) The substantial services defined in paragraph (as) may by decision of the Competent Authority implement flexible working hours in addition to the working hours of the personnel, in agreement with the employees;

(viii) Organisations of Public Law and Local Authorities shall implement the provisions of this paragraph mutatis mutandis;

(as) For the purposes of this Decree, the following services are defined as substantial:

(1) the Ministry of Finance, including all its Departments/Services;

(2) the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, including all its Departments/Services and the Human Resource Development Authority,

(3) the Ministry of Health, including all its Directorates/Departments and Services, as well as the State Medical Services Organisation and the Health Insurance Organisation and their Directorates and/or Services,

(4) the Health Services of the Local Authorities and of the public and wider public sector,

(5) the Administration of the Ministry of Interior, including the Civil Registry and Migration Department, the Asylum Service, the Lands and Surveys Department, the Town Planning and Housing Department, the District Administrations and the Game and Fauna Service;

(6) the Administration, the Department of Information Technology Services and the Department of Electronic Communication, Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;

(7) the Administration, Services and Departments of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry,

(8) the Cyprus Intelligence Services;

(9) the Law Office of the Republic,

(10) the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, the Police, the Fire Service and the Prisons Department,
(11) the Administration of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, the Civil Aviation, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Department of Postal Services, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Road Transport,

(12) the Veterinary Services, the Department of Forests, the Water Development Department, the Department of Environment, the Meteorological Service and the Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment,

(13) the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth including its Directorates/Departments and Services,

(14) the Presidency of the Republic;

(15) the Council of Ministers and its Secretariat,

(16) the Directorate General of European Programmes, Coordination and Development,

(17) the Courts and Registries (including their staff),

(18) the Ministry of Defence and the National Guard,

(19) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Directorates/Departments,

(20) the Treasury,

(21) the Port Authority, the Ports and their Services,

(22) the private and public hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres,

(23) the Substantial services of airports and air companies,

(24) the telecommunication and radio companies in Cyprus,

(25) the Electricity Authority of Cyprus

(26) the Water Boards and Desalination Plants,

(27) the Office of the Transmission System Operator,

(28) the Investigation Committee of Naturalisation by Exception of non-Cypriot Investors and Businesspersons, appointed by virtue of a decree issued by the Attorney General of the Republic (R.A.A. 406/20 and 467/20) and its staff and the Investigation Committee for establishing the facts in relation to Cypra Ltd and/or Cypra Bioenergy Ltd and/or to other connected and/or related companies and/or persons, appointed by virtue of a decree issued by the Attorney General of the Republic (R.A.A 652/20) and its staff,

(29) the Financial Market Infrastructures & Payments Division, the Currency Management Division, the Information Technology Division, the General Administration Services Division, the Accounting Services and Controlling Division and the Supervision – Crisis Team, Central Bank of Cyprus,

(30) the Digital Security Authority,

(31) the Sewerage Boards,

(32) the Office of the Commissioner of Electronic Communications and Postal Regulations,

(33) the House of Representatives;

(34) the Cyprus Agricultural Payments Organisation; and

(35) the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority.

In addition to the above list, for the purposes of this Decree, the following services are defined as substantial: the banking services, the insurance services, the services of credit acquiring companies, the Mass Media, the services of protection of public safety and order, the services that are necessary to the monitoring and management of the Coronavirus pandemic, to the provisions of social services and the payment of grants and other benefits to the citizens, to ensure uninterrupted supply of electric power, the water supply services, the services for the operation of electronic communications / systems, telecommunications and postal services, to the operation of air transports and the control of air traffic, for the operation of the maritime traffic management and monitoring systems, for the operation of civil defence, for the operation of hospitals and similar services in the health sector, the
Veterinary Services, the prisons, the asylum and migration, for the repair or maintenance of the electrical and mechanical installations of the National Guard and the Police, including the Fire Service, the safe waste and strategic State resources management, the operation of ports and similar and support services thereof, as well as the provision of private protection and protection system services, the provision of services to buildings and outdoors.

