

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About Pandemic Prevention Measures - January 8, 2021

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A. MOVEMENT:

1. During which hours does the curfew apply?

The travel ban is valid from 9 pm until 5 am the next day.

2. For what reasons is movement allowed during curfew hours (9 pm to 5 am the next day)?

The movement of persons during curfew hours is allowed for the following reasons:

- for work purposes to and from the workplaces with the presentation of Form A (Appendix 1), completed and signed by the employer.
- for urgent and urgent purposes, i.e., to go to a medical center or hospital or pharmacy or veterinary doctor for medical emergencies and to go to the emergency room for people who are unable to take care of themselves or who have to self-protect.

3. How many times per day will exceptional travel be allowed?

Exceptional travel will be allowed twice a day by texting 8998 for the cases referred to in question 4. Persons over the age of 65 may use **Form B** (ΕΝΤΥΠΟ Β) for their exceptional travel.

It is clarified that for the purposes of going to and from work for work purposes the sending of SMS is not required, but the employee must present **Form A**, signed by his employer.

4. In which cases is the exceptional movement allowed, by sending an SMS?

Exception for movement by sending SMS is allowed in the following cases:

- Absolutely necessary visits to government services, services of the wider public sector and the Local Government, when the work cannot be done electronically.
- Purchase or supply of essential goods / services to and from businesses / services, the operation of which has not been suspended, including take-away and drive-through from restaurants (until 9 pm).
- Visiting a doctor / medical center or for blood donation or for a laboratory test for COVID-19 (rapid test or PCR) or going to a pharmacy or for vaccination at the Vaccination Centers.
- Going to a bank, to the extent where an electronic transaction is not possible.
- Aiding relatives and / or fellow citizens who are unable to self-serve or belong to groups that have to self-protect or are in self-restraint and / or in places of compulsory confinement.

- Going to a place of religious worship for individual prayer purposes or for ceremonies, such as funerals, weddings, baptisms (maximum number of people in ceremonies 10 people).
- Physical exercise, provided that the number does not exceed two adults excluding their children and are limited to the areas where access is allowed. Persons are also allowed to move to another Province, in addition to the one where they reside permanently (first residence), for individual sea sports (swimming and fishing), if they do not exceed two people, excluding minors accompanied by their parents. The transition is for a reasonable period and will not exceed three (3) hours and the persons must return the same day to their permanent residence, no later than 9 pm. Permanent residents in Provinces where they have access for swimming in the sea, cannot go to another Province for swimming purposes.
- Movement of divorced or separated parents, which is necessary for seamless communication and contact between parents and children. Individuals must provide a Judicial Decree proving that they are responsible for the custody of their children on the specific days / hours of travel.
- Specialized treatments for people with disabilities or people with chronic diseases, together with their companion.
- Movement for transport of National Guard Servicemen to and from the camp.
- Transfer to and from Larnaca and Paphos Airports for the transfer of persons, by presenting a proof (ticket) which proves the day and time of arrival / departure.
- Transfer of farmers and stockbreeders, provided that they submit the form of hectare and capital subsidy from KOAP (Cyprus Organization of Agricultural Payments) or, in case this does not exist, a relevant certificate from the District Office of Agriculture.
- Movement of persons to animal shelters for the care of animals, provided that they present a certificate certified by a recognized animal welfare organization, as well as relevant proof of notification of each movement to the Veterinary Services.

All persons moving for any of the above reasons must bring with them an identity card or passport, for identification purposes in case of control by the Competent Authorities.

5. In which cases is exceptional travel allowed without sending an SMS?

Movement without sending SMS is allowed:

- for the movement of people with disabilities and people who fall into the autism spectrum, together with their companion.
- for a walk for the needs of a pet, meaning that it will be limited to the area adjacent to the house (within a radius of 500 m. from their home) and if they do not exceed two people, excluding minor children accompanied by their parents.
- for transport of minors to and from infants, nurseries, kindergartens, pre-primary and special education.
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6. How many people can get in a private vehicle and how many passengers can Public Transport carry?

Private vehicles can be driven by members of the same family (household), including minor children of the family, depending on the capacity of the vehicle, without the use of a mask. In cases of transport by vehicle of persons from different households, up to three (3) persons can be in the car, including the driver, with the necessary use of a mask.

