

## **What changes as of 17 May in the framework of the strategy for the gradual resumption of the economy and social activity**

As of **Monday, 17 May 2021**, the following will enter into force:

1. The presence of congregants during **religious services** and other forms of religious worship, is allowed with a **maximum physical presence of 30% of the capacity of the place of religious worship**.
2. The holding of **weddings, christenings and funerals** is allowed with a **maximum number of 200 persons** allowed to attend, provided that **up to 30% of the capacity of the ceremony venue is used**.

The **holding of lunches and/or dinners is allowed only in outdoor areas** of catering establishments and ceremony halls of hotels/tourist establishments, **with a maximum number of 200 persons** allowed to attend, who **must be sitting down**. It is understood that the health protocol for the holding of social events must be implemented.

3. The carrying out of **conferences and trade exhibitions** is allowed, at **30% maximum capacity of the venue of the event**.
4. The **operation of casinos is allowed, at 30% maximum capacity** of the venue, and provided that the guidelines of the Ministry of Health are observed.
5. **Outdoor and indoor theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls are allowed to operate**, with up to **50 spectators present or at 30% maximum capacity in indoor venues and 50% capacity in outdoor venues**.
6. **Playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks are allowed to operate only in outdoor areas and without the holding of any social events**, on the basis of the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

7. **Private businesses providing services as well as the public and wider public sector**, excluding [essential services](#), **work remotely. Physical presence is allowed of up to 50% of the total number of employees.** It is understood that the health protocols must be strictly observed at the workplace.

It is understood that 50% of the persons who work with physical presence **must be undergoing a weekly rapid antigen test.** This arrangement does not include employees who have been **vaccinated with at least the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of a covid vaccine** and provided that a **period of 3 weeks since their vaccination has elapsed.**

8. Restriction of movements **applies from 12 midnight until 5 in the morning of the following day.**

9. **Persons aged 12 years and over must hold a SafePass**, in case of a check by authorized officers, at the following establishments/businesses:

- Indoor areas of places of religious worship
- Indoor areas in theatres, cinemas and performance halls
- Shopping centres and retail businesses of over 500 sq.m. which trade a wide variety of products
- Ceremonies such as weddings, christenings and funerals, provided that they are taking place in indoor venues, such as places of religious worship, Town Halls, District Administration offices, etc.
- Indoor areas of gyms, dance schools and schools of other sports, as well as specific sports facilities as these are defined in the guidelines of the Cyprus Sport Organisation
- Senior People's homes, nursing homes, accommodation facilities for the chronically ill and other enclosed structures
- Hotels and tourist accommodation venues for overnight stays and use of indoor areas and facilities
- Pre-election gatherings in indoor areas of theatres/amphitheatres and catering establishments
- Conferences and trade exhibitions that take place in indoor venues
- Casinos.

**10. Holding a SafePass is not mandatory** when going to the following venues:

- Hairdressers, beauty salons
- Outdoor areas of catering establishments (restaurants, cafes, bars, snack bars, etc.)
- Outdoor areas of places of religious worship
- Outdoor theatres, cinemas and performance halls
- Banks
- Departments of the private, public and wider public sectors where the public is served
- Gambling and betting businesses
- Farmers' markets, retail food businesses, supermarkets, bakeries, butcheries, fish markets, fruit markets, mini-markets, kiosks, pharmacies
- Outdoor gathering places, namely parks and linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, picnic areas, marinas, zoos and nature trails.

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