(at) The Cyprus ports shall operate only for commercial transactions and activities. Support services are allowed only for logistics purposes and the disembarking of passengers from cruise ships is prohibited;

(au) The operation and use of indoor and outdoor sports facilities is suspended, with the exception of the following cases:

(i) the operation of sports facilities for training and matches, without the presence of spectators, for the championships of 1st division clubs national clubs, without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures and in compliance with the health protocols:

Provided that on the day of the match, the operation of the changing rooms is permitted,

(ii) the operation of sports facilities for the training of the second and third division clubs and provided that the number of trained persons does not exceed 5 including the coach; and

(iii) the operation of sports facilities designated by the Cyprus Sports Organisation, for the training of high-performance athletes included in the list of the Cyprus Sports Organisation (athletes included in the High Performance and Talent Planning of the Cyprus Sports Organization), athletes of national teams of all sports, as well as athletes that came to the Republic through exchange programmes, under sports partnership protocols, signed by the Cyprus Sports Organisation with other States, without the use of changing rooms and similar infrastructures, provided that in outdoor and open-air sports facilities, despite of sqm, as well as in indoor sports facilities of over 100 sqm, the maximum number of persons should not exceed 5, including of the coach, and that in indoor sports facilities of less than 100 sqm the maximum number of persons should be 3 including the coach:

Provided that, athletics events are permitted in outdoor or/and open-air facilities designated by the Cyprus Sports Organisation with a maximum number of 5 persons including the coach and provided that the overall number of persons per sports facility does not exceed 30 persons:

Provided further that the list of athletes of national teams shall be prepared by the competent federation and subject to the approval by the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health.

(av) The entry and/or exit of any person into and from the reception, hospitality and detention centres for asylum seekers are prohibited, save the entry of new-arriving asylum seekers:

Provided that the entry into and/or exit from the said centres are permitted for the workers and exceptionally the entry and exit are permitted for humanitarian and/or medical reasons and/or for other serious reasons, such as for the purpose of having access to the Court or attend schools of primary and secondary education, upon a relevant permit by the Minister of the Interior;

(aw) The operation of driving schools is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

2.3 (i) It is prohibited to enter the Republic from illegal entry points and to this end the competent monitoring authorities implement the necessary measures; and

(ii) Any person arriving on and/or entering illegally the territory of the Republic shall remain in areas of compulsory confinement designated by the Republic for 14 days from arrival:

Provided that asylum seekers, who enter, are placed and/or obliged to stay in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, are instead placed in areas of compulsory confinement for 14 days, before coming into any contact with those already staying there and the relevant medical protocol shall be observed for each case.
2.4 The operation of passenger short sea vessels, recreational vessels, vessels for the transport of divers, private vessels and water sports businesses shall be governed by the health and safety guidelines issued by the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

2.5 The enterprises serving the public, as well as the offices of the public sector, the wider public sector and the Local Authorities serving the public should take the necessary measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters that has to be observed by the citizens, both inside and outside the premises provided that not more than 1 person per 10 sqm may be simultaneously at the same place, i.e. the service area, including the staff. Moreover, they should display at the entrance of the premises the maximum number of persons allowed inside the premises under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.

2.6 Where there is a case of Covid-19 in any private office and/or business and/or in any service of the public service and/or of the wider public service and/or in the Independent services and/or in local authorities, they are obliged to suspend their operation immediately and proceed to the disinfection of the area before resuming their operation.

Provided that the whole personnel shall leave the place until the completion of the disinfection and the reoperation of the place. According to the guidelines of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, found on https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/press/3042020_2.pdf, the area must be disinfected with an approved disinfectant by licensed users of virucidial products. Following disinfection, the area must remain closed for at least three (3) hours then the doors open for approximately 30 minutes for ventilation purposes, before the staff enters the premises, with the exception of the close contacts of the case, who will result from the tracing and shall be self-isolated.

2.7 For the purposes of monitoring the implementation of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260 and of the Decrees issued by virtue thereof, the following officers are designated in cooperation with the Cyprus Police:

(a) the public health officers of the Public Health Services, Department of Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health;
(b) the officers of the Department of Agriculture and Forests and of the Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment;
(c) the ship inspectors of the Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
(d) the officers of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
(e) the officers of the Consumer Protection Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry;
(f) the officers of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance and of its Departments/Services;
(g) the officers of the Game and Fauna Service, Ministry of Interior; and
(h) the traffic wardens of each Municipality.