The maximum number of people in Public Transport (buses, taxis, etc.) is determined by an announcement of the Ministry of Transport.

B. SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

7. Are social gatherings allowed in homes?

Social gatherings in homes are prohibited, except for those permanently residing in them. It is understood that it is forbidden to hold lunch / dinner in houses for weddings and baptisms

At the same time, it is allowed to be present in houses for the purposes of:

- custody of minors and persons with disabilities for the period of time / duration where the physical presence of parents / guardians is necessary in their workplace (e.g., babysitters, babysitters, guardians, carers, etc.).
- assistance to people who are unable to self-serve (medication, care of people, food supply, etc.). It is understood that such persons should take all measures of personal protection and remain only for a reasonable period of time required for the care of the individual, so as not to put him in danger.
- professionals such as electricians, plumbers, domestic helpers, gardeners, oil painters, etc., as well as health professionals (physiotherapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, community nurses, etc.), only for the reasonable time required to complete their work .

8. Are gatherings allowed in public and private gathering places?

Access and social gatherings to public and private gathering places are prohibited, specifically to squares, parks, dams, picnic areas, marinas, beaches, sidewalks, etc.

Access is only allowed to parks, linear parks and beaches exclusively for physical exercise purposes.

C. SPORTS:

9. Are sports championships allowed?

The matches of the professional championships of A 'Category can be held, without the presence of spectators. It is understood that the use of locker rooms is allowed only on the day of the match.

All other tournaments, as well as sports activities for people under 18, are suspended.

10. Do indoor and outdoor sports facilities remain in operation?

All sports facilities, except the training facilities of the teams of the professional championships of the First Division and the National Teams, as well as the dance schools and other related schools, remain closed. It is understood that sports facilities used for the professional championships of B 'and C' Category are allowed only for training purposes.

Therefore, the use of sports facilities other than the teams listed above is not permitted, such as shooting ranges, tennis courts, basketball, golf, karate, dance schools, and other related schools.

11. What applies to swimming pools?

The swimming pools remain closed for physical sports purposes. The only cases where the use of swimming pools is allowed are for therapeutic purposes in the presence of a health professional (e.g., physiotherapist) for a reasonable period of time required to complete the treatment.

12. Are trainings allowed in sports facilities for team and / or individual sports?

Training in sports facilities, except for the A 'category championships and the National Teams, is allowed only for the teams participating in the B' and C 'Category professional championships. It is understood that the use of locker rooms is prohibited.

Training in sports facilities with a maximum number of five (5) people, including the coach / trainer is allowed.

It is understood that training is allowed in open outdoor sports facilities for high performance athletes, who are included in the list of the Cyprus Olympic Committee or who qualify for the Olympic Games, without the use of locker rooms / gyms and any closed sports and similar infrastructure. Participants in the training will not exceed five (5) people, including the coach / trainer.

13. In which cases is physical exercise / training allowed?

Physical exercise / training is allowed only in public outdoor areas that are allowed access under the decree. Specifically, in parks, linear parks and beaches and meaning that the participants do

not exceed two (2) people and the physical exercise / training is done in a reasonable period of time, up to three (3) hours.

Indicatively,

- It is allowed for a karate athlete to train on the beach or in a park only with his coach.
- A person can train on the beach, park with or without equipment (e.g., TRX, step, fit ball, weights, etc.), provided that they do not exceed two people, including the trainer.
- Fishing in the sea is allowed only during the hours when movement is allowed, provided that they do not exceed two people.
- Hunting is allowed in areas designated by the Hunting Service on the allowed hunting days, during the hours when movement is allowed, provided that they do not exceed two people.

D. CHURCH SERVICES:

14. Are the temples / religious places of worship allowed to operate?

The holy ceremonies in the churches / religious places of worship are performed without the presence of believers. It is clarified that the faithful can come to the religious places of worship for individual prayer, provided that the observance of the health protocols (distances, masks, maximum number of people) will be ensured.

It is clarified that the presence of believers is also prohibited in the courtyard of the churches / religious places of worship.

