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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.51) 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. 50) 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 Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Ammochostos and Pafos 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 Regulation 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.48) of 2020, as amended by Regulation 2.1 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.49) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 5th of November 2020 at 04:59 hours.
- 2.2 Regulation 2.5 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.48) of 2020, as amended by Regulation 2.2 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.49) of 2020 and Regulation 2.1 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.50) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 5th of November 2020 at 04:59 hours.
- 2.3 Regulation 2.6 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.28) of 2020, as amended by Regulation of 2.6 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.30) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 5th of November 2020 at 04:59 hours.
- 2.4 Regulations 2.4 and 2.5 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.32) of 2020, are hereby deleted and abolished as of the 5th of November 2020 at 04:59 hours.
- 2.5 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 2.6 for the Districts of Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Ammochostos and Pafos, the following shall apply as of the 5th of November 2020 at 05:00 hours until the 30th of November 2020 at 23:59 hours, unless otherwise stated in the Regulations:
 - (a) The movement of persons is prohibited from 23:00 hours until 05:00 hours with the exception of the following cases:
 - (i) Travelling to and from the workplace as well as for work purposes by using the Employee Movement Confirmation Form, which is attached as Appendix to this Decree.

- (ii) Visiting a medical centre or hospital or chemist or vet on emergency medical grounds, and
- (iii) Movement of hunters to and from areas not prohibited for hunting, as defined in the Protection and Management of Wild Birds and Prey Laws of 2003 to 2017, from 03:00 hours, only on the days that hunting is permitted.

Provided hunters carry with them their hunting permit for verification purposes.

- (b) The functioning of catering establishments, with the exception of catering areas in the Larnaka and Pafos airports, is prohibited after 22:30 hours, including among others:

- (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 the catering establishments may offer home delivery services.

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

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

- (iii) The reservation for over six (6) persons per table in catering establishments is not permitted, in accordance with the Ministry of Health guidelines, and
 - (iv) The maximum number of persons that may be served in catering establishments is determined at 75 in indoor catering areas and 150 in outdoor catering areas, provided that the social distancing measure of at least one person per 3 sq.m. indoors and at least 2 sq.m., outdoors is observed, always subject to the Health Ministry guidelines.
- (d) The presence and gatherings of individuals in houses and/or other public or private assembly places shall not exceed the number of 10 people per house/group including under-age children:

Provided that catering establishments, reception and conference halls, events venues, open-air and indoor theatres, performance and cinema halls and other venues determined by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health are exempted.

- (e) Church services and other forms of religious worship in religious sites, as well as religious ceremonies shall be performed with a maximum of 75 persons present and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (f) The maximum number of persons allowed to attend the Courts and the rooms therein is determined on the basis of the Health Ministry guidelines.
- (g) The holding of matches in indoor and outdoor sports installations, gyms, dance schools and other kinds of schools, as well as other sports without the presence of spectators, is allowed subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and of the Cyprus Sports Organisation.
- (h) The maximum number of persons allowed to be served in children's playgrounds is set at 50 in indoor areas and 150 in outdoor areas, provided that the social distancing measure of at least one person per 3 sq.m. in indoor areas and at least 2 sq.m. in outdoor areas is observed, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Provided that the holding of any other events (e.g. children's birthday parties) with over 10 persons attending each occasion, including under-age children, is not allowed.

- (i) With effect from the 5th of November at 05:00 hours until the 15th of January 2021 at 23:59 hours, pharmacies and food supermarkets shall on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays (if applicable) from their opening hour until 9:00 hours and between 13:00 – 14:00 hours, serve only the following persons:
 - (i) aged 65 years and above, and
 - (ii) with disabilities.

- (j) Open area and indoor theatres, performance halls and cinemas in indoor and outdoor areas shall be allowed to function at 50% capacity, with effect from the 5th of November at 05:00 hours until the 15th of January 2021 at 23:59 hours.

- (k) With effect from the 5th of November at 05:00 hours until the 15th of January 2021 at 23:59 hours, the maximum number of persons that may attend conferences, exhibitions, meetings and events in indoor areas is determined at 250, provided that the social distancing measure of at least one person per 3 sq.m. is observed and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

- (l) With effect from the 13th of November at 05:00 hours until the 15th of January 2021 at 23:59 hours, the maximum number of persons that may attend lunch or/and dinner at weddings and christenings is determined at 150, provided that the social distancing measure of at least one person per 3 sq.m. indoors and at least 2 sq.m. outdoors is observed and subject to the guidelines by the Ministry of Health.

Provided that the carrying out of any other activities where the participants are not seated at table arrangements (i.e. cocktail parties and well-wishing ceremonies) is not allowed.

Provided further that the maximum number of persons per table may not exceed six persons.

- 2.6 Regardless of the provisions of Regulation 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 Lemesos and Pafos, the following shall apply for the said Districts from 5th of November at 5:00 until the 16th November 2020 at 23:59 hours:

(a) The functioning of children's playgrounds is suspended:

Provided that the said enterprises may perform work of administrative nature or other tasks behind closed doors, which have to do with serving the public or/and customers.

(b) The functioning of gyms is suspended:

Provided that the said enterprises may perform work of administrative nature or other tasks behind closed doors, which have to do with serving the public or/and customers.

(c) The holding of championship matches under 18 years, the teams of which are based in the Districts of Lemesos and Pafos, is prohibited even though such matches are held outside these districts, and

(d) All afternoon team sports and social activities for children under 18 are prohibited, including activities of soccer, dance, theatre, swimming in swimming pools, martial arts, etc.

2.7 Employees of the public and wider public sector, who must be absent from work in order to remain in self-isolation, will be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons, with retrospective effect from 20.03.2020, the date on which the possibility for the granting of a Medical Leave Certificate for reasons of Public Health was announced by the Ministry of Health, provided that the affected employees had presented the said certificate and their absence had been taken into consideration for their leave of absence, in the cases below and with the following requirements:

(a) Provided that the employee is placed in mandatory self-isolation, due to close contact with a confirmed case, and provided that he will present a medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Reasons of Public Health issued by the Health Ministry.

(b) Provided the employee is placed under mandatory self-isolation upon his return from an official trip from a country not included in Categories A and B, in accordance with the country categorization based on risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health, provided also that they will present a medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Reasons of Public Health issued by the Health Ministry.

(c) Following a decision for compulsory leave from work due to the detection of a confirmed case in the Department of the employee for which it had remained mandatorily closed for a certain period of time,

- (d) For the purpose of looking after children aged up to 15 years, in those cases where the child constitutes a close contact of a case and is placed under compulsory self-isolation.
- (e) A Special Leave for Public Health Reasons shall be granted in the (a) to (b) cases only:
 - (i) If the nature of the work does not allow telework upon approval by the Head of the Ministry/Department/Service/Public Law Organization/Local Government Authority, and
 - (ii) once per calendar year

Provided that in the case where the employee is called upon to be absent from work in order to remain in self-isolation for more than once per calendar year, then the additional days of absence from work shall count as Sick Leave if the nature of his work does not allow him to work from home.

2.8 Persons not belonging to the categories of citizens with a risk factor for serious illness with the COVIC-19, as these are specified in the press release published by the Ministry of Health on 4 November 2020 or/and in any future review of it, and who are not employed in individual workplaces but they either come in contact with the public or work in a common workplace with other persons and the possibility of maintaining the prescribed distances is not afforded, then the competent Ministry/Department/Service/Public Law Organization/Local Government Authority shall proceed to make internal regulations enabling these persons to process their work in an individual workplace. In case such arrangement is not feasible, then the said persons may, by approval of the Competent Authority, perform remote work by rotation, in those cases where the nature of the work allows it and at a percentage not exceeding 50% of the persons belonging to the above categories in each Ministry/Department/Service/Public Law Organization/Local Government Authority.

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health.

Appendix

(Regulation 2.5)

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENT CONFIRMATION FORM*

The employee
of company/service/organization

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

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:

Date:

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

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