

Pursuant to Article 55 paragraph 1 items 2 to 4 and item 9 of the Law on Protection of Population Against Infectious Diseases (Official Gazette of Montenegro No. 12/18 and 64/20), following a proposal of the Public Health Institute of Montenegro, the Ministry of Health passed this

## **ORDER FOR TAKING TEMPORARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE COUNTRY, TO CONTAIN AND TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

### **Article 1**

In order to prevent the introduction into the country, contain and prevent spreading to other countries, as well as to protect the population against the novel coronavirus, the following temporary measures are ordered:

1) Ban on leaving the housing facilities from 22:00 to 05:00 of the next day, except for:

- persons who perform regular work tasks and provide services of public interest, and are indispensable for life and work of citizens (health system, inspection authorities, police, army, security services, fire services, utility services, media - including persons coming to media shows, etc.), as evidenced by the certificate issued by the employer;

- students who are coming back from school, to the housing facility, as evidenced by the certificate issued by the educational institution,

- persons caring for persons who due to illness, condition or consequences of injury are not able to independently perform their daily activities, as evidenced by the certificate issued by the chosen doctor of these persons and by the excerpt from a relevant registry of citizens proving the family relationship between these persons or a contract of care or support which proves the mutual legal relationship between these persons;

- employees of foreign diplomatic and consular missions,

- children with autism spectrum disorders and wheelchair users, accompanied by one person, for a maximum of 60 minutes

- persons taking pets out, for a maximum of 60 minutes.

2) Ban on gathering in residential facilities for persons who are not members of the common family household except for persons who take care of persons who, due to illness, condition or consequences of injury, are incapable of independently performing daily life activities, as evidenced by the certificate issued by the chosen doctor of these persons and a certificate from the relevant registry of citizens proving the family relationship between these persons or a contract of care or support which proves the mutual legal relationship between these persons, as well as persons in case of emergency works in the residential building (electricity, water, etc.).

3) Ban on presence and lingering of more than four adults together in open public places (sidewalks, squares, streets, parks, promenades, beaches, etc.) except for persons who perform their regular work tasks, evidenced by the certificate issued by the employer, and members of the same household.

4) Companies and entrepreneurs engaged in retail trade, companies and entrepreneurs engaged in craft and service industry, organizers of lottery games and companies and entrepreneurs engaged in hospitality in hospitality facilities (restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, hotel restaurants and similar hospitality objects), except for the guest staying in hotels, are obliged to:

- organize work from 7:00-20:00

- point out, at the entrance/exit of the facility, on a visible spot, the announcement on temporary measures of prevention and containment of the novel coronavirus prescribed by this order (hereinafter referred to as: the prescribed measures) with the guidance for their usage, contact data of the person from paragraph 2 of this article (name, last name, telephone number and email address),

- provide hand sanitizers at the entrance/exit of the facility

5) Obligation of companies and entrepreneurs engaged in retail trade (markets, supermarkets, hypermarkets, shopping centres, etc.), including green markets, to:

- point out, at the entrance/exit of the facility, on a visible spot, the announcement on the prescribed measures, with the guidance for their usage

- point out, at the entrance/exit of the facility, on a visible spot, the announcement on the highest number of persons who can simultaneously stay in the facility

- provide/mark the distance of at least two meters between customers/visitors who are in front of the facility

- limit the number of customers/visitors who can simultaneously stay in the facility, in such a way as to ensure minimum 10 m<sup>2</sup> of the facility's area per each customer/visitor, with the obligation to respect physical distance of at least two meters,

- provide obliged control of the number of persons in the facility (installation of automatic numerators or hiring special service for surveillance),

- point out, on a visible spot, obliged direction customers/visitors movement (determine separate entrance and exit) and allowed number of persons who are allowed to be in the facility at the same time

- provide hand sanitizers at the entrance/exit of the facility for customers/visitors

- provide hand sanitizers for employees, in accordance with recommendation of the Public Health Institute (hereinafter referred to as: the Institute),

