THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260  
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Decree by virtue of article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)

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 03 March 2021, hereby issues the following Decree:

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 12) of 2021.

2. Whereas the protection of public health and of the health care system are the responsibility of the Republic and for imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data with the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19, the protection of public health and the prevention of a possible collapse of the health system due to the spread of the virus, taking into consideration the requirements in human resources and logistical infrastructure necessary to cope with the rapid spread of the virus, and whereas the taking of requisite measures has become imperative; and

Whereas by Notice published in the Government Gazette of the Republic, upon authorization by the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected by COVID-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260, the following shall apply:

2.1 The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 11) of 2021 is hereby repealed as of 31 March 2021 at 23:59 p.m.

2.2 Due to the imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data for the protection of public health, for coping with the spread of COVID-19 and taking into consideration that from 11 to 29 March 2021 6,495 cases have been recorded while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily fluctuates between 180 and 210 patients per day and given the fact that during the above period 18 deaths of patients have been recorded with COVID-19 as the ultimate cause of death and given that the percentage of positive results from laboratory testing moves close to 1%, the following shall apply...
for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos from 01 April at 00.00 a.m. to 30 April 2021 at 23:59 p.m., unless otherwise stated in this Regulation.

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

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

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

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

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

(v) helping people who are unable to take care of themselves or must protect themselves or who are in self-isolation and/or in places of compulsory isolation, visiting nursing homes, care for the elderly units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups or a house;

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

(vii) physical exercise or going to public gathering areas where access is allowed by virtue of the provisions of this Decree; and

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

Provided that people can use the movement by exception, other than for the reason of subparagraph (i), twice a day from Monday to Friday and three times per day on Saturday and Sunday, by sending a SMS to 8998 for authorisation purposes:

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

Provided further that the written declaration of citizen’s movement by exception attached as Annex II may be used by people over 65 only twice a day from Monday to Friday and three times per day on Saturday and Sunday, as well as for driving a minor to and from activities that are permitted by this Decree, subject to presentation of a proof of the date and time of the activity.

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

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

(i) the movement of persons from 23.00 p.m. to 05.00 a.m. is prohibited, save for those holding a Confirmation of Employee’s Movement (Form A) which certifies the necessity of movement during these hours;
(ii) all persons should carry their identity card or passport as an additional proof in case it is requested by the competent authorities;

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

(iv) the maximum number of persons from different households travelling in the same private vehicle may not exceed three including the driver and they should wear masks;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Access to public gathering areas such as playgrounds, church courtyards, courtyards of other places of religious worship, dams, excursion and camping sites, marinas and/or other similar areas is prohibited:

Provided that the access to catering establishments in the marinas is permitted subject to the provisions of Regulation (ao),

(e) Access to parks and linear parks, beaches, squares and nature trails of the Department of Forests is permitted provided that the number of people gathered do not exceed 6 persons per group, not including minor children:

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

(g) The presence of 4 persons maximum in a residence beyond those residing permanently in it is permitted:

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

(h) Church services and other forms of religious worship in religious sites shall be performed with the presence of maximum 50 persons and by observing the measure of 1 person per 3 sqm minimum, as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:
Provided that the responsibility for compliance lies with the person or persons who are in charge of the specific religious worship site according to the regulating legal framework of the religion or/and creed concerned.

(i) Individual prayer in churches, mosques and other religious sites is allowed, outside church service hours or/and other religious ceremonies and provided that not more than 10 persons are simultaneously present within the religious worship place:

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

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

(k) The holding of luncheons and/or dinners and any other events relating to weddings and christenings, is prohibited.

(l) Visits to hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres are prohibited, save for emergencies and exceptional cases upon authorisation by the Director of the establishment.

(m) Visits to nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients' units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres and child protection units are allowed subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.

(n) All public and private hospitals shall postpone all scheduled operations for non-urgent cases and admissions of patients whose medical condition allows so, and their life is not at risk or threatened. Moreover, all consultations for non-urgent cases are cancelled.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) aged 65 and over; and
(ii) with disabilities.

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

(i) Private and public schools of primary education, as well as private and public nurseries and kindergartens, including pre-primary schools, special schools and special units of public schools shall operate with physical attendance:

(ii) Gymnasiums and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education shall operate with physical attendance and pupils should produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test on a weekly basis:

Provided that on 02 April 2021, pupils who wish to physically attend gymnasiums and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education should produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test performed 72 hours before returning to school.

