Government Approved Amendments to Air Travel and School Reopening Regulations

Joint announcement – The Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transportation

The government approved yesterday (Sunday) the following amendments to the school reopening regulations:

1. Youth movements will be allowed to hold outdoor field trips and set the terms for these trips, in an outline similar to that of school trips (effective Tuesday, 16.3.2021).

2. 11th and 12th grades and post-secondary boarding schools where over 90% of all pupils are vaccinated will be allowed to hold school trips with overnight stay (effective Tuesday, 16.3.2021).

3. The list of regional councils, localities and areas in which schools may reopen has been updated according to the Traffic Light segmentation from 14.3.2021. This update shall take effect today, Monday, 15.3.2021.

The government also approved the following amendments to the air travel regulations:

1. The regulatory restriction which determines the international destinations to and from which outbound and inbound public flights may be held has been lifted, thereby allowing inbound flights from any destination to arrive in Israel. Airport operators will be restricted in allocating arrival slots according to a quota of 3,000 passengers per day, subject to the social distancing practices and the requirement for mandatory coronavirus tests in the airport. It should be noted that the Health Minister's authority to cancel any specific flight which pose a public health risk will be maintained.

2. Task-specific flights will be allowed to serve as cargo flights in the direction in which they do not carry any passengers.

3. These changes will take effect on Tuesday, 16.3.2021.

More on the subject

The Official COVID-19 Website of the Ministry of Health

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