

## REVISED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/MEASURES (29.07.2021)

### THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Decisions taken by the Communicable Diseases High Committee meeting under the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018

### WEEKLY COVID-19 DATA TABLES (27.07.2021)

#### COMPARISON TABLE

	20.07.2021	27.07.2021	Change
Total number of cases	811	943	<b>16.28%</b>
Number of local cases	678	781	<b>15.19%</b>
Became positive in quarantine	112	131	<b>16.96%</b>
Cases from abroad	21	31	<b>47.62%</b>
Number of cases per 100,000	212.30	246.86	<b>16.28%</b>
Local cases per 100,000	177.10	204.00	<b>15.19%</b>
Number of tests	115,428	116,542	<b>0.97%</b>
Test positivity rate	0.70%	0.81%	<b>15.71%</b>
Being treated in hospital	89	78	<b>-12.36%</b>
Being treated in intensive care	6	6	<b>0.00%</b>
Intensive care rate	0.47%	0.36%	<b>-23.40%</b>
Number of active cases	1,268	1,653	<b>30.36%</b>
Number of deaths	0	3	<b>29900.00%</b>

#### AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES PER 100,000 BY DISTRICT

	20.07.2021	27.07.2021	Change
TRNC GENERAL	30.3	35.2	<b>16.17%</b>
LEFKOŞA	25.5	31.4	<b>23.14%</b>
GAZİMAĞUSA	19.3	26.4	<b>36.79%</b>
GİRNE	55.0	51.3	<b>-6.73%</b>
İSKELE	8.9	16.2	<b>82.02%</b>
GÜZELYURT	25.0	38.1	<b>52.40%</b>
LEFKE	8.1	13.2	<b>62.96%</b>

## **RULES AT INDOOR VENUES:**

- It is mandatory comply with the mask and distance (1.5 metre) rule in all indoor areas. If it is determined that the specified rules are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018.
- Businesses will make arrangements so that the total number of customers and employees will be a maximum of 1 person per 5m<sup>2</sup>. In order to ensure social distancing, these businesses must place signs at the entrances of their businesses stating the m<sup>2</sup> area and the total number of people, including employees, who can be in the business at any one time, and place markings on the floor accordingly. In addition, hygiene and disinfection conditions must be applied both inside the workplace and at entrances and exits, and it is the responsibility of the workplace to take and implement these measures.
- The rules to be implemented will be overseen by the District Police Boards, municipalities, and the Police General Directorate.

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## **DECISIONS**

### **1A) COUNTRY COLOURS**

**The entry criteria to the country from overseas will be as stated below. The country colours stated in the criteria will be updated every week.**

- **The up to date country colour codes table and entry criteria will take effect on the Monday after it is published by our committee (From 02.08.2021 onwards).**

KOYU KIRMIZI (DARK RED)		KIRMIZI (RED)	TURUNCU (ORANGE)		YEŞİL (GREEN)	GRİ (GREY)	
Argentina	Honduras	Andorra	Albenia	Latvia	Australia	Afghanistan	Libya
Aruba	India	Bahrain	Austria	Lebanon	Germany	Algeria	Macao SAR
Bahamas	Jamaica	Egypt	Azerbaijan	Liechtenstein	Greenland	Angola	Maldives
Bangladesh	Kenya	Georgia	Belarus	Lithuania	Hungary	Anguilla	Mali
Barbados	Madagascar	<b>Gibraltar</b>	Belgium	Luxembourg	Iceland	Antigua and Barbuda	Martinique
Benin	Malawi	<b>Greece</b>	Bhutan	Mauritius	Israel	Armenia	Mauritania
Bolivia	Mexico	<b>Guernsey</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Moldova	New Zealand	Belize	Montenegro
Brazil	Mozambique	Iran	Brunei	Monaco	Romania	Bermuda	Morocco
British Virgin Islands	Namibia	Iraq	Bulgaria	North Macedonia	Singapore	Botswana	Myanmar
Burkina Faso	Nepal	<b>Ireland</b>	Canada	Norway	Slovakia	Cambodia	Nicaragua
Burundi	New Caledonia	<b>Isle of Man</b>	Croatia	Poland		Chad	Oman
Cabo Verde	Niger	Kazakhstan	Czechia	Qatar		China (mainland)	Pakistan
Cameroon	Nigeria	Malaysia	Denmark	Saudi Arabia		<b>Cuba</b>	Saint Barthelemy
Cayman Islands	Panama	<b>Malta</b>	Estonia	Serbia		Curacao	San Marino
Central African Republic	Papua New Guinea	Mongolia	<b>Faroe Islands</b>	Slovenia		Ecuador	Sao Tome and Principe
Chile	Paraguay	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Finland</b>	South Korea		Eswatini	South Sudan
Colombia	Peru	<b>North Cyprus</b>	France	Sweden		Falkland Islands	St. Kitts and Nevis
Congo	Rwanda	Philippines	Italy	<b>Switzerland</b>		Fiji	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Congo (DRC)	Senegal	Portugal	Japan	Turkey		Gabon	Syria
Costa Rica	Seychelles	Reunion	Jordan	Ukraine		Grenada	Taiwan
Cote d'Ivoire	Sierra Leone	Russia	Kosovo	United Arab Emirates		Guadeloupe	Tajikistan
Djibouti	Somalia	Sint Maarten		United States		Guyana	Thailand
Dominica	South Africa	South Cyprus				Haiti	Timor-Leste
Dominican Republic	Sri Lanka	<b>Spain</b>				Hong Kong SAR	Turkmenistan
El Salvador	St. Lucia	Tunisia				Indonesia	Uzbekistan
Equatorial Guinea	Sudan	United Kingdom				Jersey	Venezuela
Eritrea	Suriname					Kuwait	Vietnam
Ethiopia	Tanzania					Kyrgyzstan	Palestine
French Guiana	Togo					Laos	Yemen
French Polynesia	Trinidad and Tobago					Liberia	
Gambia, The	Turks and Caicos Islands						
Ghana	Uganda						
Guatemala	Uruguay						
Guinea	Zambia						
Guinea-Bissau	Zimbabwe						