Provided further that pupils who do not produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test or are unable to physically attend school for any medical reason shall attend online education:

Provided further that the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth as the competent authority, may regulate the physical attendance of the teaching and other staff of the public schools for the smooth operation of the online education.

(iii) Lyceums and technical schools, including evening schools and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education, shall operate with physical attendance and pupils should produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test on a weekly basis:

Provided further that pupils who do not produce a certificate of negative antigen rapid test or are unable to physically attend school for any medical reason shall attend online education:

Provided further that the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth as the competent authority, may regulate the physical attendance of the teaching and other staff of the schools for the smooth operation of the online education.

(iv) public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions shall operate through online education:

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

(v) All private institutes and educational centres, including social activities, may operate with a maximum number of 7 persons attending including the tutor subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth.

(w) All athletic and social group events are prohibited other than those falling within paragraph (au):

(x) Retailers should:

(i) observe the measure of 1 person per 10 sqm of working capacity for shops below 1,000 sqm and of 1 person per 15 sqm of working capacity for shops exceeding 1,000 sqm. Moreover, stores exceeding 1,000 sqm are obliged to ensure that
there is a check at the entrance in the presence of an authorized person so that
the maximum number of customers is upheld;

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

(y) The malls should:

(i) observe the measure of 1 person minimum per 15 sqm in the whole area of the
mall and to ensure that an authorized person controls the entrance of the mall so
that the maximum number of customers is upheld;

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

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

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

(aa) The operation of betting shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of
Health and the National Betting Authority:

Provided that the use of tables and chairs is permitted only outdoors and subject to the
guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority;

(ab) The operation of casinos is suspended;

(ac) The operation of swimming pools is permitted under the provisions of paragraph (au)
and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports
Organisation;

(ad) The operation of gyms, dancing schools and other sports academies is permitted under
the provisions of paragraph (au) and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health
and the Cyprus Sports Organisation;

(ae) The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and
galleries is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

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

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

(ah) The operation of night clubs, event venues, discos, clubs and music and dancing
venues is suspended;

(ai) The operation of open-air and indoor theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and
performance halls is permitted with a maximum of 50 spectators attending and subject
to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(aj) The operation of open-air and indoor playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks is
suspended;
(ak) The operation of sports clubs, cultural circles, associations and societies is suspended;

(al) The operation of zoos is suspended;

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

(an) The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units shall be permitted provided that they accommodate exclusively persons who do not reside in the Republic and fall within the provisions of paragraphs 2.9 to 2.14, 2.16 and 2.17, for the accommodation of persons in mandatory confinement referred by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, as well as for the accommodation of 1st division football clubs and national teams 24 hours prior to the official opening time of the matches:

Provided that the use of catering areas in hotels and/or tourist accommodation facilities by persons other than those referred to in this paragraph is permitted;

(ao) the operation of catering establishments (restaurants, tavernas, cafeterias, pubs, snack-bars and bars, coffee shops and catering areas within malls, hotels and tourist accommodation facilities, canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc.) is permitted until 22:45 and on the following conditions:

(i) only seated service will be provided and only outdoors, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(ii) the maximum number of persons per table may not exceed eight (8);

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

(iv) catering establishments of Larnaca and Paphos airports may operate after 22:45 p.m.:

Provide that catering establishments may provide delivery services after 22:45 p.m.;

(ap) Private undertakings providing services, with the exception of substantial services, shall operate through teleworking and physical attendance of employees inside the workplace should not exceed 30% of the overall number of employees. The minimum number of persons physically present shall be 5 if the employer wishes so, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(aq) Equestrian events are permitted without spectators being present, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organisation;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) the Ministry of Interior, including all its Departments/Services;
(6) the Administration, the Department of Information Technology Services and the Department of Electronic Communication, Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;

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

(8) the Cyprus Intelligence Services;

(9) the Law Office of the Republic;

(10) the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, the Police, the Fire Service and the Prisons Department;

(11) the Administration of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, the Civil Aviation, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Department of Postal Services, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Road Transport;

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

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

(14) the Presidency of the Republic;

(15) the Council of Ministers and its Secretariat;

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

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

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

(19) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs including its Directorates/Departments;

(20) the Treasury;

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

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

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

(24) the telecommunication and radio companies in Cyprus;

(25) the Electricity Authority of Cyprus;

(26) the Water Boards and Desalination Plants;

(27) the Office of the Transmission System Operator;

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

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

(30) the Digital Security Authority;

(31) the Sewerage Boards;

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

(33) the House of Representatives;

(34) the Cyprus Agricultural Payments Organisation;

(35) the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority; and

(36) The Cyprus Stock Exchange.

