

## **QUARANTINE LAW - DECREE, CHAPTER 260**

### **Decree under Article 6 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)**

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The Minister of Health, exercising the powers conferred upon him by section 6 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g) of the Quarantine Law - Decree, Chapter 260, by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers dated March 10, 2020, hereby issues the following Regulations:

1. This Decree shall be referred to as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus 2020) Decree (No. 9).
2. Because the protection of public health and the health care system are the responsibility of the Republic and with the aim of limiting the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus disease, protecting public health and preventing any possible collapse of the health system by the spread of the virus, taking into consideration the human resources and logistical requirements necessary to cope with the rapid spread of the virus and because, it is imperative to obtain additional necessary measures in addition to the Regulations issued by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID Coronavirus - 19) Decree (No. 8) of 2020 - PI 116/2020, without affecting those Regulations ·

and because, by a Notice published in the Official Gazette of the Republic following the authorization of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health declared as infected Local Areas with the COVID-19 coronavirus under Article 4 of the Infectious Disease Act, Chapter 260, the provinces of Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Ammochostos and Pafos, the following Regulations are issued:

(a) Unnecessary movements are prohibited from 6.00 pm on March 24, 2020 until 06:00 am of 13 April 2020, except as follows:

- (i) Transition to and from workplaces, and for work purposes;

- (ii) absolutely necessary visits to public services, services of the wider public sector and of local government and transfers for the purposes of purchase or supply of basic necessities/services, to and from businesses/services, whose operation has not been suspended and given that delivery is not possible;
- (iii) visit to a doctor or for blood donation or transit to a pharmacy;
- (iv) visit to a bank, whereas electronic transactions are not possible;
- (v) transit with the purpose to aid family members and/or fellow citizens who cannot look after themselves or to groups of people who must be protected or who are in self-isolation or/and in premises of compulsory isolation (quarantine);
- (vi) first- and second-degree relatives going to ceremonies, such as funerals, weddings and christenings, not exceeding ten people;
- (vii) transits for physical exercise or for the needs of a pet, provided they are not more than two people and they remain limited in areas adjacent to their residence:

It is provided that, all persons moving about as described hereinabove must carry an identity card or passport and additional proof as to the purpose of their movement, if this is requested by the competent authorities.

(b) As of 6.00 p.m. of the 24th March 2020 until 06.00 a.m. of the 13th of April 2020, access to the following places is prohibited:

- (i) Parks;
- (ii) playgrounds;
- (iii) open-air sports spaces;
- (iv) public gathering areas, among others, squares, dams, excursion sites, beaches, marinas.

(It is provided that the operation of the above businesses, is also suspended).

(c) As of 6.00 p.m. of the 24th of March 2020 until 06.00 a.m. of the 13th of April 2020:

- (i) The operation of any kind of public markets, itinerant sales and bazaars is suspended;

(ii) construction works are suspended, except construction works relating to public utility projects and subject to a relevant permit issued by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works;

(iii) it is prohibited for citizens to attend places of religious worship, such as churches, mosques and other places of prayer; and

(iv) also prohibited is the Easter custom of “lighting a bonfire” and the immediate removal of timber or of other materials already assembled for this purpose is ordered. The responsibility to implement the ban lies with the local authorities in cooperation with the Police.

(v) all retailers suspend their operations except from the following businesses:

- Businesses and laboratories dealing with disability and orthopedic products.
- Businesses and laboratories dealing with medical and industrial gases and equipment.
- Optical companies and laboratories.
- Hearing aids retailers.
- Car and motorcycle garages.
- Tire retailers.
- Bicycle and bicycle repair shops.
- Dry cleaners’ shops.
- Postal and courier services.
- Pet shops, animal feed and veterinary medicines retailers.
- Telecommunications service providers, for services relating to bill payments, top-ups, repair and replacement of mobile devices.
- Pesticides, fertilisers and agricultural materials or equipment retailers.
- Car and motor vehicle dealers.
- Funeral offices.
- Florists and garden centers.