## 1 B) RULES TO BE APPLIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY CODES

### ***DARK RED;***

- People who have travelled to these countries in the last 14 days are forbidden from entering the country.
- **TRNC citizens** will be able to enter the country on the condition of a negative PCR test result from within the last 72 hours and upon entry to the island, and 14 days of quarantine.

### ***RED;***

- ***VACCINATED or HAVE HAD THE DISEASE;***
- Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours.
- 5 days quarantine

**Note: Vaccinated people who will come from the United Kingdom will be able to enter the country without going into quarantine until 31.08.2021. A reassessment will be made on the specified date.**

- ***UNVACCINATED;***
- Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours.
- 7 days quarantine.

### ***ORANGE;***

- ***VACCINATED or HAVE HAD THE DISEASE;***
- Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours.
- Quarantine-free entry
- ***UNVACCINATED;***
- Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours.
- 5 days quarantine.

### ***GREEN;***

- ***VACCINATED or HAVE HAD THE DISEASE;***
- No restrictions
- ***UNVACCINATED;***
- Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours. Quarantine-free entry

### ***GREY;***

- Whether vaccinated or not, entry to the country will be on condition of a pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours and 14 days of quarantine.

## 1C) GENERAL RULES;

- **VACCINATED PEOPLE:** Who have completed the vaccination programme. **From 14 days after the last dose.**
  - SINOVAC:
  - BIONTECH: 2 DOSES
  - SINOPHARM: 2 DOSES
  - COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech): 2 DOSES
  - VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford): 2 DOSES
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson: 1 DOSE
  - SPUTNIK V: 2 DOSES
  - MODERNA: 2 DOSES
- People who have had two doses of a vaccine different from the vaccines mentioned above will be considered as vaccinated.
- **People who have had the disease:** Submit a positive PCR test result taken between 30-180 days prior to travel. These people will be evaluated as vaccinated people.
- Children under the age of 18 will be able to enter the country with parents who are **vaccinated or who have had the disease as stated above** based on the category of the country they have travelled from and in accordance with the PCR test rules (children who are 6 years old and over).
- Passengers will be evaluated based on the country that is in the highest risk group among the countries they have set foot in/ been in, in the last 10 days.
- Due to the spread of the Delta variant in all countries, Covid-19 tests will be applied at all entry gates regardless of whether or not the people who will come to our country have been vaccinated. People coming from Green Colour countries will be exempt
- **DELTA VARIANT COUNTRIES:**
  - The “DELTA” Variant is considered by the WHO as a “Variant of Concern”; VOC. These variants are defined as:
    - Variants that have increased in transmissibility or that can detrimentally affect the epidemiology of Covid-19
    - Variants that can increase in virulence or lead to a change in clinical presentation
    - Variants that reduce the effectiveness of public health measures or that can reduce the effectiveness of available diagnostic tests, vaccines or therapeutics.

## INLAND BORDER CROSSING RULES

- **Level 1 :** No tests, no restrictions (A total of 0-74/100,000 people in 14 days)
- **Level 2 :** Negative Antigen or PCR test once every 7 days (A total of 75-499/100,000 people in 14 days)

- **Level 3** : Double vaccinated people with EMA-approved vaccines, as well as the Sinovac, Sinopharm or Sputnik vaccines, can cross with a 7-day negative rapid antigen test or PCR test, 14 days after their final dose (1st dose if Johnson& Johnson).

Unvaccinated people (including unvaccinated workers and people who will cross for health reasons) can cross with a 72-hour negative rapid antigen test or PCR test.

However, unvaccinated high school students and people residing in Kato Pyrgos will be able to cross with a 7-day negative rapid antigen test or PCR test. (A total of 500/100,000 people in 14 days)

- Passengers will be evaluated based on the country that is in the highest risk group among the countries they have set foot in/ been in, in the last 10 days.

\* The inland border crossing rule will apply to people who have come to South Cyprus, *expect for those who have come from dark red countries*, once they have stayed in South Cyprus for a period of 10 days.

\* On touristic coach tours to be arranged from South Cyprus to our country, unvaccinated tourists from yellow and orange countries will be able to cross for the day provided that they present a negative antigen test conducted within the last 24 hours or a negative PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours.

1. People who are required to enter quarantine based on the above criteria will be able to spend their quarantine periods with their wristbands, depending on the country of origin, at their specified address of residence, provided that they show their address of residence in our country and download the “Stay Safe Application”. They will go to the address of residence they have committed to spending their quarantine in, either alone or in the company of a driver, or by public transport, taxi, touristic minibus authorised vehicles determined by the Ministry of Finance. People over the age of 65 and those who go abroad for health reasons with the approval of the Health Committee will be able to download the “Stay Safe Application” after they return to the country.