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

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

(au) The operation and use of indoor and outdoor sports facilities is permitted on the following conditions:

(i) for training and matches of team sports, without the presence of spectators, for the professional championships of 1st, 2nd and 3rd division clubs and national clubs, without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures and in compliance with the health protocols:

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

(ii) the operation of outdoor sports facilities for individual training and matches of team sports without the presence of spectators and without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures and in compliance with the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health:
the operation of indoor sports facilities, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organisation, without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures, provided that for facilities up to 80 sqm the maximum number of persons should be 3 including the trainer/coach, for facilities from 81 sqm to 200 sqm the maximum number of persons should be 6 including the trainer/coach and for facilities from 201 sqm to 500 sqm the maximum number of persons should be 15 including the trainer/coach, subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health:

(av) The entry and exit of any person into and from the reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers are permitted, subject to the provisions of this Decree:

Provided that the persons falling within the provisions of this paragraph should hold a certificate of negative rapid antigen test on a weekly basis;

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

(ax) Farmers’ markets shall operate at 50% of their capacity, observing the distance of 1.5 meters between people and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

2.3 (a) It is prohibited to enter the Republic from illegal entry points 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 The undertakings serving the public, as well as the offices of the public sector, the wider public sector and the Local Authorities serving the public should take the necessary measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters that has to be observed by the citizens, both inside and outside the premises provided that not more than 1 person per 10 sqm 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.

2.6 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 of the wider public service and/or in the Independent services and/or in local authorities, they are obliged to suspend their operation immediately and proceed to the disinfection of the area before resuming their operation.

Provided that the whole personnel shall leave the place until the completion of the disinfection and the reoperation of the place. According to the guidelines of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, found on https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/press/3042020_2.pdf, the area must be disinfected with an approved disinfectant by licensed users of viricidal products. Following disinfection, the area must remain closed for at least three (3) hours then the doors open for approximately 30 minutes for ventilation purposes, before the staff enters the premises, with the exception of the close contacts of the case, who will result from the tracing and shall be self-isolated.
2.7 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:

(a) Ministry of Finance;
(b) Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth;
(c) Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance;
(d) Ministry of Interior;
(e) Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;
(f) Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
(g) Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
(h) Public Health Services, Department of Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health;
(i) Department of Agriculture, Department of Forests, Department of Fishery and Marine Research, Mines Service and Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment;
(j) Consumer Protection Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry;
(k) traffic wardens of each Municipality;
(l) members of the National Guard;

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

2.9 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons, regardless of nationality, from countries of “Green”, “Orange” and “Red” 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) passengers from countries of Green category need not present a proof of molecular Covid-19 test before their arrival in the Republic and should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is covered by the State;

(b) passengers from countries of Orange category:

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

(ii) where it is documented that the authorities of the country do not provide molecular COVID-19 testing service, may be tested immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;

(iii) who are Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic entering the Republic from countries of Orange category, who do not hold a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test from a
certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure, shall undergo the molecular COVID-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;

(iv) should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is covered by the State;

(c) passengers from countries of Red category:

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

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

(iii) who are Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic entering the Republic from countries of Red category, who do not hold a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure, shall undergo the molecular 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 molecular COVID-19 test at their own expenses and if the result is negative their self-isolation shall be terminated. These persons should send the result of the test at monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy;

(d) passengers from countries of Green, Orange and Red category diagnosed positive to COVID-19 shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

2.10 (a) The entry into the Republic 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) the persons of paragraph (a) with the exception of European citizens, including the citizens of the European Economic Area (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland shall either hold a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure, or undergo a molecular COVID-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses;

(c) citizens of EU Member States, EEA (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland should hold a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;

(d) all passengers falling within the provisions of paragraph 2.10 shall remain in compulsory confinement and either undergo a molecular COVID-19 test on the 10th 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;
(e) all passengers coming to the Republic and tested positive for COVID-19 should be placed in compulsory confinement according to the protocol of the Ministry of Health;

(f) all passengers should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which is covered by the State.

