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

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 26 October 2021, 82% of the population received the first dose of the vaccine and 79.6% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 15 until 26 October 2021, 1,571 cases have been recorded with the average rate of persons hospitalized daily fluctuating between 55 and 65 patients per day, and given that during the above period 11 deaths of patients have been recorded with the COVID-19 disease being the ultimate cause of death and that the percentage of positive results from the diagnostic testing fluctuates around 0.3%, the following Regulations shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos:

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 39) of 2021.

2. The Regulations of this Decree shall be valid as of 30 October 2021 at 00.00 a.m. to 9 November 2021 at 23.59 p.m.
3. Access to parks, linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, excursion sites, marinas, zoos and nature trails is permitted.

4. Mass events, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, concerts, festivals in public or private places are prohibited, with the exception of events for which guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Health.

5. Gatherings at private residences shall be limited to 20 people per residence, including minor children and hosts.

Provided that the limit of 20 persons shall not apply to events permitted under the terms of Regulation 9 and subject to Regulation 82.

6. The presence of congregants during church services and/or other forms of religious worship is governed by the following terms:

(a) indoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 300 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or;

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(b) outdoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 350 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(c) the responsibility for compliance with the number of persons attending the place of religious worship 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.

7. Individual prayer in churches, mosques and other places of religious worship is allowed outside church service hours or/and other religious ceremonies with a maximum of 20 people attending simultaneously the place of religious worship:
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.

8. The celebration of weddings, christenings and funerals shall be governed by the following terms:

(a) indoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 300 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or;

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(b) outdoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 350 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(c) The responsibility for compliance with the provisions of this Regulation 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 or/and the owner or/and the manager of the premises where the event is taking place.

9. The holding of events, including weddings and christenings at catering establishments, event and reception venues, hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, night clubs, clubs and music and dancing venues, as well as in residences, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, is governed by the following terms:

(a) indoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 300 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or;

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:
Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours.

(b) outdoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 350 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

10. (a) Visitors and outpatients of hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres, aged 12 and above should hold either a negative laboratory Covid-19 test or a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

(b) Visits to these settings are allowed upon approval by the Director of the hospital/centre.

Provided that visitors are exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test in case of an emergency and exceptional circumstances upon approval by the Manager of the premises.

11. (a) The guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour shall apply to visitors and employees of nursing homes and other closed settings such as care for the elderly units and hostels for vulnerable groups and persons aged 12 and above should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

(b) The guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour shall apply to visitors and employees of day centres for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres and child protection units and persons aged 12 and above should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

12. For private hospitals, the maximum occupancy rate is 80% save for the Intensive Care Units where the maximum occupancy rate should be 70%.
13. (a) In public transports, employees and passengers aged 12 and above should hold either a negative laboratory test or a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

(b) the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works shall issue guidelines pertaining to the transport of people by all regular buses with a fare per passenger, as well as by all public and/or private transport means;

(c) The use of a protective facemask is mandatory for employees and passengers in all transport means mentioned in this paragraph, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works.

14. The operation of Courts and Registries shall be governed by the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court.

15. 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 and subject to Regulation 82.

16. (a) The operation of schools of all levels, including schools of special education, as well as nurseries, kindergartens and children’s clubs, is governed by the health protocols of the Ministries of Health, Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, and Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, and persons aged 12 and above shall hold either a negative COVID-19 laboratory or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

It is understood that, only for the purpose of attending school, students of public high schools and the respective classes of Private Schools of Secondary Education, who are under the age of 12, shall hold either a negative COVID-19 laboratory or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

It is also understood that, only for the purpose of attending school, students of private and public schools of primary education, who have reached 12 years of age, are not required to hold a negative COVID-19 laboratory or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19, or a certificate of recovery from COVID-19.