- provide hygiene maintenance and disinfection of commonly used rooms regularly, in accordance with recommendations of the Institute,

- provide marked spots for hygienic waste disposal;

6) Obligation of companies, other legal entities and entrepreneurs engaged in hospitality industry, to organize, in the hospitality facilities, their work in a way to:

- all employees and guests wear protective masks during their stay in the hospitality facility (inside the facility and on the terrace/garden), except during direct consumption of drinks, after which the mask must be put back on the face immediately, and during food consumption the mask must be put on the face after meal immediately;

- provide disinfectants (disinfectant gel or wet alcohol wipes) on all tables

- tables inside the facility must be separated by transparent Plexiglas sheets/panels or other nonporous material suitable for disinfection, the height of 170 cm,

- distance between the tables on the terrace/garden of the hospitality facility must be at least 2m

- a maximum of four guests may sit at the table inside the facility and on the terrace/garden of the hospitality facility,

- preparation of ordered food and takeout, without staying and consuming food in front of the hospitality facility, including catering, is organized from 7:00 to 22:00, with certificate from the employer,

- disable self-service, standing and staying in front of the bar and the standing tables,

- provide regular maintenance of hygiene and disinfection of common areas, furniture, equipment, etc., in accordance with the recommendations of the Institute,

- provide marked places for hygienic waste disposal in the hospitality facility (inside the facility and on the terrace/garden)

- ban performance of musical programme with participation of singers and musicians, as well as live music, using electro – acoustic equipment (instruments, amplifiers and loudspeakers) and any other musical/stage performance (DJ parties etc.),

- ban dancing of the guests;

7) obligation of wearing protective face masks covering nose and mouth, in closed and open space, including children older than five years, with the obligation to respect physical distance of at least two meters between persons, except in the housing facilities;

8) obligation of the culture institutions (theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries) to organise their work from 7 until 20.00, with the respect of the recommendations of the Institute;

9) Obligation of companies, other legal entities and entrepreneurs managing ski resorts to organise their work with:

- observance of physical distance between skiers of at least two meters while waiting in lines,

- wearing protective masks and ski hats covering nose and mouth,

- usage of a cable car is possible in a way that there is only one person in the ski basket, except for the members of one household or two persons if they sit at the ends of seats and are not members of one household,

10) Obligation of companies and entrepreneurs providing services in fitness centres and gyms to organise their work in such a way that:

- work is to be organized from 05.00 to 20.00

- notification at the entrance/exit clearly defines the number of persons that can stay in a facility at the same time,

- only one person per ten square meters of free space intended for exercising may stay in the facility at the time (space where there are no training devices and machines), while maintaining physical distance of at least 2m between the customers

- provide means for hand disinfection of customers when entering/leaving the facility,

- employees wear a protective mask, except during active training/exercise,

- when changing the place of training and the training device the customers disinfect with adequate disinfectant the surface and the device where they had training,

- group exercising-training is banned.

11) Obligation of passenger transport in public transport (bus and van) of passengers in road traffic (intercity, suburban, urban), and railway transport and employers who are providing transportation of employees with the vehicles for personal needs in road traffic is conducted with:

- obliged wearing of protective masks for drivers and passengers,

- obliged vehicle disinfection,
- hand sanitizers at the entrance/exit from the vehicle,
- ban for passengers to stand in the vehicle.

12) Obligation of taxi carriers performing car – taxi transportation to conduct transportation of passengers with:

- obliged wearing of protective masks for drivers and passengers,
- the driver is obliged, after each ride, to disinfect the surfaces most commonly touched by passengers (door handles and interior doors and seats) with disinfectants,

13) Passenger transport in domestic maritime transport is conducted with:

- obliged wearing of protective masks for maritime crew and passengers,
- obliged disinfection of maritime facility,
- ban for passengers to stand in the maritime facility;

14) Religious communities are obliged to adapt their activities in the way that:

- religious services with simultaneous presence of citizens in the religious facility should be performed in such a way as to provide at least 10m<sup>2</sup> of space per person with the respect of physical distance of at least two meters,

- hand disinfectants are to be provided at entrance/exit from the religious facilities

- at the entrance/exit of the religious facility is a notification on the maximum possible number of persons allowed to be in a religious facility at the same time, with the observance of the prescribed measures, must be clearly placed,

- religious services with presence of citizens should be performed in such a way as to provide at least 4m<sup>2</sup> distance, with mandatory observance of prescribed measures and with staying in the area no longer than 30 minutes.

