

## **THE QUARANTINE LAW ACT (CHAPTER 260)**

### **Decree issued in accordance with section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)**

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. 14).
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 COVID19 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 districts of Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Ammochostos and Pafos, the following Regulations are issued and they will be in force until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, 12:00 midnight.

(a) Unnecessary movements are prohibited, 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;
- (viii) movements of divorced parents or parents that are legally separated that are necessary to maintain uninterrupted communication and contact between parents and children

It is provided that any movement of persons from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. is prohibited with the exception of those holding a Confirmation of Movement of an Employee certificate (Form A), which is attached as Annex I in the present decree and certifies the necessity of movement between the times mentioned above.

It is further provided that the use of the certificate of a citizen's movement in exceptional cases, in accordance with the provisions of Form B, is limited to only once a day, after permission has been obtained by sending an SMS message to 8998. A written declaration for the movement of citizens in exceptional cases, which falls within the Provisions of Form B, shall be used only by persons over 65 years of age.

It is further provided that the limitation above does not apply to movements of absolute necessity, such as transit to a pharmacy, blood donation, visit to a doctor or to a veterinarian or 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, transit of a soldier from and to the military camp or transit for specialized therapies for people with disabilities or people suffering from chronic diseases or transit of persons with disabilities and persons that fall within the spectrum of autism. For the last three cases, when this is necessary, their accompanist is also included.

It is finally 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.

(d) Entry or/and exit from the asylum seekers reception centres is prohibited for any person with the exception of newly received asylum seekers.

It is provided that entry or/and exit from those centres is allowed to those working therein and for purposes of humanitarian or/and medical aid and subject to a relevant permit issued by the Minister of Interior.

It is further provided that persons entering the territory of the Republic shall remain in quarantine for 14 days after their arrival in areas of compulsory isolation (quarantine) designated by the state.

(c) Access to the following places is prohibited and the operation of businesses that operate in those places is suspended:

- (i) Parks;
- (ii) Playgrounds;
- (iii) Open-air sports spaces;

(iv) Public gathering areas, among others, squares, dams, excursion sites, beaches, marinas.

(d) Mass events or any other events, gatherings, marches, concerts in public and private places as well as the organization of football and other games are prohibited.

(e) The operation of the following businesses is suspended:

(i) Commercial centres, malls,

(ii) Coffee shops, bars, restaurants except those that offer or will have the possibility to offer delivery service.

(iii) Recreation centres

(iv) Cinemas, theatres, halls for spectacles

(v) Libraries

(vi) Museums, sites of archeological and historical interest

(vii) Betting shops, casinos,

(ix) Sports installations, sport clubs, cultural clubs and associations,

(x) Theme parks (luna-parks etc)

(xi) Barbers, hairdressing salons, beauty-massage salons and

(xii) Any kind of public markets, itinerant sales and bazzars.

(f) Construction works where more than 3 persons work together 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.

(g) It is prohibited for citizens to attend places of religious worship, such as churches, mosques and other places of prayer.

(h) The Easter custom of "lighting a bonfire" is prohibited.

(i) 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.
- Businesses providing medical equipment and medical supplies.
- Car and motor vehicle dealers.
- Tire retailers.
- Bicycle and bicycle repair shops.
- Pet shops, animal feed and veterinary medicines retailers.
- Pesticides, fertilisers and agricultural materials or equipment retailers.
- Florists and garden centers.

It is provided that the operation of the following businesses is not suspended:

- Funeral offices.
- Dry cleaners' shops.
- Car and motorcycle garages.

- Telecommunications service providers, for services relating to bill payments, top-ups, repair and replacement of mobile devices.
- Postal and courier services.
- 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
- Car-wash services, provided that no cleansing is conducted in the interior of the car.

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.

(j) Pharmacies and supermarkets daily and on Saturday and Sunday (if applicable) from the time they open to 10:00 a.m. shall serve exclusively people that:

- (i) Fall within the categories of vulnerable groups, as those have been defined by the Ministry of Health in the Press Release dated 16 March 2020 or/and by any future amendment of the same,
- (ii) 60 years of age or older and
- (iii) People with disabilities.

(k) All food and beverage retailers (e.g. supermarkets, grocery stores, butchers, fish markets, bakeries, pastry shops, fruit markets, liquor stores) shall remain closed every Sunday.

It is provided that the operation of kiosks on Sunday is not suspended but they shall not trade in any of the products traded by the retail businesses which hereby suspend their operation on Sundays.

(l) Businesses whose operation has not been suspended and receive public are allowed to extend their working hours so that concentration of large numbers of people can be avoided, provided that this does not violate the rights of the employees based upon the relative laws and the collective agreements (where applicable)

(m) Businesses must provide all necessary signs to ensure that there is a two-metre distance between citizens both inside and outside the business (i.e. within the shops/businesses and in the queues outside the shops/businesses). The presence of more than one person per 8 square metres of operative space is not allowed.