2.11 The entry into and/or departure from the Republic is permitted to crew members of merchant vessels or crew members of oil rigs conducting research drilling works in the Exclusive Economic Zones of States with which the Republic has established diplomatic relations, or crew members of cruise ships or crew members of recreational craft, who either come to the ports of the Republic, or arrive by commercial or other flights, from countries 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries 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 molecular COVID-19 test when they disembark;
(iii) remain aboard or in places of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;

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

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

2.13 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries of Grey category, regardless of nationality, for carrying out public works or for business purposes, upon the approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, other than those falling within the provisions of paragraph 2.10(a)(i) to (iv), on the following terms:

(a) if their stay in the Republic does not exceed 4 days:

(i) they may either produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;
(ii) or undergo a molecular 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 rapid tests until the day of their departure, have with them the testing proof for control purposes and take precautionary measures and measures of self-protection in their place of accommodation;
(iv) persons diagnosed positive to COVID-19 shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

(b) if their stay in the Republic exceeds 4 days, the provisions of paragraph 2.10 shall apply.

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

(a) for recreational craft coming to the Republic from countries of Green category, passengers need not produce a proof of molecular Covid-19 test before their arrival and should comply in case of a random rapid testing for Covid-19 upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be covered by the State;

(b) for recreational craft coming to the Republic from countries of Orange category, passengers must produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft or undergo a molecular COVID-19 test at the berthing area and in this case they must remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;

(c) for recreational craft that come from countries of Red category passengers must produce a certificate of negative molecular COVID-19 test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft and additionally they must undergo a molecular COVID-19 test at the berthing area and remain in compulsory confinement aboard until they receive the result;

(d) for recreational craft that come 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 paragraph 2.10(a)(i) to (iv) and the passengers aboard shall undergo a
molecular 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 passenger aboard shall remain in compulsory confinement aboard until the period of 14 days has elapsed or undergo a molecular Covid-19 test on the 10th day of their compulsory confinement at their own expenses and the confinement shall be terminated provided that the result of the test is negative;

(e) persons falling within subparagraphs (a) to (d) of this paragraph, who are arriving in the Republic and tested positive to Covid-19, shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

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

2.15 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries falling into the Grey category, as announced by the Ministry of Health, who have obtained in advance a work permit as housekeepers, agricultural and farm workers and for any other employment in the Republic from the competent Ministries and Departments and upon approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, on the following terms:

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

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

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

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

2.16 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 molecular COVID-19 test that has to be negative and valid 72 hours before their departure or undergo a molecular test upon their arrival and remain in a designated area until they receive their result

2.17 (i) Passengers entering the Republic with a valid certificate of vaccination issued by the Republic and provided that, following the administration of all required doses, depending on the vaccine administered to them, 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, are exempted from undergoing a Covid-19 test and from the obligation of self-isolation;

(ii) Passengers entering the Republic with a valid certificate of vaccination issued by the State of Israel for a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency and provided that, following the administration of all required doses, depending on the vaccine administered to them, 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, are exempted from undergoing a Covid-19 test and from the obligation of self-isolation;
Provided that the persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which is covered by the State and for those tested positive for Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

2.18 (a) All persons, regardless of their country of departure, travelling by plane to the Republic and falling within the provisions of paragraphs 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 hereof, should fill in electronically and within 24 hours before the commencement of their trip all information, details and declarations requested, according to the procedures provided for on www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy and hold the CyprusFlightPass prior to boarding and upon their arrival in the Republic.

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

c) Passengers arriving in the Republic without the CyprusFlightPass, electronically or completed in handwriting only in case of the reasons referred to in subparagraph (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 pay a fine of €300.00 and must undergo a molecular COVID-19 test at the respective airport of the Republic at their own expenses and be self-isolated until they receive the result.

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

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

2.19 (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 molecular COVID-19 test before entering these centres.

(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.

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

(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.

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

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

(c) It is prohibited for the airlines to allow passengers traveling to the Republic who do not possess the CyprusFlightPass to board the aircraft, unless there are reasons stated in paragraph 2.18(b).

2.22 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.

2.23 (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.