2.8 The use of protective face mask is mandatory for all persons over twelve (12) years old, indoors where there are more than one person and outdoors where there are more than two persons with the exception of the cases specified by the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

2.9 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons, regardless of nationality, from countries of category A and B, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

(a) for passengers from countries of category A molecular testing for COVID-19 is not required;
(b) passengers from countries of category B, must produce a proof of negative molecular COVID-19 testing valid 72 hours before departure, from a certified laboratory;
(c) passengers from countries of category B, where it is documented that the authorities of the country do not provide molecular COVID-19 testing service, may be tested upon their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and should be self-isolated until they receive the results;
(d) those who fall into the following categories and enter the Republic from countries of category B, may undergo a molecular COVID-19 test upon arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and should be self-isolated until they receive the results:
   (i) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children;
   (ii) persons residing legally in the Republic,
(e) persons arriving at the Republic and are tested positive for COVID-19, shall remain in self-isolation and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

2.10 (a) The entry into the Republic is permitted to the following category of persons coming from countries which do not fall into the categories A and B, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

(i) Cypriot citizens residing in the Republic, their alien spouses and minor children,

(ii) all persons residing legally in the Republic;

(iii) persons, regardless of nationality, whose presence in the Republic, due to their professional or scientific capacity, is approved by the competent medical body to reinforce the efforts against COVID-19;

(iv) patients, regardless of nationality, who received treatment by an approved private or public hospital/medical centre in the Republic and it is appropriate to continue such treatment; and

(v) first-degree relatives of persons residing in the Republic and/or who are doing business in the Republic (spouse, children, parents) for reunion purposes.

(b) A permit to enter the Republic is approved for persons designated in point (v) of subparagraph (a) after applying to the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020.

(c) The entry into the Republic of persons designated in points (i) to (v) of subparagraph (a) is subject to the following terms:

(i) the passenger may either have a negative molecular COVID-19 test performed 72 hours before departure and present the relevant proof, either be tested upon arrival in the Republic at his/her own expenses and should be self-isolated for 14 days unless the provisions of paragraph 2.21 are observed;

(ii) all passengers coming to the Republic and tested positive for COVID-19 should be placed in compulsory confinement for 14 days and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed;

(iii) the cost of the air ticket, if any, is paid by the passenger with the exception of persons who have been sent abroad for medical reasons by the Republic, as well as those falling within paragraph 2.10(a)(iii).

2.11 The entry into and/or departure from the Republic is permitted to crew members of merchant vessels or crew members of oil rigs conducting research drilling works in the Exclusive Economic Zones of States with which the Republic has established diplomatic relations, or crew members of cruise ships or crew members of recreational craft, who either come to the ports of the Republic, or arrive by commercial or other flights, from countries which do not belong to the categories A and B, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

(i) before arrival, these persons shall be self-isolated for 14 days;

(ii) have a negative molecular COVID-19 test performed before arrival and present the relevant proof or if this is not possible upon arrival and if they are tested positive, they remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed; and

(iii) their company and/or the agent who has undertaken the crew change, shall undertake to transport the crew directly from the ship to the airport and the transport of the crews arriving by plane from the airport to the port of departure, under strict protection measures. If the arrival of the ship and the arrival of the flight are not synchronised or if the results of the molecular tests are pending the company and/or the agent shall make the necessary arrangements with the authorities for the crews to be quarantined in designated accommodations until the arrival of the flight or vessel. Where possible, the crew to be disembarked shall remain aboard until the date of flight:

Provided that for those who are already working as crew members of ships that enter the Cypriot ports and will depart from the Republic, only paragraph 2.11(iii) applies.