(b) the operation, with physical presence, of public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions is governed by the following conditions:

(i) for a maximum capacity of teaching halls of up to two thirds (2/3), the health protocols of the Ministries of Health, and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, are upheld and it is mandatory to present either a negative laboratory test or rapid antigen test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been taken within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19, or a recovery certificate for COVID-19 valid for six months since the sampling date of the initial positive diagnosis:

(ii) for a maximum capacity of teaching halls that is beyond two thirds (2/3) and up to 100% of capacity, the health protocols of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth are upheld and it is mandatory to present either a certificate of a completed vaccination
scheme against COVID-19 or a recovery certificate for COVID-19 valid for six months since the sampling date of the initial positive diagnosis:

It is understood that public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions, irrespective of the preconditions set out in this paragraph, may choose to allow access to teaching halls and/or other areas only to persons holding a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against COVID-19 or a recovery certificate for COVID-19 valid for six months.

17. The operation of all private institutes and private educational centres, including social activities, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth under the following terms:

(a) depending on the capacity of each classroom of the premises, as set out by the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth and with a minimum 7 persons attending, including the tutor, if the manager wishes so;

(b) persons aged 12 and above shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

18. As regards retail shops, Regulation 82 and the following terms shall apply:

(a) the measure of 1 person per 10 sqm, at least, of capacity, should be observed;

(b) large stores exceeding 500 sqm and trading in a wide range of products, should ensure that there a check is carried out at the entrance by an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld;

(c) Measures must be taken 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.

19. As regards malls, Regulation 82 and the following terms shall apply:

(a) the measure of 1 person per 10 sqm, at least, of capacity, should be observed, and additionally, a check must be carried out at the entrance by an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld;

(b) Measures must be taken 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:

Provided that retailers inside the malls should observe the provisions of Regulation 18 mutatis mutandis.

20. Conferences and trade fairs are permitted and the total number of persons attending should not exceed 50% of the capacity of the premises and subject to Regulation 82.
21. The operation of betting shops is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority and subject to Regulation 82.

22. Casinos operate at 50% capacity, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and it is required that clients hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

23. The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82.

24. (i) Itinerant sales and bazaars are permitted subject to possession of the relevant authorisation delivered by the competent Municipal or Community Authority and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(ii) bazaars and popular bazaars in areas next to places of religious worship are permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, provided that the organisers have obtained authorisation by the Public Health Services of the Ministry of Health and provided that all persons aged 12 and above should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

25. The operation of hairdressing salons, barber shops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82.

26. The operation of theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is governed by the following terms:

(a) the maximum number of spectators should not exceed 300 indoors and 350 outdoors subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(b) the number of persons attending should not exceed 75% of the capacity of the venue provided that all spectators hold either a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

27. The operation of playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82.

28. The operation of organised group camping is suspended:

Provided that the guidelines of the Ministry of Health shall apply to the operation of camping sites.

29. The operation of constructions sites and of the construction sector in general, as well as related activities, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance and subject to Regulation 82.
30. The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and subject to Regulation 82:

Provided that for the use of indoor and outdoor catering and/or event areas the provisions of Regulations 9, 31 and 32 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

31. The operation of catering establishments (restaurants, taverns, cafeterias, pubs, snack-bars and bars, coffee shops, catering establishments inside the malls, catering establishments of hotels and tourist accommodation units, canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc.) is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

(a) indoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 300 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(b) outdoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 350 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(c) only seated service will be provided subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(d) the maximum number of persons per table shall be twelve (12);

32. The operation of night clubs, event venues, discos, clubs and music and dancing venues is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

(a) indoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 300 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or
(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(b) outdoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 350 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted;

(c) only seated service will be provided subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(d) the maximum number of persons per table shall be twelve (12).

33. For places where, by virtue of this Decree, access is subject to the holding of a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test or a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19, or an EU Digital COVID Certificate, non-residents entering legally the Republic without a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19:

(a) using Larnaca and Paphos Airports, may present the Cyprus Flight Pass obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy platform and their boarding card or a reservation certificate from their place of accommodation;

(b) using legal sea points of entry, if they are cruise passengers, they should have the proof obtained from the cruise ship as disembarkment card and if they are passengers of recreational craft, they should have the proof obtained from their Marina Operator subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

(c) documents referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) for passengers who do not hold a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery from covid-19 shall expire 7 days after the date of arrival and thereafter these passengers should produce either a negative covid-19 laboratory test or a negative covid-19 antigen rapid test.

34. The ports of the Republic shall operate for commercial transactions and activities and provide services to cruise passengers and support services are allowed for the operation of the ports and for logistics purposes subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works.
35. The operation and use of sports facilities, including swimming pools, is governed by the following terms:

(a) for training and matches of team sports, for the professional championships of 1st, 2nd and 3rd division clubs and national teams, 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.

(b) for individual training of athletes and for team and individual sports events, including contact sports, in indoor and outdoor sports facilities, subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health, without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures:

Provided that the maximum number of persons shall be determined by the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health;

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

(c) for social events, such as marathons, triathlon etc., subject to the health protocol prepared by the organiser and approved by the Ministry of Health;

(d) indoor sports facilities including gyms, dancing schools and other sports academies, observing the measure of 1 person per 10 sq.m., and subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health, without the use of changing rooms and other similar infrastructures, except changing rooms in gyms, the operation of which is governed by the guidelines of the Cyprus Sport Organisation;

(e) equestrian meetings, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(f) persons aged 12 and above who fall within the provisions of paragraphs (b) to (e) hereof and practice sports either in indoor or outdoor sports facilities or participate in sports events should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

36. The presence of spectators in matches and events that take place in pitches and sports facilities, with the exception of football pitches, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organisation and under the following terms:

(a) indoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 300 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.
(b) outdoors:

(i) the maximum number of persons allowed is 350 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82; or

(ii) the maximum number of persons allowed is 500 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols if all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

(c) at friendly meetings or training sessions of academies and developmental sports, subject to the distancing measures defined in the health protocols and subject to Regulation 82:

(i) in outdoor sports facilities with spectator stands, the maximum number of spectators shall not exceed 40% of the capacity of the facility,

(ii) in outdoor sports facilities without the existence of stands, the maximum number of spectators does not exceed 150 persons,

(iii) in indoor sports facilities with stands, the maximum number of spectators shall not exceed 30% of the capacity of the facility.

37. The presence of spectators in football matches is permitted provided that their number shall not exceed 75% of the capacity of the pitch and provided that all persons hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis, or a negative laboratory test for COVID with the sampling having taken place within 72 hours:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 12 years old, persons aged between 12 and 17 holding a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, as well as persons aged 18 and above who may not be vaccinated due to a medical problem but hold a medical certificate and a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, are exempted.

38. Persons who enter reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

39. The operation of driving schools is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

40. Farmers’ markets shall operate at 50% of their capacity, observing the distance of 1.5 meters between people, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the provisions of Regulation 82.

41. The operation of swimming pools for public use is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82.
42 (a) It is prohibited to enter the Republic from illegal points of entry and to this end the competent monitoring authorities implement the necessary measures; and

(b) 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 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.

43. The operation of passenger short sea vessels, recreational fishing vessels and vessels for the transport of divers, private vessels and water sports undertakings shall be governed by the health and safety guidelines issued by the Deputy Ministry of Shipping and for the use of passenger short sea vessels from the public it is required that passengers aged 12 and above shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

44. (a) The undertakings serving the public, as well as the Departments/Services 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 7 sqm of working capacity 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;

(b) In undertakings serving the public, as well as in all Departments/Services of the public sector, the wider public sector and the Local Authorities serving the public it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

45. The public and wider public sector, the Organisations of Public Law and the Local Authorities shall operate with physical presence of all civil servants and the arrangements of teleworking shall be terminated unless the competent authority decides otherwise or if the provisions of Regulation 46 hereof are in effect.

46. Where by virtue of the provisions of Regulation 44 the physical presence of all civil servants and teleworking are not possible in Services/Departments of the public and wider public sector, in Organisations of Public Law and in Local Authorities serving the public, the competent authority shall give a special leave on grounds of public health:

Provided that the provisions of this Regulation may be valid proportionally for the Services/Departments of the public and wider public sector, Organisations of Public Law and Local Authorities that do not serve the public, where under the guidelines of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance and the Ministry of Health on the management of issues of health and safety at work under COVID conditions, the physical presence of all civil servants is not possible:

Provided further that in cases where the physical presence of all civil servants is not possible, according to the guidelines of the competent authority, they shall be obliged to perform their duties through teleworking:
Provided also that if the civil servants do not wish to perform their duties through teleworking they should apply for a special leave on grounds of public health, for the period of which the said beneficiaries shall be indemnified with 60% of their earnings by their employer.