Wristbands will not be fitted to children aged under 12.

People who do not comply with the aforementioned rules, who do not provide an address of residence in our country and who want to come to our country will stay in central quarantine for 7 or 14 days, depending on the country they come from, in designated central quarantine hotels.

It is recommended that people who do not comply with the home quarantine rules are sent to central quarantine, pay for their own quarantine fees, and that criminal proceedings are launched against them in accordance with the relevant legislation.

1. People who have had contact with a Covid-19 positive person in our country that requires quarantine, will be subject to 10 days quarantine. At the end of 10 days, if the PCR test result to be obtained from the contacts are negative, the isolation period will be ended. Double vaccinated people who have been contact with a Covid-19

positive person and are required to enter quarantine, will be subject to quarantine for 7 days. The wristband quarantine process of contacts will be determined by the contact team according to the conditions stated in Annex-3.

1. Covid-19 positive people in our country will be able to spend their quarantine period at their home with a wristband according to the conditions set out in Annex 4, provided that a doctor has assessed them and deemed it appropriate. This practice will start from 19.07.2021 onwards.
1. It has been deemed necessary to accept passengers on sea journeys to our country with a maximum of 4 journeys per day and 275 people (excluding soldiers) per journey.

## **TOURISM**

1. The indoor tourism practice with charter flights and wristbands fitted will be cancelled with effect from 10.08.2021 onwards. People who will come to our country on charter flights will be processed according to the specified country category criteria.

People who will come on these flights will, just like for scheduled flights, be able to spend their quarantine period according to their country of origin at their specified home address of residence with a wristband on the condition they download the “Stay Safe” application.

People who are unable to provide an address of residence will spend their quarantine period in designated central quarantine hotels.

1. People who will enter to stay in a hotel and/or benefit from a hotel’s activities must have a negative PCR or antigen test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. It has been deemed appropriate to provide service in hotel restaurants with a distance of 2 metres between tables and to serve at the table, and for staff to provide food and beverage (including tea and coffee machines, dispensers) service when an open buffet is required and for disposable plastic materials to be used during the provision of services. Hotel/casino workers will wear masks and repeat PCR tests once every 7 days.
1. From 02.08.2021 onwards people entering casinos are required to be vaccinated. Unvaccinated customers will not be accepted. (For hotels continuing with indoor tourism until 10.08.2021, this rule will be valid from 11.08.2021 onwards.) Masks will be worn and social distancing rules observed during the time spent in the hall.

1. Sea tour boats will continue to serve at half of their passenger capacity. Staff on tour boats will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days. In addition, the letter of undertaking to be prepared will be signed and legal action will be launched against those who are found to be breaking the specified rules. Marinas will be open.

## **EDUCATION**

1. State and private schools can be opened in the scope of the plan that will be prepared by the Ministry of National Education and Culture (including cram schools, after-school centres, private lessons, course activities and summer schools). Teachers and staff working in kindergartens (3, 4 and 5 years old) and education sectors that are open will repeat their antigen tests once every seven days at the specified stations. Pupils aged over 6 will repeat their antigen tests once every 14 days. Higher Education Institutions can be opened within the scope of plans to be made by the Ministry of National Education and Culture. Students coming from abroad will be able to enter based on the specified country entry criteria.

People working in special education centres will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.

It has been deemed appropriate for apprentice students to start their education in the workplace depending on the sectors that have opened. The rules applied in the specified sectors will also apply to apprentice students.

1. It has been deemed appropriate to conduct national/international exams to be held in our country under the conditions stated below:
  - Examinees and invigilators must have negative PCR test results from within the last 72 hours or antigen tests from within the last 48 hours.
  - Doors and windows must be kept open at all times in order to ventilate the exam area,
    - Those entering the exam area must use personal protective equipment during the exam,
  - Desks in the exam area must be arranged to comply with social distancing rules
  - Disinfectant must be placed at the entrance to the exam area.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

1. Inter-district and local public transportation can be provided. Passengers will not be allowed next to sit next to the drivers of buses, minibuses, taxis and similar public transport vehicles. In buses, shared taxis and minibuses, passengers will be transported with a seating arrangement that leaves the seat behind the driver's seat empty, and the operating capacity will be 50% with every other seat empty.

A maximum of 3 passengers will be able to be transferred in taxis with a "T" permit and a maximum of 5 passengers in vehicles with a touristic minibus permit, while ensuring all necessary hygiene conditions.

Drivers will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.

Windows will be open during journeys, air conditioning will not be used and everyone in the vehicle will wear a mask. Vehicles will be disinfected after each journey. In addition, a letter of undertaking will be signed by the business owners of public transport and taxi enterprises engaged in public transportation. If it is determined that the rules specified in the letter of undertaking are not complied with, criminal proceedings will be launched against them in accordance with the relevant legislation.

1. Truck drivers entering the country from our ports (Girne and Gazimağusa) for the shipment of goods can enter daily, provided that they submit a PCR test they have performed in the last 72 hours. If the test period of the lorry drivers exceeds the last 72 hours, then they will be able to enter with a negative antigen test to be conducted at the ports of entry. In addition, the letters of undertaking to be prepared will be signed. In addition, passengers can enter via both ports according to the overseas entry criteria in decision 1.

## SECTORS

1. The routine tests that people working in the sectors operating in our country are required to do once every 7 days are stated in the table below.

**TABLE: TESTS THAT SECTOR WORKERS MUST HAVE (ONCE EVERY 7 DAYS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE VACCINATED)**

<b>PCR</b>	<b>ANTIGEN</b>
<i>HOTELS</i>	<i>SCHOOLS</i>
<i>CASINOS</i>	<i>SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRES</i>
<i>MUSICIANS</i>	<i>MARKETS / STORES AND SUPPLIERS</i>
<i>BARS / CLUBS</i>	<i>BARBERS / HAIRDRESSERS</i>

<i>CINEMAS</i>	<i>RESTAURANTS</i>
<i>TEAM SPORTS</i>	<i>CAFES</i>
<i>SWIMMING SPORTS</i>	<i>Taverns</i>
<i>INDOOR SPORTS HALLS</i>	<i>PATISseries</i>
<i>INDOOR CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS</i>	<i>COFFEE SHOPS / COFFEE HOUSES</i>
<i>ENTERTAINMENT/CONCERTS AND SIMILAR EVENT STAFF</i>	<i>BANKS</i>
<i>NIGHT CLUBS</i>	<i>PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS</i>
	<i>OFFICE WORKERS</i>
	<i>SEA / CRUISE BOATS</i>
	<i>WORKER ACCOMMODATION / LODGINGS</i>
	<i>PRODUCTION / FACTORIES</i>
	<i>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</i>
	<i>STAFF AT PLACES OF WORSHIP</i>
	<i>INTERNET CAFES</i>
	<i>BETTING SHOPS</i>

**Note: Pupils over the age of 6 will repeat their antigen tests once every 14 days.**

**Note: The sectors in the table above will perform their PCR/antigen tests at sites specified by the Ministry of Health.**

1. Barbers, hairdressers, beauty salons and tattoo studios/salons will continue their work between the hours of 07:00 and 20:00. It is mandatory to comply with the mask and distance (1.5 metre) rules in these sectors. If it is determined that the specified rules are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. People working in these sectors will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days and the prepared letter of undertaking forms will be signed.
1. The outdoor areas and a maximum of one third of the indoor areas of restaurants, patisseries, cafes and taverns and takeaway services will continue to be used. Tables must be placed 2 metres apart. Customers received in the indoor areas must have a negative PCR or antigen test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People working in these sectors must wear masks and will repeat their PCR or antigen tests once every 7 days. Live music can be performed in the outdoor areas of restaurants, patisseries, cafes and taverns. Musicians who will perform live music will repeat their PCR tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the

Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, a letter of undertaking will be signed by these sectors.

1. **The indoor areas of bars and clubs will not be used. Bistro tables should be placed 2 metres apart. The number of people allowed in the outdoor areas at any one time will be determined so that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>. However no more than 250 people will be allowed in the area regardless of its size. Customers received in the outdoor areas of these sectors are required to be vaccinated. Unvaccinated customers will not be accepted. People working in these sectors must wear masks and will repeat PCR tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, a letter of undertaking will be signed by these sectors.**
  
1. The outdoor areas and a maximum of one third of the indoor areas of coffee shops, coffee houses, cafeterias, and clubhouses will be used. It is required that tables will be placed 2 metres apart. Customers received in the indoor areas must have a negative PCR or antigen test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People working in these sectors must wear masks and repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, a letter of undertaking will be signed by these sectors.
  
1. People working in markets, retail and merchandising services will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days. People working in supply chains will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.
  
1. Worker accommodation must be places that are socially distanced and well-ventilated within the scope of pandemic rules. Maximum attention must be paid to social distancing and hygiene rules in communal areas. People staying in worker accommodation will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.
  
1. Personnel working in factories that are operating production activities in our country will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days
  
1. People who will enter our country for IVF treatment will be dealt with according to the entry criteria stated in Point 1 and Point 2. People who are planning to go from quarantine hotels to IVF centres for treatment will be taken from the quarantine hotel for 3-4 hours with negative PCR test results from the last 72 hours or antigen test results from within the last 24 hours, and then taken back to the quarantine hotel after treatment. The responsibility for the person taken from the quarantine hotel will belong entirely to the Responsible Manager of the IVF Centre. The letter of undertaking prepared for each person to be taken from the quarantine hotels to the IVF centre will be signed by the Responsible Manager and these forms will be

submitted to the Ministry of Health Coordination Board when applying for a treatment permit.

1. People who enter internet cafes will be registered and will only be able to use the computers for a maximum of 2 hours. People received in the indoor areas must have a negative PCR or antigen test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated and must wear masks. People working in these sectors must wear masks and repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, a letter of undertaking will be signed by these sectors.
1. Betting shops will be able to continue their activities within the framework of the conditions specified in the prepared letter of undertaking. One third of the indoor areas of betting shops will be able to be operated. Food will not be served at betting shops. People received must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People working in these sectors must wear masks and repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, a letter of undertaking will be signed by these sectors.
1. People who will work in night clubs will be evaluated upon entry according to the criteria of the country they have arrived from. Customers are required to be vaccinated. Unvaccinated customers will not be accepted. People working in these sectors must wear masks and will repeat their PCR tests once every 7 days.

## **ARTS**

1. It has been deemed appropriate for professional artists to perform their theatre/concert/exhibition works/rehearsals in accordance with the hygiene rule. Performances will be held with a maximum of one third of the halls' capacity. People received must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People working in these sectors must wear masks. Social distancing and mask rules will be observed in the halls. All those who will work in the halls must have negative PCR tests from within the last 72 hours. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. The letter of undertaking forms to be prepared for these sectors will be signed. One third of indoor areas can be used.
1. It was deemed appropriate for lessons provided by music/ballet instructors to start provided that they are one-to-one lessons. Instructors will repeat their PCR tests once

every 7 days. There will only be individual lessons. Group ballet, dance and music activities will not take place.

- 1. The number of people that can be accepted at any one time to group dances, ceremonies, music, concerts, and similar shows in outdoor areas will be determined based on the size of the area in such a way that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>. However a maximum of 250 people will be admitted regardless of the size of the area. The indoor areas will not be used. Spectators and performers received must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated.**
1. It has been deemed appropriate to perform folk dancing activities in outdoor areas, provided that mask and hygiene rules are followed.
1. People will be allowed into cinemas on the basis that a maximum of one third of the auditorium is used and that there is no eating and drinking in the auditoriums. Customers received must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People working in these sectors must wear masks and will repeat their PCR tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, letters of undertaking will be signed.

## **SPORT**

1. It has been deemed appropriate for non-contact, individual and outdoor sports activities and training and competitions with spectators within the scope of social distancing rules (athletics, horse riding, archery, tennis, golf, triathlon, cycling, outdoor swimming, sailing, sports activities for all (bocce and orienteering), shooting, hunting (sportive events), air sports, motor and car races) to be held.
1. It has been deemed appropriate for team sports training and competitions with spectators to be held in indoor and outdoor areas. People received in the halls must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. Athletes and technical teams that will take part in training sessions will repeat their PCR tests once every seven days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018. In addition, letters of undertaking will be signed.
1. Swimming pools can be used by performance swimmers of sports clubs, training of licenced swimmers, competitions and by disabled individuals for rehabilitation purposes. People received in the halls must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People working in

swimming pools must wear masks and will repeat their PCR tests once every 7 days. It has been deemed appropriate for outdoor swimming pools to operate within the scope of the rules specified in Annex-1.

1. It has been deemed appropriate for beaches to operate within the scope of the rules specified in Annex-2.
  
1. It has been deemed appropriate that training for boxing, wrestling and close combat sports should take place in outdoor areas or, if possible, in well-ventilated environments. Competitions for the stated sports branches will take place in outdoor areas. Spectators that will come must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. Athletes will repeat their PCR tests once every three days.
  
1. For competitions to be held in outdoor areas, spectators will be accepted within the scope of social distancing rules, and for competitions to be held in indoor areas, spectators will be accepted by observing the social distancing rule and in such a way that a maximum of one-third of the area is used. Spectators that will come must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted from within the last 7 days if they are vaccinated, and from within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated.
  
1. Indoor gyms (fitness, individual) will be able to continue their activities within the framework of the conditions specified in the letter of undertaking. These gyms will be able to start providing a service from 06.00 onwards. Dance schools, music and similar school and course activities will be able to serve within the framework of pandemic rules. Those who will be received in the gyms must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated or once every 7 days if they are vaccinated. People working in these sectors must wear masks and will repeat their PCR tests once every 7 days. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018.
  
1. It has been deemed appropriate that youth camps can be organised at half capacity by observing social distancing, mask and hygiene rules. Those who will go to youth camps and those on duty must submit an antigen or PCR test from within the last 72 hours.

## **ENTERTAINMENT/EVENTS**

1. **It has been decided that engagements, weddings, wedding ceremonies, and circumcision ceremonies in outdoor areas can be held within the framework of the rules specified in the letter of undertaking to be prepared.**

- **Engagements, weddings, wedding ceremonies, circumcision ceremonies, and pre-wedding parties will not be held in indoor areas.**
  - **The bride, bridegroom, and first degree relatives will have PCR tests within 72 hours before the date of the wedding.**
  - **Masks will be worn at the ceremonies and parties, seating will be arranged by observing the social distancing rule, there will be no congratulations, and jewellery - money will be deposited into a chest.**
  - **The number of guests allowed at any one time will be determined according to the size of the wedding area so that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>. A maximum of 250 people will be admitted regardless of the size of the area.**
  - **Musicians will have PCR tests within 72 hours before the date of the wedding.**
  - **As stated in the letter of undertaking, close-distance games, dances and halay dances that would breach social distancing will not be performed at weddings.**
  - **The letter of undertaking to be prepared will be signed, and legal proceedings will be launched against places that are observed to not be adhering to the specified rules.**
1. The number of people allowed at any one time in amusement parks, tombola and similar activities will be determined according to the size of the areas so that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>. Those who will take part in the activities must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated.
  1. Indoor children's play areas and indoor games halls will be able to continue with their activities on the condition that the undertaking to be prepared is signed and that staff have PCR tests once every 7 days.

## **OTHER**

1. It is not appropriate to hold demonstrations, rallies and ceremonies in indoor areas; and is appropriate to hold demonstrations, rallies and ceremonies in outdoor areas in compliance with the social distancing and mask rule. It is mandatory to comply with the specified rules and if it is determined that they are not being adhered to, then

criminal proceedings will be applied in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018.

1. Mass worshipping will be held in accordance with social distancing, mask and hygiene rules and using a maximum of one-third of the indoor area to be worshipped in. Those who will enter places of worship must have a negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated. People who will work in these sectors will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.

### Road Map To Be Followed In Our Country Against The Covid-19 Pandemic

<b>COVID-19 Activity Risks</b>	
<b>Low risk activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation in a hotel or holiday home in a rural area</li> <li>• Walking, jogging or cycling with others</li> <li>• Playing non-contact sports (such as golf or tennis)</li> <li>• Camping in accordance with the physical distancing rule</li> <li>• Outdoor barbecues in accordance with the physical distancing rule (fewer than 10 people)</li> <li>• Receiving a takeaway delivery from a restaurant</li> <li>• Grocery shopping</li> <li>• Going to a doctor's clinic (with adequate ventilation and physical distancing)</li> </ul>
<b>Medium risk activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air (plane) travel</li> <li>• Going to the beach while following social distancing rules</li> <li>• Bus travel (with adequate ventilation and social distancing)</li> <li>• Going to amusement parks (outdoors)</li> <li>• Children's play areas (outdoors)</li> <li>• Swimming in a public pool while following appropriate distancing rules</li> <li>• Playing low-contact sports (volleyball, etc.)</li> <li>• Participating in an outdoor social programme with family and friends</li> <li>• Meals with fewer than 10 people in accordance with physical distancing rules</li> <li>• Going to a restaurant/tavern/cafe/patisserie with an outdoor section, in accordance with the rules of physical distancing</li> <li>• Going to a hairdresser/barber and beauty parlours</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yacht cruises (outdoors)</li> <li>• Going to museums, libraries and exhibitions</li> <li>• Going to shopping centres</li> <li>• Working in an indoor office environment, while following social distancing and hygiene rules</li> <li>• Going to school or university</li> <li>• Factory/manufacturing</li> <li>• Weddings, engagements or other ceremonies (where social distancing and hygiene rules are applied)</li> </ul>
<b>High risk activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going to the gym</li> <li>• Eating indoors at a restaurant</li> <li>• Playing sports with high or full contact (football, basketball, etc.)</li> <li>• Going to nightclubs</li> <li>• Staying in a dormitory/lodgings, construction site, nursing home for the elderly</li> <li>• Going to casinos</li> <li>• Indoor games halls</li> <li>• Attending mass prayers in a house of worship</li> <li>• Going to big concert venues</li> <li>• Attending an event at a sports stadium</li> <li>• Places that serve open buffet meals (indoors)</li> <li>• Going to a bar/club/disco</li> <li>• Going to the cinema</li> <li>• Betting shops/Internet cafes</li> <li>• Massage/spa salons</li> </ul>

<b>Average number of daily cases per 100k people</b>	<b>Workplace workers</b>	<b>Those who will perform the activity</b>
Green (<1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing of people who fit the case definition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing of people who fit the case definition</li> </ul>
Yellow (1-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly PCR screening of high-risk activity workplaces</li> <li>• Weekly PCR/antigen screening in medium-risk activity workplaces</li> <li>• PCR/antigen screening in low-risk activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing of people who fit the case definition</li> </ul>

	workplaces once every two weeks	
Orange(10-24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly PCR screening of high-risk activity workplaces</li> <li>• Weekly PCR/antigen screening in medium-risk activity workplaces</li> <li>• PCR/antigen screening in low-risk activity workplaces once every two weeks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCR or antigen test from the last 72 hours for unvaccinated individuals.</li> </ul>
Red (25-34)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of high-risk activity workplaces (except places that must stay open, such as nursing homes for the elderly, lodgings, dormitories, etc.).</li> <li>• Closure and weekly PCR/antigen screening in medium-risk activity workplaces, if deemed necessary in line with local epidemiological data.</li> <li>• PCR/antigen screening in low-risk activity workplaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of high risk activities.</li> <li>• PCR test or antigen test from the last 72 hours days for medium-risk activities for unvaccinated individuals</li> </ul>
Dark Red (35 and above and/or when the capacity of the hospital is reached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete shutdown (except for emergency needs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete shutdown (except for emergency needs)</li> </ul>

*\*The specified criteria may vary according to the general situation of the Covid-19 Pandemic in the world, the spread of the variants, the course in our country and the vaccination rate of the country.*

### 1. Activities that require a PCR/Antigen test on entry

#### **People who will enter to stay in a hotel and/or benefit from a hotel's activities**

Customers entering the *indoor areas* of restaurants, patisseries, cafes and taverns

Customers entering the *indoor areas* of coffee shops, coffee houses, cafeterias and clubhouses

Customers entering internet cafes

Customers entering betting shops

The spectators of theatre, concert, exhibition shows by professional artists

Spectators entering cinemas

People who will watch indoor sports halls

People who will watch competitions in indoor swimming pools

People who will watch boxing, wrestling, and close combat sport competitions

Customers at indoor gyms (fitness, individual)

People who will take part in group dances, ceremonies, festivals, music, and similar events

People who will take part in group places of worship in indoor areas

**-A negative antigen or PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours will be requested upon entry by the sectors mentioned above for unvaccinated people.**

**-Antigen or PCR tests will not be sought from people who are vaccinated or who have had the disease between 30 and 180 days ago.**

**Note: Unvaccinated customers will not be allowed in to night clubs, bars-clubs and casinos.**

## **Annex 1**

### **Rules to be Followed in Outdoor Swimming Pools**

- It should be ensured that the chlorine level and pH of the pool water comply with the levels specified in the "Regulation on Health Principles Subject to Swimming Pools", and that they are measured and recorded periodically. It is recommended that pools are chlorinated to the highest possible value.
- Checks should be made to keep chlorine levels at an appropriate value during hours of high temperature when the chlorine level is likely to drop.
- Those with symptoms such as a cough, runny nose and shortness of breath when entering the pool area cannot use the pool.
- A member of staff must be assigned responsibility for the operation of the pool.
- The capacity of the pool area is determined as one person per 5 square metres.
- The social distance in the pool area is 1.5 metres. The distance between loungers and sunbeds should also be at least 1.5 metres.
- In order to prevent overcrowding in these areas, the pool capacity information is hung at the entrance of the area. A simple warning/barrier is placed to prevent entry.

- People must wear masks at the entrances of the facility. Facility employees will always wear masks.
- The hand hygiene of each guest must be ensured at the entrance of the pool. Hand sanitiser is kept at the entrance of the pool and in suitable places.
- Social distancing rules are followed. People from the same family can stay together.
- Before entering the swimming pool, users must take a shower, and disinfect their hands and feet.
- Do not stay in pools for a long time as this will increase the risk of Covid-19 contact.
- No fabric cushion pads are to be used on sun loungers. If washable/wipeable cushion pads are used, they are cleaned after each guest usage.
- Social distancing is taken into consideration when using changing cabins. Cabins are cleaned after each use.
- People should be encouraged to bring/use their own beach towels. Towels are provided to guests who do not bring their own in bags or by a staff member. Towels and similar textile products are washed at at least 60 degrees.
- When touching plastic and steel surfaces in these areas, the face, eyes, mouth and nose are not to be touched. When touched, hands are to be washed with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Disinfection of pools and microbiological quality tests are carried out regularly in accordance with the legislation.
- Group activities, exercise, diving lessons and similar activities in pools are not allowed.
- Items such as goggles, snorkels and fins are not to be shared. Drinks cabinets and seats must be cleaned and disinfected frequently. In addition, hand sanitiser is to be kept easily accessible.
- If cafe and restaurant services are provided, they operate according to the previously determined rules regarding these sectors.
- As it will be difficult for children to maintain social distancing, these areas are used under parental supervision.
- General cleaning of these areas is to be done regularly with water and detergent every day. Sweeping or high-pressure water or chemical spraying that creates dust is not allowed.
- The entrance doors to toilet areas should be changed into automatic door systems. If this is not possible, the handles of the entrance doors to the toilet area are to be frequently disinfected.
- The floors of toilets, toilet bowls, urinals, sinks, taps and tap heads, and door handles are to be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- Posters on hand hygiene and hand washing are to be hung in the toilet entrances.
- The cleaning hours of toilets and sinks must be recorded and posted visibly.
- There should always be liquid soap, toilet paper and paper towels kept in toilets. Air hand dryers are not to be used.

## Annex 2

### Rules to be Followed at Beaches

- People must wear a mask when entering the beach and bathing areas. Facility employees will always wear masks.
- At least one member of staff responsible for the entire operation of the beach and bathing area is always available.
- It is mandatory for every guest to ensure hand hygiene when entering the beach. Hand sanitiser is available at the beach entrance and in suitable places.
- Staff with symptoms such as a cough, runny nose, and shortness of breath, and case-contact personnel cannot be put to work. Guests showing these symptoms cannot use the beach and bathing areas.
- Measures are to be taken to ensure social distancing between people is at least 1.5 meters in the beach and bathing area.
- The distance between sunbeds is set at at least 1.5 metres. The distance between parasols is arranged in accordance with the distance between the sunbeds.
- The capacity of the beach and bathing area is determined as one person per 5 square metres.
- Cabanas are arranged in accordance with social distancing rules. The capacity is determined as one person per 2 square metres in the cabana areas.
- Social distancing rules are followed. People in the same family or guests staying in the same room in hotels can stay together.
- In order to prevent overcrowding in the beach area, its capacity is determined according to social distancing and size. Capacity information is posted at the beach entrance. Measures are taken to prevent more guests than the capacity from using the area.
- No fabric cushion pads are to be used on sun loungers. If washable/wipeable cushion pads are used, they are to be cleaned after each guest usage.
- Social distancing is taken into consideration when using changing cabins. Cabins are cleaned after each use.
- People should be encouraged to bring/use their own beach towels. Towels are provided to guests who do not bring their own, in bags or by a staff member. Towels and similar textile products are washed at least 60 degrees.
- Drinks cabinets and seats are cleaned and disinfected frequently. In addition, hand sanitiser is kept easily accessible.
- If cafe and restaurant services are provided, they operate according to the previously determined rules regarding these sectors.
- Group activities are not held. Water sports activities can be done individually or as a family with spouses and children. Those staying in the same room can do sports together, provided that the reservation and follow-up is made through the room number in the hotels.
- After sports equipment and vehicles have been used, all kinds of materials and equipment should be cleaned with water and detergent, and frequently touched surfaces should be disinfected.
- Boats used for paragliding and similar individual water sports are used at half capacity, including staff.
- Tanks, balance vests, life jackets and similar equipment used in underwater and above-water sports activities for tourism purposes are only used by one person during the activity and disinfected after use.