2.12 The entry into and residency in the Republic are permitted to seamen and crew members of vessels entering the ports of the Republic, on the following terms:

(a) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of category A and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country of category A, seamen and crew members do not have to undergo a molecular COVID-19 test;

(b) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of category B and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country of category A and B, according
to the categorisation, seamen and crew members should produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test valid 72 hours before the departure of the vessel or the said persons shall undergo a molecular test at the port and remain aboard until they receive the results;

(c) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries that do not fall into the categories A and B, seamen and crew members must:
   (i) have been quarantined for 14 days and filled in the relevant form issued by the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, as part of the protocol for the crew change;
   (ii) undergo a molecular COVID-19 test when they disembark;
   (iii) remain aboard or in places of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;

(d) if the persons referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) above, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, they shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed; and

(e) for the molecular testing, the transport and the isolation until the results of the test are received for these persons, the procedures provided for in paragraph 2.11 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

2.13 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries not falling into the categories A and B, regardless of nationality, for carrying out public works or for business purposes, upon the approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, on the following terms:

(a) if their stay in the Republic does not exceed 4 days:
   (i) these persons must undergo a molecular COVID-19 test unless they produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test valid 72 hours before their departure;
   (ii) if the molecular test is performed upon their arrival, these persons must remain in areas of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test,
   (iii) if they are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, they shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed; and,
   (iv) these persons shall take protection measures and measures to protect themselves at their place of accommodation.

(b) If their stay in the Republic exceeds 4 days:
   (i) these persons must undergo a molecular COVID-19 test unless they produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test valid 72 hours before their departure,
   (ii) if the molecular test is performed upon their arrival, these persons must remain in areas of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test,
   (iii) if they are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, they shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed; and
   (iv) these persons shall remain in compulsory confinement for 14 days unless the provisions of paragraph 2.21 are observed.

2.14 The following applies to those coming legally to the Republic from the legal maritime entry points:

(i) for recreational craft coming to the Republic from countries of category A, passengers do not have to undergo a molecular COVID-19 test or produce a certificate of negative molecular test,

(ii) for recreational craft coming to the Republic from countries of category B, passengers must produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test valid 72 hours before the departure of the craft or undergo a molecular COVID-19 test at the berthing area and in this case they must remain aboard until they receive the results;

(iii) for recreational craft that come from countries not falling into the categories A and B and have not entered during the previous 14 days as of their arrival any port or they have entered ports of countries of category A and B, the people aboard must undergo a molecular COVID-19 test upon their arrival at the berthing area and remain aboard until they receive the results; and

(iv) the persons of categories (i) and (iii) coming to the Republic and are diagnosed positive for COVID-19 shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of
Health shall be observed:

Provided that the operators of the legal maritime entry points shall ensure that the persons aboard observe the above provisions.

2.15 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries not falling into category A and B, as announced by the Ministry of Health, who have obtained in advance a work permit as housekeepers, agricultural and farm workers and for any other employment in the Republic from the competent Ministries and Departments and upon approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, on the following terms:

(a) the special entry permit is granted based on the order in which applications are submitted, which is recorded in an electronic register kept by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

(b) employers pay in advance the cost of accommodation for the above persons for their compulsory confinement in hotels and/or tourist accommodation units with which the Deputy Ministry of Tourism has entered into contract, as well as the cost of two molecular COVID-19 tests (one test upon arrival and a repeat test on the 10th day of the compulsory confinement) and the compulsory confinement shall terminate provided that the result of the molecular test is negative:

Provided that the overall incurred cost prepaid by the employers is determined by the Council of Ministers; and

(c) employees falling within the provisions of paragraph 2.15 shall pay their cost of transport to the said tourist accommodation units.

2.16 The persons who are entitled to come to the Republic according to the Treaty of Vienna and arrive from countries other than those of category A, shall either undergo a molecular COVID-19 test that has to be negative and valid 72 hours before their departure or undergo a molecular test upon their arrival and remain in a designated area until they receive their result.

