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**THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES LAW, CAP. 260**

Decree pursuant to section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers under section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Infectious Diseases Law, Cap. 260, conferred on him by Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 3 September 2020, hereby issues the following Decree.

1. This Decree shall be referred to as the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.60) of 2020.

2. Whereas the protection of public health and the health care system are the responsibility of the Republic with the aim of containing the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease, the protection of public health as well as the prevention of the possible collapse of the health system by any dissemination of the virus, taking into consideration the needs in human resources and logistical services that may be necessary to combat the rapid spread of the disease, and whereas the adoption of additional measures beyond the Regulations that have been issued by the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulations (No.1) to (No. 59) of 2020, has become imperative, and without prejudice to those of the Regulations which continue in force, and

Whereas, by Notice published in the Official Gazette of the Republic on the authorization of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus, pursuant to article 4 of the Infectious Diseases Law, Cap. 260, the following Regulations are issued:

2.1 Regulations 2.6 and 2.7 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.57) of 2020, are hereby deleted and abolished as of 30 December 2020 at 05.59 a.m.

2.2 Regulations 2.7(g), 2.1(L) and 2.1(zm) of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.59) of 2020, are hereby deleted and abolished as of 29 December 2020 at 17.59 p.m.

2.3 Regulation 2.10 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.52) of 2020 and Regulation 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.53) of 2020 are deleted and abolished as of 30 December 2020 at 05.59 a.m.

2.4 Due to the compelling need arising from the epidemiological data for the protection of public health, combatting the COVID-19 Coronavirus and taking into consideration that, despite the measures taken previously, from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 until 28 December 2020 inclusive, 2,690 cases have been recorded while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily increases and fluctuates between 140 and 155 patients per day, and given the fact that during the above period 18 deaths of patients have been recorded with the COVID-19 disease as the ultimate cause and given that 9 in 10 incidents recorded are local infections, and also because the percentage of positive results from laboratory examinations moves close to 5%, i.e. over the 4% safety limit specified by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the following shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as of 29 December 2020 at 18.00 p.m., in addition to the provisions of Regulation 2.1 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.59) of 2020, which remain in force unless otherwise stated in this Regulation:

(a) The presence of any persons in a residence beyond those residing permanently in it is prohibited:

It is clarified that the presence of under-age children and persons with disabilities beyond the permanent residents is permissible, exclusively for reasons of help and care during the time the parents or/and guardians have to be physically absent at work; it is also permitted to visit a house in order to provide assistance for persons who are not able to help themselves.

(b) Irrespective of the provisions of paragraph (a), the presence of persons other than the permanent residents is permitted in a residence from 31 December 2020 at 12.00 p.m. until 1 January 2021 at 01.00 a.m. as long as the persons are from two families only and provided that the total number of persons in that residence does not exceed 10 persons, including minors.

(c) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), the holding of luncheons or/and dinners at weddings and christenings is prohibited and the same holds for any other events.

(d). (i) As of 30 December 2020 from 06.00 a.m. until 10 January 2021 at 05.00 a.m., the public and wider public sector, with the exception of vital services as defined in Regulation 2.6 of this Decree, shall operate only with the necessary security personnel, for management and providing service to the public for emergency issues:

It is understood that outdoor construction sites/crews shall carry on their work by observing the relevant health protocols.

(ii) The rest of the personnel shall work from home, where feasible and in those cases where, due to the nature of the work, it is not possible to work on line, a special leave for public health reasons will be granted, and

(iii) The competent authority shall, pursuant to the Public Service Laws 1990 to 2020 or/and the internal regulations in each case governing the function of Independent Services and/or Deputy Ministries, proceed immediately to determine the needs of the personnel for the smooth functioning of the Service, the management of urgent issues and response to emergency needs of the public.

(e) Public Law Organizations and Local Government authorities shall proportionately apply the provisions stipulated in paragraph (d) of this Decree as of 30 December 2020 from 06.00 a.m. until 10 January 2021 at 05.00 a.m.

2.5 From 29 December, 18.00 p.m., until 10 January 2021, 5.00 a.m., lessons/courses at public and private schools of primary and secondary education as well as at Higher Educational Institutions will be carried out online:

It is noted that in those cases where the physical presence of students of Higher Educational Institutions is absolutely necessary for the purpose of laboratory classes in preparing the students for examinations, laboratory classes may be physically attended, subject to the health protocols.

2.6. For the purposes of this Decree vital services are those services which are necessary for the supervision and management of the Coronavirus disease, the provision of social services and the payment of allowances and other grants to the public in order to safeguard the continuous provision of electricity supply, water supply for household and irrigation purposes, the operation of electronic communications/systems, telecommunications and postal services, air transport and air traffic control, civil defence, hospitals and related services in the health sector, prisons, immigration and asylum, repair or maintenance of equipment and electromechanical installations of the National Guard, including the Fire Service and the operation of the ports, as well as the sanitary services of the public and wider public sector.

2. This Decree shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU  
Minister of Health