(n) All the businesses of retail services (both those that are still operative and those whose operation has been suspended) are allowed to provide electronic/telephone commerce services with home delivery.

(o) All the businesses that have suspended their operations maintain the right to conduct administrative or other operations in closed doors where there is no access to the public and all the health regulations should be followed.

Further to the provisions of the Regulation 2(a) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 12) - RAA 135/2020 and 2(c) Regulation of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 13) - RAA 147/2020, the transport/return with flights that are allowed by exception after relevant specific permit granted by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 1) of 2020 is allowed for the following persons:

(i) Cypriot citizens that attend universities abroad and stay in the dormitories of the universities they are attending

(aa) Cypriot citizens that are enrolled in the preparatory programmes during the current academic year (foundation courses) that will enable them to enter the first year of the undergraduate program of studies or

(bb) Cypriot citizens that are currently attending the first academic year of undergraduate studies.

It is provided that the preparation of a list of those persons will be based upon the data that the applicants have submitted through the electronic platform of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [www.connect2cy.gov.cy](http://www.connect2cy.gov.cy)

(ii) Cypriot citizens permanently residing in the Republic and are temporarily abroad for purposes of temporary employment and whose employment has been suspended or terminated due to coronavirus pandemic.

(iii) Citizens permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus who are in foreign countries and whose return is deemed necessary for humanitarian reasons, such as providing care to persons who, due to serious injury after the issuance of the decrees, are unable to self-serve, or are organ recipients or donors, who are called for urgent transplants as well as unaccompanied minors are allowed to return.

(iv) Entry to the Republic of Cyprus will also be allowed to persons, regardless of nationality, whose assistance, due to their professional or scientific capacity, is deemed necessary in the efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Repatriation or transport of the people falling within the categories (i) to (iv) above is subject to the following conditions:

Submission of false information from the applicant is considered violation of the present rule and constitute an offence according to the Law.

If necessary, the Republic will charter special flights from abroad in order to facilitate the return of people, who fall under the above categories (i) to (iv) above.

The cost of the flight ticket, if applicable, shall be paid by each passenger with the exception of the people that had been sent abroad by the Republic for medical purposes.

All the people that fall within the categories (i) to (iv) and enter the territory of the Republic will remain in quarantine for 14 days after their arrival, in areas designated by the State.

People that fall within the categories (i) to (iv) and need medical observation they can remain in a 14-day self-isolation (instead of quarantine) after their arrival after receiving permission from the Minister of Health.

All the people mentioned above will undergo a mandatory examination for the COVID-19 disease, after which the provisions of the relevant medical protocol will be followed.

(p) The Regulation 2(f)(ii) of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 12) - RAA 135/2020 is amended as follows:

“(ii) of the third party ground handlers or self-handlers, as these are described by section 65 of the laws on Civil Aviation 2020 to 2019 excluding those that provide services to flights that are allowed on the basis of the Civil Aviation (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees of 2020 to (Section 1) of 2020”

3. (a) The Regulations 2(b), 2(o) and 2(p) enter into force immediately after the publication of the present Decree in the Official Gazette of the Republic.
- (b) The Regulations 2(a), 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(f), 2(g), 2(h), 2(i), 2(j), 2(k), 2(l), 2(m), 2(n) and 2(o) enter into force as of the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 at 6:00 am (the date when the regulations already in force expire).

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Minister of Health

ANNEX I  
(Regulation (a))

Form A

**CONFIRMATION OF EMPLOYEE MOVEMENT**

The employee.....

Of the company/service/organization.....

Of ID/passport number.....

Is necessary to move for work purposes in the districts of.....

Between the hours of ..... and .....

The verification of the identity of the above employee will be taking place via the display of his/her ID/passport.

Full name of employer/supervisor .....

Date:.....

\*The same form can also be completed by self-employed.

# FORM B

## DECLARATION OF CITIZEN'S MOVEMENT IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES

The undersigned .....  
date of birth .....  
identity card/passport number .....  
home address .....

I declare that the need for travelling at ..... (fill in the exact time) relates to the following reasons:  
(tick the appropriate box below)

- 1. Visiting a pharmacy or a doctor or going for blood donation
- 2. Visiting a shop/supermarket for essential supplies/services
- 3. Visiting the bank for services that online transactions are not possible
- 4. Visiting public services or services of the wider public sector and local authorities only for urgent needs
- 5. Helping people who cannot take care of themselves or people who must be protected or who are in self-isolation and/or in compulsory isolation (quarantine)
- 6. For physical activity or for pet needs, provided that there are not more than two people together and restrict themselves in areas adjacent to their residence
- 7. Going to a ceremony (e.g. funeral, wedding, christening) of first and second degree relatives not exceeding 10 people
- 8. Any other reason, as stated below:  
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### Note:

- 1. The citizens should carry their identity card/passport
- 2. Category 8 also includes movement of divorced parents or parents that are legally separated that are necessary to maintain uninterrupted communication and contact between parents and children.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