2.17 (a) All persons, regardless of their country of departure, travelling to the Republic and falling within the provisions of paragraphs 2.9 to 2.16 of this Decree, should fill in electronically and within 24 hours before the commencement of their trip all information, details and declarations requested, according to the procedures provided for on www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy and hold the CyprusFlightPass prior to boarding and upon their arrival in the Republic.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a), in case of a technical problem or maintenance of the website www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy, which is officially announced by the Civil Aviation Department, the passenger may fill in the form in writing.

c) Passengers arriving in the Republic without the CyprusFlightPass, electronically or in writing only in case of the reasons stated in paragraph (b), are committing an offence and must pay a fine of €300.00 under the Out-of-court Settlement of Offences Laws of 1997 (No. 6) of 2020, unless they do not enter the Republic and return to the initial country of departure.

d) Passengers arriving in the Republic from countries of category A without the CyprusFlightPass, shall be treated as passengers from countries of category B and in addition to the payment of a fine of €300.00 they must undergo a molecular COVID-19 test at the respective airport of the Republic at their own expenses and be self-isolated until they receive the result.

e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (a) to (d) hereof, the coordinators of delegation of sports teams traveling with charter flight for events within the context of European and international championships, are obliged to present the list with all the names of the delegation stating the date and the result of the molecular COVID-19 test.

(f) Referees participating in European and/or international championships, travelling from and to the Republic, under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
2.18 (a) Asylum seekers who enter and/or are placed and/or are obliged to stay in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, should undergo a molecular COVID-19 test before entering these centres.

(b) The laboratory COVID-19 tests are performed and/or repeated for any asylum seeker staying in the hospitality and/or detention centre whenever the Head of the Asylum Service may think appropriate.

2.19 (a) All new inmates shall undergo molecular COVID-19 test before being admitted to any detention centre and/or prison.

(b) The laboratory COVID-19 tests are performed and/or repeated for any inmate whenever the Director of the Prison Department and/or the Head of Detention Centres and/or the Chief of Police and/or any other person in charge of the detention centres may think appropriate.

2.20 (a) Entities and persons working at the ports of the Republic, including passengers and staff entering into and moving inside the port areas of the Republic, shall observe the Medical Protocol of the ports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines and measures issued by the Minister of Transports, Communications and Works and the Minister of Health, as amended from time to time, for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the Republic. The Operator of the Airports of the Republic is responsible to ensure their uniform implementation by all those working and providing services to the airports of the Republic.

(b) Air companies shall observe the Medical Protocol of the airports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines and measures issued by the Minister of Transports, Communications and Works and the Minister of Health, as amended from time to time, regarding the procedures applied by the airports of the Republic for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

(c) It is prohibited for the airlines to permit passengers traveling to the Republic who do not possess the CyprusFlightPass to board the aircraft, unless there are reasons stated in paragraph 2.17(b).

2.21 Persons placed in self-isolation according to paragraphs 2.10 and 2.13(b), shall either undergo a molecular COVID-19 test on the 10th day of their self-isolation at their own expenses and the quarantine is terminated provided that the result is negative or released on the 14th day of quarantine, provided that they are not positive for COVID-19 according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

2.22 Any person placed in compulsory confinement and self-isolation should:

(i) remain inside the place of accommodation, unless he/she receives instructions from his/her physician or an authorised public health officer to go to a medical centre;
(ii) maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons;
(iii) not accept visits at the place of accommodation:

Provided that these persons are obliged to comply with the directives of the Ministry of Health issued from time to time and notified and/or published in relation to the procedure of compulsory confinement and/or self-isolation.

2.23 (a) The entry of any person into places of compulsory confinement is prohibited without authorisation by the Minister of Health or by an authorised officer of the Ministry of Health.

(b) It is forbidden for everyone without the authorisation by the Minister of Health or by an authorised officer of the Ministry of Health to approach within a distance of less than two meters any person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 or in compulsory confinement or in self-isolation.

2.24 Subject to the legislation in force from time to time in the Republic providing otherwise, the persons who are in places of compulsory confinement designated by the Republic or/and in self-isolation, may by telephone interview with any physician ask for repeat prescription of medicines for chronic diseases provided that:

(i) they take pharmaceutical products for chronic diseases that are not related to the symptoms of the COVID-19 infection;
(ii) the stock of pharmaceutical products that have with them is running low or is not sufficient for their treatment for the time they will spend in areas of compulsory confinement and/or in self-isolation;
(iii) for any reason whatsoever, they are not able to call their personal physician or a specialty
doctor to repeat prescription or/and they are not registered with a personal physician who has
entered into a contract with the Health Insurance Organisation or/and they are not
beneficiaries of the General Health System:

Provided that the physicians who are contacted by telephone by these persons:

(i) must take the most recent, under the circumstances, history of the person communicating
with them;

(ii) issue the prescription with the necessary pharmaceutical products, the relevant instructions
for their administration and the necessary posology of the medicine(s) for the whole period of
time during which the patient shall remain in places of compulsory confinement or in self-
isolation, provided that they consider that the history taken is sufficient and satisfactory;

(iii) in case they have entered into contract with the Health Insurance Organisation and the
persons who are in a place of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation are beneficiaries of
the General Health System, should enter the prescription to the relevant software so the
pharmacy can retrieve it and give the pharmaceutical products to a person acting on behalf
of the person who is in a place of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation;

(iv) in case they have not entered into contract with the Health Insurance Organisation or the
persons who are in a place of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation are not
beneficiaries of the General Health System, they should issue a handwritten prescription and
make the necessary arrangements so the prescription can be received by the person acting
on behalf of the person who is in quarantine in order to be processed by a pharmacy;

(v) must inform the physician who has issued the initial prescription within a reasonable period of
time:

Provided further that the pharmaceutical products prescribed could contain pharmaceutical
products containing controlled drugs under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law or
which are included in the Second, Third or Fourth Schedule of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic
Substances Regulations provided that the provisions of Regulation 11 of the said Regulations are
observed.

2.25 (a) All physicians registered in the Medical Register at the moment of entry into force of this
Decree, shall observe the instructions of the Ministry of Health and execute the duties assigned to
them;

(b) All nurses registered in the Medical Register at the moment of entry into force of this Decree,
shall observe the instructions of the Ministry of Health and execute the duties assigned to them;

(c) The names of physicians and nurses receiving instructions shall be announced on a board on
the website of the Ministry of Health, www.moh.gov.cy or/and update in another way decided by the
Ministry of Health;

(d) The persons who shall receive instructions shall appear at a time specified on the board or/and
during their briefing, which time should not be less than 24 hours as of the time of announcement on
the board or/and of the briefing and at a place determined in each case in order to perform the duties
assigned to them.

2.26 The Minister of Health may use the services of graduate students of Medical Schools of 4 or
6-year courses of study from the Cypriot universities, as well as the services of graduate students of
Nursing Schools if and where deemed necessary.

2.27 The Ministry of Health may designate public or private areas where there is an increased
gathering of people to perform COVID-19 sampling tests.

2.28 The boarding and transport of persons on local flights are permitted on the following terms:
(a) For technical flights in a multi-crew aircraft, the maximum number of people aboard shall be three, i.e. a two-member crew and an aircraft mechanic;

(b) For technical flights in a single crew aircraft the maximum number of persons aboard shall be two, i.e. a pilot and an aircraft mechanic;

(c) For training flights the maximum number of persons aboard shall be two, i.e. an instructor and a student;

(d) Training flights shall be regulated (specific number of flights per hour) which shall be reviewed according to the epidemiological data, based on a programme issued by the Air Traffic Control Reporting Office of the Civil Aviation Department at Larnaca Airport, notified to the flight schools;

(e) The use of protective masks and gloves is mandatory during local flights;

(f) The disinfection of the aircraft is mandatory before every local flight.

2.29 This Decree sets the maximum wholesale and retail price shown in the table below for each product type:

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* The maximum wholesale prices are for producers, importers and dealers and do not apply to intermediates – resellers.

2.30 Authorised officers from the Consumer Protection Services of the Ministry of energy, Commerce and Industry shall proceed to the control of prices to ensure the implementation of the provisions of decrees issued by Ministry of Health, with regard to the fixing of maximum prices for specific products.
2.31 Civil servants who are absent from work for self-isolation purposes shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons with a retrospective force as of 20 March 2020, date on which the Minister of Health announced the possibility of issuing a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons, provided that the affected officers had produced the said certificate and their absence had been calculated against their rest leave in the following cases and on the following conditions:

(a) where the officer is placed in mandatory self-isolation, due to close contact with a confirmed case in the context of his/her duties provided that he/she shall produce a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons;