- The entrance doors to toilet areas should be changed into automatic door systems. If this is not possible, the handles of the entrance doors to the toilet area are to be frequently disinfected.
- The floors of toilets, toilet bowls, urinals, sinks, taps and tap heads, and door handles are to be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- Posters on hand hygiene and hand washing are to be hung in the toilet entrances.
- The cleaning hours of toilets and sinks must be recorded and posted visibly.
- There should always be liquid soap, toilet paper and paper towels kept in toilets. Air hand dryers are not to be used.

## **Annex 3**

### **Contact Home Quarantine Criteria**

1. In order to implement home quarantine, there must be a separate room, toilet and bathroom belonging to the person in such a way that there is no contact with other individuals in the house (residences, dormitories, lodgings, etc.). Otherwise, other non-contact individuals must stay in another residence.

In cases where these conditions are not met, the contact person is placed in hotel quarantine.

1. Quarantine is not allowed in the same home if there is an individual living in the home who is > 65 years old and/or has risk factors that may cause severe Covid-19.
2. People living in communal areas (lodgings, dormitories, barracks, etc.) and who have to use common areas cannot be included in the home quarantine scheme. Home quarantine is applied in institutions that can fulfil the conditions in point 1.

In cases where these conditions are not met, the contact person is placed in hotel quarantine.

1. If there is more than one contact person living in the same home, home quarantine is applied in homes that meet the conditions in article 1. If the conditions of the home do not comply with article 1, then home quarantine is applied if individuals have the opportunity to stay in a separate home.

In cases where these conditions are not met, the contact person is placed in hotel quarantine.

1. If contact person is under 18 years of age, home quarantine is applied accompanied by a parent and if the conditions in point 1 can be fulfilled. If the conditions of the home do not comply with point 1, then home quarantine is applied if individuals have the opportunity to stay in a separate home.

In cases where both of these conditions are not met, the contact person is placed in hotel quarantine with a parent.

1. Home quarantine is applied for a contact who is dependent on someone else's care. The person who will provide their care will try to meet the conditions in the point 1. The caregiver must also comply with home quarantine rules. They cannot accept visitors to the home.
1. Hotel quarantine is applied to people who do not wear wristbands in the wristband application or who cannot wear wristbands for any reason.

Home quarantine means the contacts live without leaving the home and without coming into contact with other people in the home. Home quarantine begins when the first PCR test result after the last contact date is negative. It ends when the PCR test taken on the 10th day after the last contact date is negative. The day after the last contact date is considered the first day.

\*\* An important reason for quarantine is that you may be infected, even though you show no symptoms of disease.

A person who does not know that are ill or has caught the virus without feeling any symptoms, can transmit the disease to others. Quarantine helps prevent the spread of the disease.

### **Things to consider during home quarantine;**

1. Quarantine covers the 10 days after the last contact date. Home quarantine is 7 days for people who are double vaccinated and who had the second dose of vaccination more than 14 days ago.
2. Absolutely no visitors are allowed in the home. Family members are not to enter the room where the contact person is.
3. To increase air circulation, the room is to be ventilated by opening a window for at least 15 minutes occasionally.
4. If possible, plates, spoons, forks, etc. that will be used by the contact person should be disposable. If this is not possible, they should be washed in a dishwasher or with gloves at high temperatures.
5. The textile used by the contact person such as clothes, towels and sheets are to be washed with detergent at 60-90°C.
6. If the contact person has a positive COVID-19 test, the areas where the person is located are to be disinfected. The disinfection is to be done with 1% diluted bleach (1 small tea glass of bleach into 10 litres of water).
7. The contact person should call 1102 and provide information inform when they feel any symptoms (fever, cough, weakness, headache, etc.).

## **Annex 4 HOME ISOLATION OF COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENTS**

### **Required home conditions**

1 Covid-19 positive patients must stay in a separate home for them to be placed in home quarantine.

2- If the person is in need of care or under 18, they can be placed in home quarantine with their carer or a parent or a person legally responsible, provided that there is a separate home.

3- A Covid-19 positive person placed in home quarantine will be monitored with a wristband. They cannot leave the home during quarantine (they can only leave in the case of an emergency, with the knowledge of the quarantine centre).

4- Absolutely no visitors are allowed into a home where a Covid-19 positive person has been placed in quarantine.

## **HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK**

1- A person is called by Ministry of Health personnel and informed that their test is positive.

2- They are told they should not go to another test centre to repeat the test, and not increase transmission.

3- They will come to the Pandemic Hospital at the time they are told, where they will be assessed and a decision that they will be monitored at home or in hospital will be made accordingly. Details are obtained about their close contacts at home, work and in social activities.

4- If it is decided that the person should be monitored at home as a result of the assessment made at the hospital, a wristband is fitted to the patient and they are sent to their home. They are informed of a telephone number to be contacted if they are any problems.

5- On the 10th day of home monitoring, patients are given an appointment and a PCR check is performed. If the test result is negative, home quarantine is ended or if it is positive, the test is repeated 3 days later.

6- If a positive person has shortness of breath, chest pain and an increase in existing symptoms (fever, cough, fatigue, headache, etc.) they should provide information by calling 1102.

**Note** If a Covid-19 positive person has not entered quarantine alone because they are a child or in need of care, or for a similar reason, when the patient's test becomes negative, a PCR test is also performed on the carer. If the carer's test is negative, the carer is then placed in contact quarantine for 10 days.