It is understood that all retailers, including the above, may provide e-commerce or telephone commerce services with home delivery.

In addition, it is understood that all retailers that remain in operation must comply with the provisions of paragraph 2 (e) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 3) of 2020 – RAA (Regulatory Administrative Act) 101/2020, for no over-crowding in shops, (one person per eight square meters).

It is further understood that the following retail businesses continue to operate under the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 3) of 2020 – RAA 101/2020:

- All food and beverage retailers (e.g. supermarkets, grocery stores, butchers, fish markets, bakeries, pastry shops, fruit markets, liquor stores).
- Pharmacies.
- Food and beverage services (restaurants, cafes, coffee-shops, bars) that may offer home delivery and quick-service windows.
- Gas stations.
- Kiosks and mini markets,

as well as the private health services (clinical laboratories) provided for in Decree (No. 3) of 2020 - RAA 101/2020, and car washes, provided that they comply with the provisions of paragraph 2 (b) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 6) 2020 - RAA 104/2020.

The aforementioned businesses, which continue to operate, may not trade in any of the products traded by the retail businesses which hereby suspend their operation.

(d) The Minister of Health may utilize four-year or six-year medical school final year students attending Cypriot Universities, who offer their services voluntarily, as well as nursing school final year students, if and when deemed necessary.

(e) Subject to the provisions of the laws of the Republic which provide otherwise, persons who are in quarantine areas designated in the Republic and / or self-isolation may, by telephone interview with any doctor/physician request the issuance of a repeat prescription for medicinal products for the treatment of chronic diseases from which they suffer, provided that:

(i) They receive medicines for the treatment of a chronic disease not related to the symptoms of the COVID-19 infection;

(ii) the stock of medicinal products in their possession is depleted or insufficient for their treatment for the duration of the compulsory quarantine and / or self-isolation period;

(iii) they are not able for any reason to contact by telephone their personal doctor or specialist physician for the issuance of a repeat prescription and / or have not been registered with a personal doctor contracted with the Health Insurance Agency (OSH) and / or not are eligible to receive services through the General Health System (GHS),

(f) Doctors contacted by telephone by the persons referred to in paragraph (e) above shall be required to:

(i) Receive, given the circumstances, the most complete medical history of the person communicating with them;

(ii) issue the prescription with the required medicinal products, the relevant instructions for administration and the necessary quantities of the medicinal product (s) throughout the period for which the person (s) who has (have) contacted them is / are in mandatory quarantine areas and / or self-isolation, provided they consider the medical history they have received to be sufficient and satisfactory,

(iii) in case they have concluded a contract with HIO and the persons that are in quarantine or/and in self-isolation are beneficiaries for services via the GHS, they must enter the prescription in the relevant software system so that it can be retrieved from the dispensing pharmacy to provide the said pharmaceutical products to the person acting on behalf of the person in quarantine or/and in self-isolation,

(iv) in case they have not concluded a contract with HIO or the persons who are in quarantine or/and self-isolation are not beneficiaries for services via the GHS, they must issue a hand-written prescription and make the necessary arrangements so that the prescription is received by a person acting on behalf of the person in quarantine with the aim of its dispensing by the pharmacy,

(v) within a reasonable timeframe to brief the doctor, who prescribed the initial prescription:

It is understood that, in the pharmaceutical products that are prescribed it is possible to include pharmaceutical products that include controlled medicines within the meaning of the Law on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances or those defined in the Second Chart, the Third Chart or the Fourth Chart of the Regulations on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances given that the provisions of Regulation 11 of the concerned Regulations are observed.