(b) where the officer is placed in mandatory self-isolation after returning from a service trip from a country that do not fall into Categories A and B, based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health, provided that he/she shall produce a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons from the Ministry of Health;

(c) upon decision for compulsory absence from work due to a confirmed case among the staff of the service which should remain closed for a certain period of time;

(d) for the purposes of taking care of children under the age of 15 where:

(i) the child is a contact of a case and is placed in mandatory self-isolation;

(ii) due to a confirmed case at school which should remain closed for a certain period of time;

(e) The Special Leave for Public Health Reasons is granted in the cases of subparagraph (a) to (d) only, if the nature of the work does not allow teleworking and upon approval by the Head of the Ministry/Service/Organisation of Public Law/Local Authority:

Provided that in case the officer is requested to be absent from work in order to be self-isolated for any reason other than those provided for in subparagraphs (a) to (e), the days of absence from work shall be considered as days of sick leave if and where the nature of work does not allow teleworking.

2.32 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 5(1) of the Public Service (Grant of Leaves) Regulations of 1990 to 2017 (R.A.A. 101/85), people working at the public sector and the wider public sector, who, due to the nature of their duties, were unable to take their annual leave to their credit or their leave was suspended by their service due to the emergency of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, in the years 2020 and 2021, may accumulate and transfer to the following year up to 20 days of rest leave, regardless of the overall number of days of rest leave they may have accumulated:

Provided that in case the maximum limits of accumulated days of rest leave are exceeded, the additional days of leave must be taken in the following two years, i.e. by 31 December 2022.

2.33 The owner and/or the director and/or the manager of nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients’ units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres and child protection units, are obliged to comply with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as to the performance of COVID-19 molecular tests and/or rapid tests for the staff and those residing in the settings referred to in this Regulation.

2.34 Due to the epidemiological data presented in the United Kingdom regarding a new strain of COVID-19 disease and for the preservation of public health until further information is clarified by the scientific community, until 14 February 2021 at 23.59 p.m., persons arriving at Larnaca and Paphos airports from the United Kingdom are required to comply with all the following conditions:

(a) the persons may either have a negative molecular COVID-19 test performed 72 hours before departure and present the relevant proof, either be tested upon arrival in the Republic at their own expenses:

Provided that persons under the age of 12 are not required to undergo a molecular test;

(b) they shall be transferred to hotels and/or tourist accommodations with which the Deputy Ministry of Tourism has signed a contract, where they shall remain in compulsory confinement for a period of 7 days from their date of arrival, and their date of arrival shall be counted as day “0”:

Provided that the cost of transfer and accommodation of these persons at the specific
accommodations shall be borne by the Republic:

    Provided that persons under the age of 18, although exempted from the obligation to remain under compulsory confinement, may nevertheless remain in such accommodation if their parents and/or guardians reside in the same premises or if their self-confinement at home is not possible and provided that a written consent is given by the parent and/or guardian;

    (c) on the 7th day upon their arrival, they shall undergo a new molecular test, the cost of which shall be borne by the Republic, and those who have a negative result shall remain in self-isolation for 3 additional days and shall be released from self-isolation on the 10th day since their arrival, and provided that they do not show any symptoms of the COVID-19 disease;

    (d) those persons who are diagnosed positively, either by the molecular testing performed upon arrival in the Republic, or by the molecular testing performed on the 7th day following their arrival, shall remain in compulsory confinement, and the relevant health protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

2.35 The maximum price for a COVID-19 molecular test is fixed at €50.00 (excluding VAT), per examination, other than the existing contracts that have been entered into by the State.