- appoint one or more persons to control the observance of prescribed measures,

- it is forbidden to touch and have any physical contact with any of the common objects,

- their activities and religious services are performed without presence of believers in religious facilities whenever is possible;

15) Dental healthcare institutions are obliged to organize work in such a way to:

- provide a system of mandatory patient scheduling, ensure that only one patient can stay in the waiting room on 10m<sup>2</sup> at a time, with observance of physical distance of at least 2 m between patients,

- provide hand sanitizers to patients at entrance/exit of the healthcare office,

- all employees follow the work procedures and wear personal protective equipment, in accordance with the recommendations of the Institute and Dental Chamber of Montenegro;

16) Ban on athletic training (amateur athletes and recreational athletes) and sports competitions and tournaments of athletes in smaller indoor sports facilities (sports balloon halls, etc.), except for professional athletes, in compliance with prescribed anti-epidemic measures;

17) Prohibition of staying of players in (front of) facilities of games of chance (bookmakers and casinos) with observance of prescribed measures;

18) Ban on gathering of the population in indoor and outdoor public areas (public gatherings, public events, sports, political, cultural-artistic and private gatherings, weddings and other events), except for professional, scientific, work and official activities, with observance of the prescribed measures;

- 19) Ban on the operation of children's playrooms;
- 20) Ban on rental of accommodation units for more than two persons, except for the members of the same family household
- 21) operation of the night clubs/bars and disco clubs is prohibited;
- 22) ban on organizing, indoor and outdoor, of celebration of New Year's Eve in Julian calendar (January 13, 2021);
- 23) Receiving condolences and funerals are to be conducted with only immediate family, with a maximum 10 people with mandatory at the same time and observance of measures of proper wearing of face masks.

Companies and entrepreneurs from paragraph 1 item 4 of this Article, public institutions and other entities exercising public authorities, banks, post offices and other legal entities which directly provide services to citizens at counters, are obliged to appoint a person responsible to control the prescribed measures and who is obliged to wear visible label which shows work duties on clothes.

Obligation from the paragraph 2 of this Article is not related to companies and entrepreneurs in which work tasks are completed by up to three employees at the same time.

Certificate issued by an employer in case of paragraph 1 item 1, 3 and 6 of this Article is provided in the form which is a part of this order.

## **Article 2**

Montenegrin citizens and foreigners can enter Montenegro on all border crossings without having a test on the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), with observance of health measures, in accordance with health warning of the Institute.

Health warning from paragraph 1 of this article is available on all border crossings through which the entrance to Montenegro is done and is published on the internet site of the Ministry of Health [www.mzdravlja.gov.me](http://www.mzdravlja.gov.me) and the Public Health Institute of Montenegro [www.ijzcg.me](http://www.ijzcg.me).

Trade of goods for the needs of Montenegro as well as the transit of passengers and goods shall be done without disturbance.

## **Article 3**

Measures from Article 1 of this Order shall be in force until January 25, 2021.

## **Article 4**

On the day when this Order enters into force the following shall cease to be valid:

- The Order for Taking Temporary Measures to Prevent the Introduction into the Country, to Contain and to Prevent the Transmission of the Novel Coronavirus ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. [43/20](#) i [46/20](#)).
- The Order for Taking Temporary Measures to Prevent the Introduction into the Country, to Contain and to Prevent the Transmission of the Novel Coronavirus ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. [124/20](#) i [125/20](#)).

## **Article 5**

This Order shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

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