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

2.24 Subject to the legislation 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 by telephone interview with any physician ask for repeat prescription of medicines for chronic diseases provided that:

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

(b) the stock of pharmaceutical products that have with them is running low or is not sufficient for their treatment for the time they will spend in areas of compulsory confinement and/or in self-isolation;

(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:

Provided that the physicians contacted by the said persons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Super Clean Gel 300ml
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### Super Clean Gel 500ml
- 7.38
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### Super Clean Gel 1L
- 13.09
- 17.65

### Topline Hand Sanitizer Gel 300ml
- 4.58
- 6.00

### Topline Hand Sanitizer Gel 500ml
- 5.36
- 7.20

### Topline Hand Sanitizer Gel 1L
- 6.55
- 9.15

### Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 60ml
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### Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 85ml
- 2.38
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### Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 100ml
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### Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 150ml
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- 9.85

### Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 600ml
- 8.33
- 11.50

### Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 1L
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### THERMOMETERS

| Axillary thermometer | 7.00 – 8.00 | 11.00 – 15.00 |

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

2.29 Authorised officers from the Consumer Protection Services of the Ministry of energy, Commerce and Industry shall proceed to the control of prices to ensure the implementation of the provisions of decrees issued by Ministry of Health, with regard to the fixing of maximum prices for specific products.

2.30 Civil servants who are absent from work for self-isolation purposes shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons with a retrospective force as of 20 March 2020, date on which the Minister of Health announced the possibility of issuing a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons, provided that the affected officers had produced the said certificate and their absence had been calculated against their rest leave in the following cases and on the following conditions:

(a) where the officer is placed in 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 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 subparagraph (a) to (d) only, if the nature of the work does not allow teleworking and upon approval by the Head of the Ministry/Service/Organisation of Public Law/Local Authority:

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

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

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

(ii) for being infected by 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 education 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.

2.32 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 5(1) of the Public Service (Grant of Leaves) Regulations of 1990 to 2017 (R.A.A. 101/95), 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.

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

2.34 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.

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

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

(ii) The obligation of payment of 70% of the rent corresponding to the months of January and February 2021, or/and February and March 2021 in cases where the rent for the month of January 2021 has already been paid, is temporarily suspended, which is paid to owners of immovable property for business lease purposes by businesses or/and self-employed under a full suspension of their business activities, by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, including 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.

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

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

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

2.39 All those working in the private, public and wider public sector, in Local Authorities and in the educational service are obliged to undergo a COVID-19 rapid antigen test under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

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

2.40 For passengers who entered and/or shall enter the Republic from the United Kingdom before the entry into force of this Decree and fall within the provisions of Regulation 2.33 of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 11) of 2021, the compulsory confinement shall end 72 hours after their arrival at the Republic, provided that they shall undergo a Covid-19 molecular test 72 hours after their arrival the cost of which shall be borne by the Republic, and they shall be released only if the test is negative:

Provided that passengers for whom, upon the entry into force of this Decree, 72 hours shall have already elapsed from their arrival at the Republic, shall undergo a Covid-19 molecular test on 01 April 2021 the cost of which shall be borne by the Republic, and they shall be released only if the test is negative;
Provided further that if the result of the molecular COVID-19 test is positive the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health
Annex I  
(Regulation 2.2)  

Form A  
CONFIRMATION FOR EMPLOYEE’S MOVEMENT*  

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

is obliged to move for work purposes in the district(s) of  

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

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

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

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

Form B

DECLARATION OF CITIZEN’S MOVEMENT BY EXCEPTION

I, the undersigned, …………………………………………………., identity card/passport no ………………………………………………., home address ………………………………………………., hereby declare that the need for travelling at ............... (fill in the exact time) arises from the following reasons:
(tick with √ the appropriate box below)

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

☐ 2. Going to a retail shop or catering establishment.

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

☐ 4. Strictly necessary visits to public services or services of the wider public sector and local authorities.

☐ 5. Helping people who are unable to take care of themselves or must protect themselves or who are in self-isolation and/or in places of compulsory isolation or for visiting a house or nursing homes, care for the elderly units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups.

☐ 6. Physical exercise or going to public gathering areas where access is allowed.

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

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

☐ 9. Going to an undertaking/organisation the operation of which has not been suspended by virtue of the Quarantine Decrees.

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Notes: (1) During their movements, citizens should carry their identity card/passport.

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

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

- driving a soldier from and to his army camp;

- going to and coming back from Larnaca and Paphos Airports for the transport of persons upon presentation of proof (ticket) showing the day and time of arrival/departure;
- movement of farmers and livestock farmers, provided that they produce the CAPO form of hectare or animal subsidy or, in case this is not available, a relevant certificate by the District Agricultural Office;

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

- going for tree planting authorised by the Department of Forests.

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

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