2.36 The maximum price for a COVID-19 rapid test is fixed at €20.00 (excluding VAT), per examination.

2.37 Taking into consideration the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the imperative urgency to take measures such as the suspension of business activities and with the aim to mitigate these economic impacts:

    (i) Businesses or/and self-employed under a full suspension of their business activities, by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, including businesses or/and self-employed under a full suspension of their business, but who may, by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, provide delivery or/and take away services, shall not pay the rent to the State or to Organisations of Public Law, as provided for by the lease agreements in force, corresponding to the months of January and February of 2021, or/and February and March of 2021 in case the rent of the month of January 2021 has already been paid;

    (ii) The obligation of payment of 70% of the rent corresponding to the months of January and February 2021, or/and February and March 2021 in cases where the rent for the month of January 2021 has already been paid, is temporarily suspended, which is paid to owners of immovable property for business lease purposes by businesses or/and self-employed under a full suspension of their business activities, by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, including businesses or/and self-employed under a full suspension of their business, but who may, by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, provide delivery or/and take away services, provided that the said amount should be paid by equal amounts within the next twelve months, i.e. by February 2022 the latest.

2.38 The election for the substitute Chairman of the Community Council of Liopetri, Famagusta District, set for 31 January 2021, is suspended:

    Provided that the election shall be carried out on a new date set by the Minister of Interior.

2.39 The businesses that their operation has not been suspended shall operate under the safety and health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and/or of the competent Ministries/Authorities.

2.40 Employees of schools and private undertakings resuming their operation under this Decree, including employees of undertakings providing services, who return to their duties due to the increase in the percentage of physical presence of employees at 50% as of 01 February 2021, should undergo a rapid COVID-19 test before going back to work:

    Provided that the employers should ensure the compliance of their employees with the provisions of this paragraph, under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

2.41 All those working in the private, public and wider public sector, in Local Authorities and in the educational service are obliged to undergo a rapid COVID-19 test under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:
Provided that the employers should ensure the compliance of their employees with the provisions of this paragraph, under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health
Annex I  
(Regulation 2.2)  

Form A  
CONFIRMATION FOR EMPLOYEE’S MOVEMENT*

Employee ..............................................................................  
of the company/service/organisation ............................................  
with identity card/passport no .......................................................  

is obliged to travel for work purposes to the district(s)  
.................................................................................................  

between .............. and ............. o’clock  

The employee shall be identified by presenting his/her identity card/passport.  

Name of employer/supervisor: ....................................................  
Signature of employer/supervisor: .................................................  
Date: ..........................................................  

*The same form applies for self-employed persons.
Annex II
(Regulation 2.2)

Form B
DECLARATION OF CITIZEN’S MOVEMENT BY EXCEPTION

I, the undersigned,

identity card/passport no

home address

hereby declare that the need for travelling at ............ (fill in the exact time) arises from the following reasons:
(tick with √ the appropriate box below)

☐ 1. Going to a pharmacy, visiting a physician or for blood donation or laboratory testing for Covid-19 or for vaccination at the vaccination centres.

☐ 2. Going to a shop for essential goods/services, including take away.

☐ 3. Going to the bank for transactions not available online.

☐ 4. Strictly necessary visits to public services or services of the wider public sector, local authorities or private undertakings the operation of which has not been suspended.

☐ 5. Helping people who cannot take care of themselves or people who must protect themselves or who are in self-isolation and/or in places of compulsory isolation (quarantine) or for visiting a house.

☐ 6. Physical activity or individual sports practiced in areas where access is permitted.

☐ 7. Going to church services/other forms of religious worship or for Individual prayer or to ceremonies such as funerals, weddings and christenings.

☐ 8. Any other reason that may be justified under the lockdown measures (Note 2):

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☐ 9. Going to a hairdressing salons, barber shops, beauty centres and tattooing shops.
Notes: (1) During their movements, citizens should carry their identity card/passport.

(2) Point 8 above shall also include the movement of divorced or separated parents, which is necessary for the uninterrupted communication between parents and children;

- going for specialised therapies for people with disabilities or chronic diseases, together with their carer;

- driving a soldier from and to his army camp;

- going to and coming back from Larnaca and Paphos Airports for the transport of persons upon presentation of proof (ticket) showing the day and time of arrival/departure;

- movement of farmers and livestock farmers, provided that they produce the CAPO form of hectare or animal subsidy or, in case this is not available, a relevant certificate by the District Agricultural Office;

- going to and coming back from animal shelters to take care or feed stray animals, provided that the person has a certificate validated by a recognised animal welfare organisation and the relevant notification to the Veterinary Services.

Signature: ........................................................................

Date: ........................................................................