15. Are religious ceremonies such as weddings, baptisms and funerals allowed?

Religious ceremonies (weddings, baptisms and funerals) are performed with a maximum of 10 people, including the androgyne. It is understood that the 10 people do not include priests and other church staff.

In cases of funerals, the maximum number of 10 people concerns both the religious ceremony and the burial.

E. BUSINESSES / SERVICES:

16. How will Businesses/Companies operate?

Private service companies (e.g., law, accounting, architectural firms, insurance companies, service companies, etc.) work with a simultaneous physical presence of 15% of their staff, with a maximum number of employees that can be physically present of 20 persons per business premise. The rest of the staff work through teleworking at home. It is understood that the number is rounded up. For example, in a company with 10 people, 2 people can be physically present. Also, in a company with 200 employees, the maximum number of people that can work simultaneously with physical presence cannot exceed 20 people.

It is understood that retailers can sell e-commerce products online and place orders by telephone with home delivery.

A detailed list will be issued by the Ministry of Labor.

17. Which companies / premises / industries are suspending their operation?

The operation of the following companies is suspended:

- Barbers and hairdressers,
- Beauty institutes,
- Tattoo centers,
- Theaters, cinemas, auditoriums, open air theaters and open-air amphitheaters,
- Dining areas*
- Nightclubs,
- Shopping malls, department stores **,
- Playgrounds,
- Theme parks, amusement parks, go-kart tracks, paintball tracks,
- Archaeological sites, museums, historical sites,
- Zoos and natural habitat parks,
- Betting and gambling agencies,
- Casino,
- Amateur driver driving schools, Driving schools for professionals (Professional Competence Certification Schools / Centers), Vocational Training Schools and Vocational Training Schools for drivers of dangerous goods vehicles,
- Car Dealerships ***,
- Gyms, dance schools, other related schools.

* It is understood that the dining establishments can **only** offer home delivery services (delivery) at the hours determined by the premises **themselves and take-away and drive-through until 9 pm.**

**It is understood that retail stores within malls may sell e-commerce products with home shipping / delivery.

*** It is understood that in the case of car dealerships, **only the operation of repair shops (service) is allowed**. At the same time, the car repair shops and other related companies, as well as the companies providing technical inspection services for road vehicles (MOT), remain in operation.

19. What applies to the operation of construction sites and other related companies?

Construction sites and other companies with related activities continue to operate in compliance with health protocols. A relevant list of companies that remain in operation will be issued by the Ministry of Labor

20. What about the operation of beverage and food retail businesses and popular markets?

The operation of retail trade stores for the sale of beverages and food, such as supermarkets, mini-markets, fruit shops, bakeries, butchers, fishmongers, grocery stores is allowed.

It is clarified **that the sale of retail items (e.g., clothes, shoes, cosmetics, electrical appliances, linen, toys, etc.)** in the above retail companies of beverages and food is prohibited.

Pharmacies, supermarkets, mini-markets, fruit shops, butchers, fishmongers and grocery stores, from the time of their operation until 10 in the morning, **serve only people over 65 and people with disabilities**.

The open public markets are fully operational at 50% of their capacity. It is forbidden for public/open market stalls to sell clothes, linen and / or other products, as well as street vendors to operate.

The supply chain companies operating remain in operation.

21. Do hotels and other tourist accommodation remain open?

Hotels / tourist accommodation operate exclusively for the accommodation of persons who do not have their permanent residence in Cyprus and fall under the provisions of the Decree (paragraphs 2.9 to 2.14 and 2.16). Reservations are not allowed for persons permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus.

It is understood that the dining areas inside the hotels and tourist accommodation remain open:

- only for the service of the persons who are hosted in their premises,
- with a maximum number of people in total up to 75 persons (indoor and outdoor),
- six (6) people per table,
- observing the measure of one person per 3 sq.m. indoors and one person per 2 sq.m. outdoors.

22. How will the public and wider public sector and Local Government work?

The public and wider public sector and the Local Government work with the necessary security personnel in the offices for emergency management and service of citizens to cover emergencies. The released staff remains at home to work with the teleworking method. In defining security personnel, the need to restrict employees belonging to high-risk groups should be considered. The services defined by the Decree as the essential services are excluded from the above regulation.

