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THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

ANNEX III

PART I

REGULATORY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS

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THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260

Decree by virtue of article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)

Cap. 260.
ANAK. 307
32(I) of 2003
31(I) of 2020
72(I) of 2020.

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 3 March 2022, 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

Government
Gazette, Annex
III (I):
23.3.2020.

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, Larnaka, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected with Covid-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260; and

Whereas there are indications as to the 'Omicron' variant and sub-variants' increased transmissibility and because there is an increased risk of re-infection after recovery from COVID-19 within a timeframe of less than six months, and an evaluation of the epidemiological data shows an increase in infections due to sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5, and because, according to the data of the Epidemiological Surveillance Unit of the Ministry of Health, from 2 July 2022 to 8 July 2022, 14.716 positive cases were recorded, the following Regulations shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaka, Famagusta and Paphos:

Government
Gazette, Annex
III (I):
13.5.2022
20.5.2022
31.5.2022
6.6.2022
29.6.2022

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) (Amendment) Decree (No. 26) of 2022 and shall be read together with the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No. 20) and (No. 25) of 2022 (which shall be cited from now as 'the basic decree') and the basic decree and this Decree shall be cited

7.7.2022.

together as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No. 20) until (No. 26) of 2022.

Replacement of Regulation 5 of the basic decree.

2. Paragraph (1) of Regulation 5 of the basic decree is abolished and replaced by the following new paragraph (1), entering into force as of 18th July 2022 at 05.00 a.m.:

“(1) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, visits to patients in public and private hospitals are permitted upon presentation, for persons over 6 years of age, of a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been performed within 48 hours, or a negative rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been performed within 24 hours:

Provided that one person per visit is allowed, with a maximum of two persons per day per patient:

Provided further that, in exceptional and urgent cases, more than two persons per day may be allowed with the approval of the Director of the hospital.”

Replacement of Regulation 6 of the basic decree.

3. Paragraph (1) of Regulation 6 of the basic decree is abolished and replaced by the following new paragraph (1), entering into force as of 18th July 2022 at 05.00 a.m.:

“(1) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare, visits to nursing homes and other confined care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups are permitted upon presentation, for persons over 6 years of age, of a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been performed within 48 hours, or a negative rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been performed within 24 hours:

Provided, that one person per visit shall be allowed, with a maximum of two persons per day per resident:

Provided further that, residents are permitted to leave and/or stay overnight outside of the nursing home and/or confined structure:

Provided further that, in exceptional and urgent cases, more than two persons per day may be allowed with the approval of the Director of the hospital.”

4. This Decree shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

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Minister of Health