47. Where there is a case of Covid-19 in any private office and/or undertaking and/or in any service of the public service and/or 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 either by licensed users of viricidal products or by the Health and Safety Officer of each undertaking/Service, who is designated by virtue of the Health and Safety at work Laws of 1996 to 2021 and provided that he/she has been trained to this purpose. Following disinfection, the area must remain closed for at least three (3) hours and then the area must be ventilated for approximately 30 minutes before the staff enters the premises.

48. (a) Without prejudice to the obligation and individual responsibility of every person to comply with the Regulations provided for by this Decree and the relevant health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities, the owner or/and manager or/and the person in charge of the undertaking or/and premises or/and any other place where economic activity is taking place in relation to goods or services according to the Quarantine Law (Cap. 260), shall be responsible for the observation of the Regulations provided for by this Decree and the relevant health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities.

(b) the owner or/and manager or/and the person in charge of the undertaking or/and premises or/and any other place where economic activity is taking place in relation to goods or services, who under paragraph (a) is responsible for the compliance with the Regulations provided for by this Decree shall perform the required checks for the observation of the measures provided for by this Decree, the relevant health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities and to this end he/she may assign in writing this task to an authorised employee/officer or to a Private Security Agency or/and Private Guard as provided for by paragraph (c)(xvi):

Provided that in case a person refuses to present a proof of either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or rapid antigen test or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19, or a proof or release for those who have recovered from Covid-19 or a European Digital COVID Certificate, where this is mandatory by virtue of the provisions of this Decree, during a control by the Police or/and any other Competent Authority or/and any authorised officer by virtue of paragraph (c), the person who refused to comply shall be solely liable and to the owner or/and manager provided that he/she has not been served by the establishment;

(c) the officers of the following Ministries and/or Services, as well as self-employed persons selected by the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry upon tender procedure for services shall monitor the implementation of measures of the Quarantine Law (Cap. 260) and of this Decree, in cooperation with the Cyprus Police:

(i) Ministry of Finance;
(ii) Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth;
(iii) Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance;
(iv) Ministry of Interior;
(v) Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works;
(vi) Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;
(vii) Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
(viii) Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
(ix) Public Health Services, Department of Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health;
(x) Department of Agriculture, Department of Forests, Department of Fishery and Marine Research, Mines Service and Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment;
(xi) Consumer Protection Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry;
(xii) traffic wardens of each Municipality;
(xiii) members of the National Guard;
(xiv) the Cyprus Sports Organisation;
(xv) Safety and Health Officers of Ministries/Deputy Ministries, Services/Departments, Organisations of Public Law, Independent Authorities, Local Authorities and private undertakings;
(xvi) Private Security Agencies or/and Private Guards holding a licence issued under the Private Security Agencies Law of 2007 to 2014;
(xvii) Stewards entered in the Register of Stewards established by the Stewards Commission according to the Prevention and Suppression of Violence at Sports Venues (Stewards) Regulations of 2012 by virtue of the Prevention and Suppression of Violence at Sports Venues Laws of 2008 to 2014; and
(xviii) the administrations of public and private school units.

49. 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.

50. The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, who arrive at the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of “Green” category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and the passengers should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by the State.

51. The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, who arrive at the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of “Orange” category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health on the following terms:

(a) The following persons entering the Republic shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self- isolation or mandatory quarantine:

(i) passengers holding a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip:

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the
European Economic Area and Switzerland, shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) passengers who hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis;

(b) if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met, passengers should hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;

(c) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic, if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met and provided that they meet one of the following conditions:

(i) are passengers who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic

(ii) are passengers aged 16 to 18 who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic;

(iii) are minor passengers aged 12 to 15; or

(iv) are passengers who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, holding a relevant certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Republic;

and if they do not hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure, they should undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test at their expenses upon their arrival in the Republic and remain in self-isolation until the receive the result.

(d) passengers falling within the provisions of this Regulation should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by the State,

(e) for passengers tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

52. The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, arriving through the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of Red category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health, on the following terms:

(a) The following persons entering the Republic shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self-isolation or mandatory quarantine:

(i) passengers holding a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;
It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) passengers who hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis

(b) if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met:

(i) passengers should hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure,

(ii) they are obliged to undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test also immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result; and

(c) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic, if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met and provided that they meet one of the following conditions:

(i) are passengers who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic

(ii) are passengers aged 16 to 18 who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic;

(iii) are minor passengers aged 12 to 15; or

(iv) are passengers who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, holding a relevant certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Republic;

and if they do not hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory performed 72 hours before departure, they shall undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement for 72 hours upon arrival and should undergo another laboratory Covid-19 test at their own expenses and if the result is negative their self-isolation shall be terminated subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works;

(d) passengers falling within the provisions of this Regulation should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by the State,

(e) for passengers tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

53. (a) The entry into the Republic through the airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of Grey category, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health, is permitted only for the following categories of passengers:

(i) Cypriot citizens and members of their families (alien spouses and minor children);

(ii) European citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland;

(iii) legal residents of the Republic;
(iv) passengers entitled to enter the Republic according to the Vienna Convention;

(v) third-country nationals entitled to enter the Republic provided that they hold an approval for special entry permit to the Republic obtained upon application to the Commission appointed by the Council of Minister in its meeting of 17 June 2020.

(b) Passengers referred to in paragraph (a) when entering the Republic shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self-isolation or mandatory quarantine if:

(i) passengers holding a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca – SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) passengers who hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis;

(c) if the conditions of paragraph (b) are not met, passengers should hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;

(d) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic, if the conditions of paragraph (b) are not met and provided that they meet one of the following conditions:

(i) are passengers who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic

(ii) are passengers aged 16 to 18 who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic;

(iii) are minor passengers aged 12 to 15; or

(iv) are passengers who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, holding a relevant certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Republic;

and if they do not hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory performed 72 hours before departure, they shall undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses;

(e) all passengers falling within the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) shall remain in compulsory confinement and either undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test on the 7th day of their self-isolation at their own expenses and their self-isolation is terminated provided that the result is negative or be released on the 14th day of their self-isolation provided
that they are not positive to Covid-19, according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(f) Passengers arriving in the Republic from countries of Grey category for carrying out public works or for other business obligations, upon the approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, other than those falling within the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv), and whose stay in the Republic shall not exceed 4 days and where they do not fall within the provisions of paragraph (b), shall:

(i) either produce a certificate of negative laboratory test for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure,

(ii) or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test immediately after arriving in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;

(iii) these persons should undergo daily Covid-19 antigen rapid tests until the day of their departure, have with them the testing receipt for control purposes and take precautionary measures and measures of self-protection in their place of accommodation,

(g) for passengers tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79,

(h) all passengers should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid test upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by the State.

54. 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 of Grey category, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

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

(b) they undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test before arrival, which should be negative 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

(c) 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 this paragraph shall apply.

(d) The persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self-isolation or mandatory quarantine if:
(i) they hold a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrein, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca – SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) they hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis.

55. 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 Green category and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country not falling into this category, seamen and crew members do not need to undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test;

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

(c) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of Grey category, seamen and crew members must:

(i) have been quarantined for 14 days and have 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 laboratory COVID-19 test when they disembark;

(iii) remain aboard or in places of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test

(d) the procedures provided for in Regulation 54 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the laboratory testing, the transport and the isolation of these people until the results of the test are received;

(e) persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self-isolation or mandatory quarantine if:

(i) they hold a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia,
United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) they hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis.

(f) people falling within the provisions of this Regulation should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid test for upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by the State;

(g) for passengers tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

56. The following applies to those coming legally to the Republic through legal sea points of entry from countries of Green, Orange, Red and Grey category, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health:

(a) passengers of recreational craft coming

(i) from countries of Green category, need not produce a proof of laboratory Covid-19 test before their arrival and should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid test for upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by the State;

(ii) from countries of Orange category, must produce a certificate of negative laboratory Covid-19 test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the berthing area and in this case, they must remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;

(iii) from countries of Red category passengers must produce a certificate of negative laboratory Covid-19 test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft and additionally they must undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the berthing area and remain in compulsory confinement aboard until they receive the result;

(iv) from countries of Grey category and have not entered during the previous 14 days as of their arrival any port or they have entered ports of countries of Green, Orange and Red category, the passenger aboard must before arriving in the Republic receive the approval of the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its meeting of 17 June 2020, other than those falling within the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv) and the passengers aboard shall undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test upon their arrival in the Republic at the berthing area and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test:
Provided that for recreational craft that come from countries of Grey category and for which the interval between their departure from a country of Grey category and their arrival in the Republic is less than 14 days, the passengers aboard shall remain in compulsory confinement aboard until the period of 14 days has elapsed or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test on the 7th day of their compulsory confinement at their own expenses and the confinement shall be terminated provided that the result of the test is negative;

(v) for passengers diagnosed positive to COVID-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

(b) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, cruise passengers coming to the Republic for a visit not exceeding 24 hours:

(i) shall produce a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed 24 hours before their disembarkment, the cost of which shall be borne by the Republic;

(ii) should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for those tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed;

(iii) whose cruise ends in the Republic and they depart immediately from the Republic, shall not be obliged to produce a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test during their disembarkment.

(c) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, cruise passengers coming to the Republic for a visit exceeding 24 hours and their ship starts the cruise from or ends the cruise in the ports of the Republic and:

(i) where the destinations of the cruise were only countries of green category, shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test or a Covid-19 antigen rapid test;

(ii) where the destinations of the cruise include only countries of orange category, during their disembarkment, passengers shall undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the port and at their own expenses and shall remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;

(iii) where the destinations of the cruise include only countries of red category, during their disembarkment, passengers shall undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the port and shall remain in compulsory confinement for 72 hours from arrival in hotels or/and tourist accommodation units entered into contract with the State and additionally they shall undergo another laboratory Covid-19 test upon expiry of the 72 hours:

Provided that the cost of laboratory testing shall be borne by the passengers.

(iv) should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for those tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed
persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self-isolation or mandatory quarantine if:

(i) they hold a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) they hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis.

Provided that they should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for those tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed;

(iii) they depart immediately from the Republic right after their disembarkment.

entities and persons operating at the ports of the Republic, including transporters, passengers and personnel entering and moving inside the ports of the Republic shall observe the Health Protocol of the ports of the Republic, the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and those of the Ministry of Health, as well as Regulation 82;

shipping companies, shipowner’s agents and crew members shall observe the Health Protocol of the ports of the Republic, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Ministry of Health, as amended from time to time, on the procedures to follow at the ports of the Republic to reduce the spread of Covid-19, as well as Regulation 82; and

the operators of the sea points of entry shall ensure that the provisions of this Regulation and Regulation 82 are observed.

57. The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries falling into the Grey category, as announced by the Ministry of Health, who have obtained in advance a work permit in the Republic, or have obtained in advance an entry permit to the Republic for any other purpose 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 Interior;
(b) these persons shall produce a negative Covid-19 laboratory test from a certified laboratory performed 72 hours before departure;

(c) 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 laboratory Covid-19 tests (one test upon arrival and a repeat test on the 7th 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

(d) employees falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall pay their own cost of transport to the said tourist accommodation units;

(e) persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, as well as from the obligation of self-isolation or mandatory quarantine if:

(i) they hold a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrein, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) they hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis.

Provided that they should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for those tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

58. (a) The persons who are entitled to come to the Republic according to the Vienna Convention and arrive from countries other than those of Green category, shall either undergo a laboratory 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;

(b) persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19 if:

(i) they hold a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Israel, United Kingdom, Russia,
United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Kuwait, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca-SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip;

It is understood that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate).

(ii) they hold a digital certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis.

59. (a) All persons regardless of their country of departure travelling by plane to the Republic, should fill in electronically and within 48 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 paragraph (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 filled in electronically or in handwriting only in case of the reasons referred to in paragraph (b), are committing an offence and in such case the Out-of-court Settlement of Offences Laws of 1997 (No. 6) of 2020 shall apply providing for the payment of a fine of €300.00, unless they do not enter the Republic and return to the initial country of departure.

(d) Passengers arriving in the Republic without the CyprusFlightPass, shall be subject to a fine of €300.00 and must undergo a laboratory 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 paragraphs (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 a list with all the names of the delegation stating the date and the result of the laboratory Covid-19 test.

(f) Referees and Assistant Referees (linesmen) participating in European and/or international championships, travelling from and to the Republic, under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

60. (a) Asylum seekers who enter and/or are placed and/or are obliged to stay for the first time in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, should undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test before entering these centres; and

(b) asylum seekers staying in the hospitality and/or detention centre shall undergo and/or repeat the laboratory COVID-19 tests whenever the head of the asylum centre may think appropriate.

61. (a) All new inmates shall undergo laboratory Covid-19 test before being admitted to any detention centre and/or prison, with the exception of new inmates holding either a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of...
recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis; and

(b) inmates shall undergo and/or repeat the laboratory COVID-19 tests 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.

62. (a) Entities and persons operating at the airports of the Republic, including passengers and staff entering and moving inside the airports of the Republic, shall observe the Health 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, to reduce 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 moving within the airports of the Republic;

(b) airlines shall observe the Health 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 reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

(c) airlines are prevented from allowing passengers traveling to the Republic who do not have the CyprusFlightPass to board the aircraft, unless there are reasons stated in Regulation 59(b).

63. Persons placed in compulsory confinement and self-isolation should

(a) remain inside the place of accommodation, unless they receive instructions from their physician or an authorised public health officer to go to a medical centre;

(b) maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons;

(c) not accept visits at their 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.

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

(b) it is forbidden for everyone 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, without the authorisation by the Minister of Health or an authorised officer of the Ministry of Health.

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

(a) they take pharmaceutical products for chronic diseases not related to the development of COVID-19 symptoms;

(b) the stock of pharmaceutical products in their possession has run low or is not sufficient for their treatment for the time they will spend in areas of compulsory confinement and/or in self-isolation;
(c) for any reason whatsoever, they are unable 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:

(2) The physicians contacted by the said persons are obliged:

(a) to take the most complete, under the circumstances, medical history of the person contacting them;

(b) to prescribe 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;

(c) 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, to 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;

(d) 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, to 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;

(e) to 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.

66. (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.

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

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

69. The price shown in the table below for each type of product is set as the maximum wholesale and retail price:

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70. Officers from the Consumer Protection Services of the Ministry of energy, Commerce and Industry shall be authorised to check the 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.

71. 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 providing 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 compulsory confinement, 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 compulsory confinement after returning from a service trip from a country that do not fall into Green category, according to the categorisation of countries, 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 positive to COVID-19 or a contact of a case and is placed in compulsory confinement;

   (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 paragraph (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 also that if the civil servants do not wish to perform their duties through teleworking they should apply for a special leave on grounds of public health, for the period of which the said beneficiaries shall be indemnified with 60% of their earnings by their employer.

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

72. Resident doctors and doctors in training who are absent from their duties:

(a) for being infected with Covid-19 while performing their duties, shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons with retrospective force as of 08 January 2021;

(b) for being infected with Covid-19 or placed in compulsory confinement outside the context of their duties, may use their normal sick leave and have the possibility to use their entire sick leave of the year (and for the semester, in case of doctors in training) and not only of the time worked, provided that this will become a leave accrual by the end of 2021 with retrospective force as of 08 January 2021:

Provided that in case their training is terminated within the context of their residency, they shall be obliged to reimburse to the State the amount corresponding to the accrual basis the leave they were entitled to at that specific moment.

73. Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 5(1) of the Public Service (Grant of Leaves) Regulations of 1995 to 2017 (R.A.A. 101/95), 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.

74. 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.