23. How will the Courts work?

The Courts will deal only with urgent cases and their operation is regulated by a circular issued by the Supreme Court.

24. How will the National Guard camps operate?

The operation of the National Guard camps will be regulated based on guidelines issued by the Ministry of Defense.

25. Are conferences, exhibitions, assemblies, press conferences, examinations allowed?

Conferences, assemblies, exhibitions and press conferences are suspended. It is understood that they can be performed online.

Examinations and / or meetings of State Authorities and / or meetings of Authorities and / or Services and / or Bodies, can be held in locations for which approval is given by the Ministry of Health.

F. Hospitals / Medical and Diagnostic Centers / Nursing Homes / Rehabilitation Centers / Other Closed Structures:

26. How will the hospitals work? Will doctor visits be allowed? Will surgeries be performed?

Both public and private hospitals continue to operate with a ceiling that determines their maximum occupancy rate at 70% of beds, including ICU beds, according to instructions issued by the Ministry of Health.

Patients' visits to doctors and / or medical and diagnostic centers are allowed, without the presence of an escort. It is understood that in cases of minors, the accompaniment of one of the two parents / guardians is allowed, while in cases where the patient cannot self-serve and move alone, he/she be accompanied by an additional person.

The surgeries will be performed according to the ceiling and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

27. Will the Dental Clinics continue their operation?

The Dental Clinics remain in operation to deal only with emergencies and only after an appointment. It is understood that the patient is accompanied by only one person only if he / she is a minor or a person who cannot serve himself / herself.

28. Do health professionals, such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, inpatient nurses, etc., continue to work?

Yes, health professionals, and in particular physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and home care nurses, continue to provide services as long as they follow health protocols.

29. What applies to nursing homes and other structures?

The ban on visits to residents of nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, other nursing homes and other closed structures is still in force. In very exceptional cases, the Premises Management may grant exemptions for visits within a reasonable time.

G. EDUCATION:

30. How will education be carried out in public and private Primary Schools, Gymnasiums, Lyceums, Technical Schools and Higher and Highest Education Institutions?

Education at all levels will be done through long-distance learning, according to the guidelines sent to the schools by the Ministry of Education.

In cases where the physical presence of students is required for the purpose of conducting laboratory courses to prepare students for examinations in Higher and Highest Education Institutions, the laboratory courses are conducted in physical presence, in compliance with health protocols.

31. What about nurseries, kindergartens and pre-primary and special education?

The above remain in operation in accordance with the protocols issued by the competent Ministries of Labor and Education.

32. What applies to the operation of tuition centers, private training centers and how will the private afternoon classes be taught?

Tutoring and private training centers remain closed and education is provided online via e-learning / distance learning. Teachers who offer private lessons at home or private lessons (teacher and one student) should apply long-distance learning for the period during which the measures will be in force.

The measure for conducting online courses is applied indicatively in cases such as: music lessons (musical instruments, vocals, choir, etc.), painting, art, gymnastics, dance, theater, foreign languages, remedial teaching of school lessons (mathematics, chemistry, physics, history), etc.).

Παράρτημα I/Appendix 1

(Κανονισμός 2.2)

Έντυπο Α

ΒΕΒΑΙΩΣΗ ΚΥΚΛΟΦΟΡΙΑΣ ΕΡΓΑΖΟΜΕΝΟΥ*

Ο/Η εργαζόμενος/η

της/του εταιρείας/υπηρεσίας/οργανισμού

με αριθμό ταυτότητας/διαβατηρίου

είναι απαραίτητο να μετακινείται για λόγους εργασίας στην/στις Επαρχία/ες

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Η ταυτοπροσωπία του/της ανωτέρω εργαζομένου/ης θα γίνεται με την επίδειξη της ταυτότητας/διαβατηρίου του/της.

Όνοματεπώνυμο εργοδότη/προϊστάμενου:

Υπογραφή εργοδότη/προϊστάμενου:

Ημερομηνία:

*Το ίδιο έντυπο ισχύει και συμπληρώνεται και από τους αυτοεργοδοτούμενους.

