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THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES LAW, CAP. 260

Regulations 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 against the Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.48) 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) Decrees (No.1) to (No. 47) 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

with the COVID-19 Coronavirus, pursuant to article 4 of the Infectious Diseases Law, Cap. 260, the following Regulations are issued:

- 2.1 Regulations 2.3 and 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.47) of 2020 are deleted and abolished as of the 23rd of October 2020 at 04:59 hours.
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- 2.2 Regulation 2.2 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.46) of 2020 is deleted and abolished as of the 23rd of October 2020 at 04:59 hours.
- 2.3 Without prejudice to Regulation 2.8 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.28) of 2020, the use of a protective face mask is compulsory for all persons aged twelve (12) years and above, who circulate in indoor and outdoor spaces, exempting those cases which are defined in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.
- 2.4 The following shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Ammohostos and Paphos, as of the 23rd of October 2020 at 05:00 hours until the 9th of November 2020 at 05:00 hours:
 - (a) The maximum number of persons that may be present simultaneously in catering establishments, reception halls, conferences and events, open-air and indoor theatres, performance halls and cinemas, in indoor and outdoor spaces, as well as in any other venue, is specified in the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;
 - (b) The reservation for over six (6) persons per table in catering establishments is not permitted, in accordance with the Ministry of Health guidelines;
 - (c) Church services and other forms of religious worship in religious places, as well as religious ceremonies shall be performed on the basis of the Ministry of Health guidelines;
 - (d) The holding of matches in sports installations in the context of athletic championships is permitted without the presence of spectators, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and of the Cyprus Sports Organisation; and

(e) Pharmacies and food supermarkets shall on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays (where applicable) from the opening hour until 9.00 a.m. serve exclusively only persons:

- (i) sixty years and over, and
- (ii) with disabilities

2.5 Due to compelling need arising from the epidemiological data, the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, the qualitative analysis of epidemiological data and the spread of the pandemic being recorded in the Districts of Limassol and Paphos, the following shall apply for the said Districts as of the 23rd of October 2020 at 05:00 hours:

(a) A lockdown on the movement of people shall be in force from 23:00 hrs until 05:00 hrs, with the exception of the following cases:

- (i) Travelling to and from the place of work, as well as for work purposes by using the Employee Travel Certificate, which is attached to this Decree,
- (ii) Travelling to a medical centre or hospital or pharmacy or vet on emergency medical cases

(b) The functioning of catering establishments is prohibited after 22:30 hours, including among other:

- (i) restaurants
- (ii) catering areas within hotels and tourist accommodation
- (iii) taverns
- (iv) cafeterias
- (v) pizzerias
- (vi) pubs, snack-bars and bars
- (vii) coffee shops, and
- (viii) catering areas within canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, unions etc.

Provided that the catering establishments may offer home delivery services.

(c) The services to the public in the catering establishment are provided under the following conditions:

- (i) The public shall be served exclusively while seated at tables, subject to the Ministry of Health guidelines; and
- (ii) The said enterprises shall be prohibited to serve the public at the bar, where applicable, its use and functioning being strictly confined exclusively to the preparation of food and drinks by the employees,

with the direct service of the public at the bar being expressly prohibited.

(d) The matches of athletic championships under 18 are prohibited for teams based in the districts of Limassol and Paphos, even when such matches are held outside these districts.

(e) Afternoon group athletic and social activities for children under 18 years of age shall be prohibited, including football, dance, theatre, swimming in swimming pools, martial arts activities et al.

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU,
Minister of Health

Appendix

(Regulation 2.5)

EMPLOYEE TRAVEL CERTIFICATE*

The employee

of company/service/organization

is obliged to move for work purposes in the District/s of

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between the hours and

The identification of the above employee can be verified by presenting his/her identity card/passport.

Full name of employer/supervisor:

Signature of employer/supervisor:

*The same form is applicable to and may be completed by the self-employed.