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

76. The maximum price for a COVID-19 rapid antigen test is fixed at €10.00 (excluding VAT), per test.

77. 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:
(a) Undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business activities, by virtue of this Decree or by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, including undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business by virtue of this Decree irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, or undertakings or/and self-employed persons 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, irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, shall not pay the rent to the State, including the Turkish Cypriot Properties Management Service and the 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;

(b) The obligation to pay 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 undertakings or/and self-employed persons 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, irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, or undertakings or/and self-employed persons 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, irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, provided that the said amount should be paid monthly by equal amounts.

78. All undertakings shall operate under the safety and health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and/or the competent Ministries/Authorities.

79. (a) Residents of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, who are diagnosed positive to COVID-19 shall be transferred to a compulsory confinement area designated by the Ministry of Health or alternatively, if they wish so, they may stay in compulsory self-confinement in private premises, of non-common use, at their own expenses and provided that where there are other persons in these premises, they shall not use common areas; and

(b) residents of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, who, according to the health protocol of the Ministry of Health, are a close contact of a person infected with COVID-19, shall be transferred to hotels and/or tourist accommodation units which have entered into contract with the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, especially for the accommodation of close contacts or alternatively, if they wish so, they may stay in compulsory self-confinement in private premises, of non-common use, at their own expenses and provided that where there are other persons.

80. (a) All employees working at the private, public, wider public sector and at the local authorities may be absent from their work for the whole day of their vaccination without this day being taken away from the rest leave and the earnings of the employee and provided that the certificate of vaccination is produced.

Provided that if the vaccine requires two doses this Regulation shall also apply to both days of vaccination.
Provided further that this Regulation shall be valid for parents/legal guardians of a child under the age of 18 where the parent/legal guardian accompanies his child to be vaccinated provided that he/she produces his/her child’s certificate of vaccination.

(b) all students aged 12-17 may be absent from school for the entire day of their vaccination with a vaccine against COVID-19, with excused absence, without the days being deducted from the pre-determined number of excused absences and provided that the certificate of vaccination is produced:

Provided that if the vaccine requires two doses, this Regulation shall also apply to both days of vaccination.

81. All employees, including self-employed persons, should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the employers should ensure the compliance of their employees with the provisions of this Regulation.

Provided further that the provisions of Regulation 11(a) shall apply to employees of nursing homes and other closed settings such as care for the elderly units and hostels for vulnerable groups.

82. In all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 10 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that the EU Digital COVID Certificate is also accepted for verification purposes;

Provided also that the establishments/premises should display in a prominent place outside the establishment/premises that the relevant proof is required.

Provided further that this Regulation shall not apply to parks, linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, excursion sites and nature trails.

83. All persons entering or moving inside areas for which it is required a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis, should carry with them their identity card or passport as an additional proof whenever requested by the competent authorities or/and the owners or/and managers or/and the persons in charge of the undertaking or/and premises or/and the persons authorised by them, by virtue of Regulation 48.

84. The undertakings/premises that choose to allow access only to persons holding a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 valid for six months are obliged to:

(a) inform in writing the Ministry of Health, at least seven days before the implementation of their decision, at the email address: healthservices@mphs.moh.gov.cy;

(b) mark in a prominent place of their business/premises the entry conditions and inform their clients about their decision.
85. For the purposes of this Decree, a completed vaccination scheme means the certificate of vaccination with the vaccines accepted by the Republic for COVID-19 disease, (i.e. certificates of completed vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, Israel, the United Kingdom, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrain, Bahrain, the United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada, China, including Hong Kong and Macao, and Kuwait, or with a vaccine authorised by the European Medicines Agency, or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca - Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio vaccines), either upon the completion of both vaccination doses, if it is a two-dose vaccine, or at the end of two weeks from the date of vaccination, if it is a single-dose vaccine.

86. When checks are being carried out at premises to which access under this Decree is subject to the presentation of either a negative laboratory test or rapid antigen detection for COVID-19, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme, or a certificate of recovery from COVID-19, the EU Digital Covid Certificate may be presented.

87. The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 38) of 2021 is hereby abolished with effect as of 29 October 2021 at 23.59 p.m.

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

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