(f) Paragraph 5(a)(i) of the Quarantine (Definition of Measures to Prevent the Spreading of Coronavirus COVID-19) Decree (No.8) of 2020 – Regulatory Administrative Act 116/2020 is modified by the replacement of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism by the Ministry of Health in regards to the conclusion of a relevant agreement / agreements with the owners or/and managers of hotels and tourist accommodation for the temporary hosting of persons who will remain for 14 days since their arrival in sites of obligatory isolation (quarantine) under the Quarantine (Definition of Measures to Prevent the Spreading of Coronavirus COVID-19) Decree (No.5) of 2020 – Regulatory Administrative Act 103/2020

(g) Paragraph 2(d) of the Quarantine (Definition of Measures to Prevent the Spreading of Coronavirus COVID-19) Decree (No.7) of 2020 – Regulatory Administrative Act 107/2020, is replaced by the following:

“(d) the Persons placed under the instructions shall present themselves at a time specified in the list and / or as updated, which is within 24 hours of the date of publication of the list and / or as updated and at a place designated on a case-by-case basis, to carry out the tasks that will be entrusted to them. ”.

(h) Paragraph 2 (d), which specifies the Additional Essential Services of the Quarantine Law (Definition of Measures to Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 Decree (No. 6) of 2020 - 104/2020, is amended by the following additions:

(iv) the Ministry of Interior, including all its Departments, Services and Sections,

(v) the Department of Information Technology Services of the Deputy Ministry for Research, Innovation and Digital Policy,

(vi) the Consumer Protection Service of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry,

(vii) the Central Information Service

(viii) the following divisions of the Central Bank of Cyprus:

- Payment Systems– Financial Market Infrastructures & Payments Department,
- Monetary Policy Operations Section – Market Operations Department,
- Asset Management Section – Market Operations Department,
- Currency Management - Currency Management Department,
- Supervision Division – Crisis Management Team,
- Financial Stability Department,
- Economic Analysis & Research Department,
- The Central Bank’s Legal Department and Information Technology Department,

(ix) the Law Office of the Republic.

(i) This Decree sets the maximum wholesale and retail price, the price shown in the table below for each product type, from 24 March 2020 at 06:00 am. and until midnight on April 30, 2020:

Product Description    Maximum Wholesale Price\*  
€ Maximum Retail Price\*

#### ANTICEPTICS

Ane Medic – Antiseptic Gel 300ml	2,38	3,21
Ane Medic - Antiseptic Gel 1L	7,14	9,64
Bienclair – Antiseptic spray 100ml	3,07	3,70
Bienclair – Antiseptic spray 500ml	6,40	7,70
Fami Sanitizing Hand Gel, 80ml	2,38	3,21

## MASKS\*\*

Simple Surgical Masks \*\*\* 27,37 for 50 masks, 0,70 each

\* Prices are inclusive of VAT.

\*\* Excludes companies which supply masks for their own use and will not retail them.

\*\*\* This entry supersedes the corresponding entry for Simple Surgical Masks in 102/2020.

k) Paragraph 2 (a) of the Quarantine Law (Determination Measures for Obstruction of Spreading the Coronavirus COVID-19) Decree (No 4) of 2020-Regulatory Administrative Act (RAA)102/2020, applies by the 30th of April 2020.

(l) With the present Decree, the officials at the Consumer Protection Service at the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, are authorised to proceed to checking the sale prizes for the security of the adjustment of the ordinances set by the Decrees of the Minister of Health, concerning the determination of the highest selling price for certain kinds of products.

(m) From the 24th of March 2020, at 6.00p.m until midnight of the 13th of April 2020 has been decided the signalling of the distance that must be adhered by the citizens during their visits at the cash desks in the stores, and at the waiting queues outside the stores, according to the paragraph 2 (d) of the Quarantine Law (Determination Measures for the Prevention of Spreading the Coronavirus COVID-19) of Decree (No2) of 2020. The owners of the estates are obliged to proceed to all the necessary measures.

4. The present Decree will come into effect, immediately, with the publication to the Cyprus official Government Gazette.

**CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU**

**Minster of Health**



## **THE QURENNTINE LAW, CHAPTER 260**

### **Notification according to article 4**

The Minister of Health, exercising his authorities according to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Chapter 260, which are modified and assigned by the Decision of the Council of Ministers, on the 10th of March 2020, notifies that he declares as infected local areas by the coronavirus COVID-19, the provinces of Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Ammochostos and Pafos.