Παράρτημα II
(Κανονισμός 2.2)

Έντυπο Β

ΔΗΛΩΣΗ ΚΑΤ'ΕΞΑΙΡΕΣΗ ΜΕΤΑΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ

Ο/Η υποφαινόμενος/η
αρ. ταυτότητας/διαβατηρίου
και διεύθυνση κατοικίας

δηλώνω ότι η μετακίνησή μου στις (δήλωση ακριβούς ώρας) σχετίζεται με τον ακόλουθο λόγο:
(σημειώστε ✓ στο αντίστοιχο πλαίσιο πιο κάτω)

- 1. Μετάβαση σε φαρμακείο ή για αιμοδοσία ή επίσκεψη σε γιατρό ή για διενέργεια εργαστηριακής εξέτασης για Covid-19 ή για εμβολιασμό στα κέντρα εμβολιασμού
- 2. Μετάβαση σε κατάσταση για αγορά ή προμήθεια αγαθών/υπηρεσιών πρώτης ανάγκης, περιλαμβανομένου και του take away
- 3. Μετάβαση σε τράπεζα, στο μέτρο που δεν είναι δυνατή η ηλεκτρονική συναλλαγή
- 4. Απόλυτα αναγκαίες επισκέψεις σε κρατικές υπηρεσίες ή υπηρεσίες του ευρύτερου δημόσιου τομέα και της τοπικής αυτοδιοίκησης
- 5. Διακίνηση για παροχή βοήθειας σε άτομα που αδυνατούν να αυτοεξυπηρετηθούν ή που οφείλουν να αυτοπροστατευθούν ή βρίσκονται σε αυτοπεριορισμό ή/και σε χώρους υποχρεωτικού περιορισμού (καραντίνα)
- 6. Μετακίνηση για φυσική άσκηση ή ατομική άθληση, εφόσον περιορίζεται σε χώρους όπου επιτρέπεται η πρόσβαση.
- 7. Μετάβαση σε τελετή (π.χ. κηδεία, γάμος, βάφτιση) από συγγενείς πρώτου και δεύτερου βαθμού που δεν υπερβαίνουν τον αριθμό των 10 προσώπων ή για ατομική προσευχή
- 8. Δήλωση οποιουδήποτε άλλου σκοπού μετακίνησης που μπορεί να δικαιολογηθεί με βάση τα μέτρα απαγόρευσης της κυκλοφορίας (Σημείωση 2)

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Σημειώσεις: (1) Οι πολίτες κατά τις μετακινήσεις τους θα πρέπει να έχουν μαζί τους την ταυτότητα ή το διαβατήριό τους.

(2) Στην κατηγορία 8., πιο πάνω, θεωρείται ότι εμπίπτει, μεταξύ άλλων, η μετακίνηση διαζευγμένων γονέων ή γονέων που τελούν σε διάσταση, η οποία είναι αναγκαία για την απρόσκοπτη επικοινωνία και επαφή γονέων και τέκνων,

-Η μετακίνηση για Εξειδικευμένες θεραπείες για άτομα με αναπηρίες ή πρόσωπα με χρόνιες παθήσεις, μαζί με τον συνοδό τους.

-Μετακίνηση για μεταφορά οπλίτη από και προς το στρατόπεδο.

-Μετάβαση από και προς τα Αεροδρόμια Λάρνακας και Πάφου για μεταφορά προσώπων, με την παρουσίαση αποδεικτικού στοιχείου (εισιτήριο) με το οποίο να αποδεικνύεται η ημέρα και η ώρα άφιξης/αναχώρησης.

-Μετάβαση γεωργών και κτηνοτρόφων, νοουμένου ότι προσκομίζουν το έντυπο εκταρικής και κεφαλικής επιδότησης από τον ΚΟΑΠ ή, σε περίπτωση που αυτό δεν υπάρχει, σχετική βεβαίωση από το Επαρχιακό Γραφείο Γεωργίας.

- Μετάβαση προσώπων σε καταφύγια ζώων για φροντίδα των ζώων ή για σίτιση αδέσποτων ζώων, νοουμένου ότι προσκομίζεται βεβαίωση επικυρωμένη από αναγνωρισμένη φιλοζωική οργάνωση και σχετική απόδειξη γνωστοποίησης στις Κτηνιατρικές Υπηρεσίες.

Υπογραφή υποφαινόμενου/ης:

Ημερομηνία: