

## REVISED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/MEASURES (11.09.2021)

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### THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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

- **Criminal proceedings will be launched in accordance with Article 43 (6) of the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018 in the case of non-compliance with the rules decided by the Communicable Diseases High Committee and listed below.**
- **The rules to be implemented will be overseen by the District Police Boards, municipalities and the Police General Directorate.**

#### WEEKLY COVID-19 DATA TABLES (08.09.2021)

##### COMPARISON TABLE

	31.08.2021	07.09.2021	Change
Total number of cases	1,110	984	<b>-11.35%</b>
Number of local cases	913	780	<b>-14.57%</b>
Became positive in quarantine	172	182	<b>5.81%</b>
Cases from abroad	25	23	<b>-8.00%</b>
Number of cases per 100,000	290.58	257.9	<b>-11.35%</b>
Local cases per 100,000	238.48	203,74	<b>-14.57%</b>
Number of tests	108,688	73,444	<b>-32.43%</b>
Test positivity rate	1.02%	1.34%	<b>31.37%</b>
Being treated in hospital	116	139	<b>19.83%</b>
Being treated in intensive care	19	14	<b>-26.32%</b>
Intensive care rate	0.89%	0.83%	<b>-6.74%</b>
Number of active cases	2,126	1,942	<b>-8.65%</b>
Number of cases who passed away	12	7	<b>-41.67%</b>

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

	31.08.2021	07.09.2021	Change
TRNC GENERAL	41.4	36.7	<b>-11.35%</b>
LEFKOŞA	54.6	44.5	<b>-18.50%</b>
GAZİMAĞUSA	34.0	33.7	<b>-0.88%</b>
GİRNE	43.7	38.8	<b>-11.21%</b>
İSKELE	12.3	19.7	<b>60.16%</b>
GÜZELYURT	23.2	18.5	<b>-20.26%</b>
LEFKE	20.3	14.2	<b>-30.05%</b>

## DECISIONS

1. **People who will enter our country via air-sea routes and from outside the island using the land border crossings, taking into account the country entry criteria (pre-departure negative PCR test result from the last 72 hours), can fill in the passenger form at the address [adapass.gov.ct.tr](http://adapass.gov.ct.tr) and can enter the island with the QR code to be obtained. People who do not perform this process will be able to enter with the required documents up until 27/09/2021. People who will enter the country by obtaining a QR code will benefit from the opportunity for fast-track passage.**

1. **Those entering the site:**

**-TRNC citizens' "ADAPASS"**

**-Turkish citizens' "HEALTHPASS"**

**-EU citizens' "GREENPASS"**

**-UK citizens' "NHS QR Code Document"**

**As the added documents will be checked upon entry to the country, people should carry them with them.**

**- Citizens of other countries are required to attach their valid PCR test results and/or vaccination cards to the specified section of the application.**

**This practice will be mandatory for those aged 18 and over.**

## 1. A) 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 latest table regarding country colour codes and entry criteria will take effect from the first Monday after they have been published by our committee.**

KOYU KIRMIZI (DARK RED)		KIRMIZI (RED)	TURUNCU (ORANGE)		YEŞİL (GREEN)	GRİ (GREY)	
Argentina	Guinea	Andorra	Albania	Latvia	Hungary	Afghanistan	Macao SAR
Aruba	Guinea-Bissau	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Lebanon	New Zealand	Algeria	Maldives
Bahamas	Honduras	Egypt	Austria	Liechtenstein	Poland	Angola	Mali
Bangladesh	India	Georgia	<b>Bahrain</b>	Lithuania	Romania	Anguilla	Martinique
Barbados	Jamaica	Gibraltar	Belarus	Luxembourg	Singapore	Antigua and Barbuda	Mauritania
Benin	Kenya	Guernsey	Belgium	<b>Malta</b>	Slovakia	Armenia	Montenegro
Bolivia	Madagascar	Iceland	Bhutan	Mauritius	Czechia	Belize	Morocco
Botswana	Malawi	Iran	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Moldova		Bermuda	Myanmar
Brazil	Mexico	Iraq	Brunei	Monaco		Cambodia	Nicaragua
British Virgin Islands	Mozambique	Ireland	Bulgaria	Netherlands		Chad	Oman
Burkina Faso	Namibia	Isle of Man	Canada	Norway		China (mainland)	Pakistan
Burundi	Nepal	Kazakhstan	Croatia	<b>Portugal</b>		Cuba	Saint Barthelemy
Cabo Verde	New Caledonia	Kosovo	Denmark	Qatar		Curacao	San Marino
Cameroon	Niger	Malaysia	Estonia	Saudi Arabia		Ecuador	Sao Tome and Principe
Cayman Islands	Nigeria	Mongolia	Faroe Islands	Serbia		Eswatini	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Panama	<b>North Cyprus</b>	Finland	Slovenia		Falkland Islands	St. Kitts and Nevis
Chile	Papua New Guinea	North Macedonia	<b>France</b>	South Korea		Grenada	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Colombia	Paraguay	Philippines	Germany	Sweden		Guadeloupe	Syria
Congo	Peru	Reunion	Greece	<b>Switzerland</b>		Guyana	Taiwan
Congo (DRC)	Rwanda	Russia	Greenland	Turkey		Haiti	Tajikistan
Costa Rica	Senegal	Sint Maarten	<b>Israel</b>	Ukraine		Hong Kong SAR	Thailand
Cote d'Ivoire	Seychelles	South Cyprus	Italy	United Arab Emirates		Indonesia	Timor-Leste
Djibouti	Sierra Leone	Spain	Japan	United Kingdom		Jersey	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Somalia	Tunisia	Jordan			Kuwait	Uzbekistan
Dominican Republic	South Africa	United States				Kyrgyzstan	Venezuela
El Salvador	Sri Lanka					Laos	Vietnam
Equatorial Guinea	St. Lucia					Liberia	Palestine
Eritrea	Sudan					Libya	Yemen
Ethiopia	Suriname						
Fiji	Tanzania						
French Guiana	Togo						
French Polynesia	Trinidad and Tobago						
Gabon	Turks and Caicos Islands						
Gambia, The	Uganda						
Ghana	Uruguay						
Guatemala	Zambia						
	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.
- People who will come from Dark Red Countries with a student certificate to be notified by the National Education and Culture Ministry or to register as a new student will be able to enter the country on the condition that they spend 14 days in central quarantine.
- Workers who already have a work permit (their spouse and children included) and who request to come to our country will be able enter the country on the condition that they spend 14 days in quarantine.

### ***RED;***

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

Covid-19 tests will be performed at all entry gates to people coming from these countries regardless of whether they have been vaccinated.

### ***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.

Covid-19 tests will be performed at all entry gates only to unvaccinated people coming from these countries.

### ***GREEN;***

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

Covid-19 tests will not be performed at the gates on people coming from these countries.

**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.

**1 C) GENERAL RULES;**

- **VACCINATED PEOPLE:** Who have completed the vaccination programme. **From 14 days after the last dose.**
  - SINOVAC: 2 DOSES
  - 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 Covid-19 disease and six months have passed will be considered as vaccinated if they have 1 dose of vaccine.
- **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.

## 1. 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)

\*People requesting to come to our country from Orange-Green Colour Category Countries via South Cyprus will be processed according to the country entry criteria stated above in “1 B”. However, people coming from Orange-Green Colour Category countries and staying in South Cyprus for more than 10 days will be processed within the scope of the Inland Border Crossing rules if they wish to cross into our country.

\* The inland border crossing rule will apply to people who have come to South Cyprus, *except for those who have come from dark red and grey 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. ADA (ISLAND) PASS

The Adapass is a system that will electronically check the test and vaccination status of people entering businesses specified by the Communicable Diseases High Committee. The criteria determined by the Communicable Diseases High Committee will be incorporated into the relevant system. A person's Ada code that they will obtain from the Adapass system will be checked before entering the specified venues/activities/sectors/events. If a person's required vaccination certificate and PCR tests are sufficient for the venues/activities/sectors according to the rule determined and loaded on to the Adapass system then entry approval is given.

**The Adapass check for people who will enter venues/activities/sectors/events will be used in all districts.**

After registering at [adapass.gov.ct.tr/company/register](https://adapass.gov.ct.tr/company/register), the application will be opened with the business's email address and a password that will be forwarded to them by SMS.

Those venues/activities/sectors/events specified below who have not registered are required to register at the [adapass.gov.ct.tr/company/register](https://adapass.gov.ct.tr/company/register) website.

**Sectors:** Bars and clubs, taverns, cafes, restaurants, supermarkets, internet cafes, betting shops, night clubs, barber shops, hairdressers, beauty parlours, massage parlours, tattoo shops, sectors that will hold collective events, stores-boutiques, cinema-theatre halls, concerts-exhibitions, indoor sports halls, indoor swimming pools, hotels, casinos, youth camps, wedding-engagement-circumcision ceremonies, bingo, indoor children's play areas, places of worship

Note: Sectors not mentioned above can opt in by registering at the [adapass.gov.ct.tr](https://adapass.gov.ct.tr) address.

- **The Adapass check will be mandatory for those aged 18 and above.**



- **THE VACCINE AND PCR CRITERIA OF PEOPLE WHO WILL ENTER VENUES/SECTORS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS THAT WILL BE CHECKED WITH THE ADAPASS SYSTEM ARE STATED IN THE TABLE BELOW.**

<b>VACCINATED: NO TEST</b>	<b>VACCINATED: 7 DAY PCR/ANTIGEN</b>	<b>VACCINATED: 7 DAY PCR/ANTIGEN</b>
<b>UNV</b>	<b>UN</b>	<b>UN</b>
<b>VACCINATED: 72 HOUR PCR/ANTIGEN</b>	<b>VACCINATED: 72 HOUR PCR/ANTIGEN</b>	<b>VACCINATED: NO ENTRY</b>
<b>AdaPass TIER 1</b>	<b>AdaPass TIER II</b>	<b>AdaPass TIER III</b>
<i>RESTAURANTS, TAVERNS, PATISERRIES, CAFES</i>	<i>HOTELS</i>	<i>CASINOS</i>
<i>BARBER</i>	<i>BOXING / WRESTLING</i>	<i>BARS/ CLUBS</i>
<i>SHOPS/HAIRDRESSERS, BEAUTY SALONS</i>	<i>TRAINING</i>	
<i>PLACES OF WORSHIP</i>	<i>OUTDOOR TEAM SPORTS AREAS</i>	<i>INDOOR FITNESS HALLS</i>
<i>INTERNET CAFES</i>	<i>YOUTH CAMPS</i>	<i>STADIUMS</i>
<i>BETTING SHOPS</i>	<i>WEDDINGS ( WITH FOOD-COCKTAIL)</i>	<i>INDOOR TEAM SPORTS AREAS</i>
<i>COFFEE SHOPS/COFFEE HOUSES</i>	<i>GROUP DANCES / CEREMONIES / MUSIC</i>	<i>NIGHT CLUBS</i>
<i>SWIMMING POOLS</i>		
<i>SUPERMARKETS/ SHOPPING CENTRES</i>		
<i>RETAIL STORES</i>		
<i>BANKS</i>		
<i>CONCERTS / THEATRES / EXHIBITIONS</i>		
<i>GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS</i>		
<i>CONGRESSES</i>		
<i>STATE OFFICES</i>		
<i>CINEMAS</i>		
<i>COURTS</i>		

**NOTE: “AdaPass TIER III” specified in the table above will come into effect from 13.09.2021 onwards. People who will enter the specified**

sectors/venues/activities/events in this category will enter according to the criteria of “AdaPass TIER III” from 13.09.2021 onwards.

- The Adapass check will be mandatory for those aged 18 and above.
1. People working in the sectors operating in our country and listed below will repeat their antigen tests once every 14 days if they are vaccinated and once every 7 days if they are not vaccinated.

**TABLE: TESTS THAT SECTOR WORKERS MUST HAVE**

<b>ANTIGEN TEST (VACCINATED ONCE EVERY 14 DAYS) (UNVACCINATED ONCE EVERY 7 DAYS)</b>	
<i>HOTEL STAFF</i>	<i>SCHOOL STAFF</i>
<i>CASINO STAFF</i>	<i>SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE STAFF</i>
<i>MUSICIANS</i>	<i>MARKETS / STORE STAFF AND SUPPLIERS</i>
<i>BAR / CLUB STAFF</i>	<i>BARBER / HAIRDRESSER/BEAUTY PARLOUR/TATTOO SHOP STAFF</i>
<i>CINEMA STAFF</i>	<i>RESTAURANT STAFF</i>
<i>THOSE WHO DO TEAM SPORTS</i>	<i>CAFÉ STAFF</i>
<i>THOSE WHO DO SWIMMING SPORTS</i>	<i>TAVERN STAFF</i>
<i>INDOOR SPORTS HALL STAFF</i>	<i>PATISSERIE STAFF</i>
<i>INDOOR CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA STAFF</i>	<i>COFFEE SHOP / COFFEE HOUSE STAFF</i>
<i>ENTERTAINMENT/CONCERTS AND SIMILAR EVENT STAFF</i>	<i>BANK STAFF</i>
<i>NIGHT CLUB STAFF</i>	<i>PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS</i>
<i>CARE HOME STAFF</i>	<i>OFFICE WORKERS</i>
<i>SEA / CRUISE BOAT WORKERS</i>	
<i>THOSE WHO STAY IN WORKER ACCOMMODATION / LODGINGS</i>	
<i>PRODUCTION / FACTORY STAFF</i>	
<i>PUBLIC TRANSPORT STAFF</i>	
<i>STAFF AT PLACES OF WORSHIP</i>	
<i>INTERNET CAFÉ STAFF</i>	
<i>BETTING SHOP STAFF</i>	
<i>BOXING, WRESTLING, CLOSE COMBAT SPORTSPEOPLE</i>	
<i>BEACH/POOL STAFF</i>	

1. It is mandatory to comply with the mask and social distance rule in all indoor and outdoor areas. People will be received so that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> in outdoor areas and one person per 3m<sup>2</sup> in indoor areas.
1. All businesses will make arrangements so that the total number of customers and employees will be a maximum of 1 person per 3m<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.
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 and who do not provide an address of residence in our country will stay in central quarantine in designated central quarantine hotels for 5 to 14 days, depending on the colour code of the country they came from.

People who do not comply with the home quarantine rules will be sent to central quarantine and will pay for their own quarantine fees.

1. People who have had contact with a Covid-19 positive person who require quarantine, will be subject to quarantine. If the PCR test result to be obtained from the contacts are negative, the isolation period will be ended at the end of 10 days for unvaccinated people, and at the end of 7 days for double vaccinated people. 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 will be able to spend their quarantine period at their home with a wristband according to the conditions set out in Annex 4, if it is deemed appropriate.
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.

## **EDUCATION**

1. The continuity of education is of great importance in society. The closure of schools can only be considered in situations where community transmission cannot be brought under control. When national publications and guides on education in the world are examined, it has been observed that schools do not act as a centre for community transmission and do not increase the risk of infection in the country. When the studies and guides are examined, it is deemed appropriate to open the special education, pre-school, primary and secondary education 2021-2022 Academic Year on a full-time basis within the scope of the measures listed below.

Each school is responsible for setting up a “School Pandemic Committee”. This committee will work in coordination with the Ministry of Health and will consist of at least 2 people. (2 people for up to 250 students, and +1 person for every 250-plus students.) The contact details of the responsible person of the committee formed should be forwarded to the Ministry of Health. The Communicable Diseases High Committee will hold meetings with Pandemic Committee representatives determined by the National Education and Culture Ministry to assess the situation at least once a month.

### **A) Transportation**

- Students, drivers and supervisors will wear masks on school buses.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance to school buses.
- Supervisors on school buses will ask students about symptoms. Students with symptoms such as a fever, sore throat, cough, etc., will not be allowed on the bus.
- School pandemic committees will be responsible for the disinfection of transport vehicles and the follow-up and inspection of other transport-related measures.
- Students who are taken to school buses will be seated in the same seat every day.

### **B) Mask**

- It is mandatory for all school staff (including transport staff) to wear masks.
- Students aged 6 and over will be required to wear masks. It is recommended that students aged 2-6 wear masks in the classroom and in indoor areas.
- Training on the use of masks will be provided by the School Pandemic Committees.
- Students who wear fabric masks are required to wash their masks every day.

### **C) Entry-Exit**

- Attendants will be determined by the school management or the School Pandemic Committees to avoid congestion at school entrances and exits. Entry and exit will be provided by observing social distance.

### **D) The classroom**

- Those who work in the classroom and students aged 6 and over are required to wear a mask. It is recommended that pupils aged between 2-6 wear a mask.

- Social distancing must be maintained as much as possible in the classroom (particularly in classes for pupils aged between 2-6).

- Classrooms must be ventilated and disinfection rules must be followed.

- Classroom teachers will ask students about symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, etc. at the classroom entrance. Students with symptoms will be sent home.

### **E) Disinfection**

- Training on hand disinfection will be provided by School Pandemic Committees.

- Hand sanitiser should be placed in areas deemed appropriate by the school administration (canteen, dining hall, etc.).

- The disinfection procedures specified in the booklet prepared by the Ministry of National Education and Culture must be followed.

- Disinfection within the school will be inspected by the School Pandemic Committees.

### **F) Break times**

- Classes should take turns for breaks in order to prevent crowding during break times.

- The necessary arrangements should be made by the school administration in order to prevent crowding in the canteens.

- Classes should rotate their meal times in order to prevent crowding in the dining halls.

### **G) Common Use Areas**

- Toilets in the school will be disinfected frequently.

- Masks will always be worn in the teachers' room, which is used as a common use area, and the social distance rule will be observed.

- The teachers' room, which is used as a common area, needs to be ventilated and disinfected frequently.

- School Pandemic Committees will be responsible for the supervision of common areas within the school.

### **H) Events**

- If there is any collective activity in a school, mask and social distance rules will be observed. These activities will be carried out by minimising the interaction between classes.

### **I) Illness**

- Parents should be warned not to send children with symptoms such as a cough, loss of taste and smell, sore throat, etc., to school.

### **J) Covid-19 Positive Patient and Contact**

- The follow-up of Covid-19 positive patients and contacts will be managed in consultation with the School Pandemic Committees established in each school and the Ministry of Health contact team.

### **K) Tests**

- People working at schools will repeat their antigen tests once every 14 days if they are vaccinated, and once every 7 days if they are unvaccinated.

- Children who have reached 12 years of age will have antigen tests once every 7 days.
- Random tests will be conducted by the Ministry of Health on school staff and students.

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

1. Higher Education Institutions can be opened within the scope of plans to be made by the Ministry of National Education and Culture. Each university will establish its own School Pandemic Committee. Students coming from abroad will be able to enter based on the specified country entry criteria.

People who will come from Dark Red Countries with a student certificate to be notified by the National Education and Culture Ministry or to register as a new student will be able to enter the country on the condition they spend 14 days in quarantine.

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 antigen tests from within the last 72 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.

## **ARTS**

1. The theatre/concert/exhibition works/rehearsals of professional artists will be held with a maximum of one third of the halls' capacity. People working in these sectors must wear masks. Social distancing and mask rules will be observed in the hall.

1. The number of people that can be accepted at any one time to group dances, ceremonies, music, concerts, bingo 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.

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. People working in these sectors must wear masks.

## **SPORT**

1. It has been deemed appropriate for non-contact, individual and outdoor sports activities and training and competitions with spectators (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 within the scope of social distancing rules.
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 working in swimming pools must wear masks. 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.
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.
1. Indoor sports halls (fitness, individual) can continue their activities by being regularly ventilated and observing the social distancing and hygiene rules. Staff are required to wear masks at all times.

1. It has been deemed appropriate that youth camps can be organised at half capacity by observing social distancing, mask and hygiene rules.

## TRANSPORTATION

1. Passengers will not be allowed to sit next to the drivers of buses, minibuses, taxis with “T permits”, touristic minibuses and permitted 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.

Vehicles must be ventilated during and after journeys. The driver and passengers in the vehicle will wear masks. Vehicles will be disinfected after each journey.

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, passengers can enter via both ports according to the overseas entry criteria in Decision 1.

## TOURISM

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.
1. People who will come to our country on charter flights will be processed according to the specified country category criteria. However, if these people request to enter indoor hotel tourism hotels, they can go to hotels providing indoor tourism with a wristband regardless of whether or not they are vaccinated. Vaccinated/unvaccinated people who will come for indoor hotel tourism can come on scheduled or charter flights.

Unvaccinated people who will enter closed hotel tourism should repeat their tests on the 5<sup>th</sup> day if they stay more than 5 days.

It is forbidden for TRNC citizens to come to hotels in indoor hotel tourism. (However, dual nationals can enter with by submitting a residence address in



another country. In the event these people do not comply with the specified rules, they will be placed in central quarantine.)

Hotels that want to continue with indoor tourism must not accept any customers from outside (locals or tourists) for accommodation or for the purpose of using the areas located within the hotel such as restaurants, cafes, beaches, etc. The indoor tourism practice will end on 30/09/2021.

1. People entering casinos are required to be vaccinated. Unvaccinated customers will not be accepted. Masks will be worn and social distancing rules observed during the time spent in the hall.

## SECTORS

1. A maximum of one third of the indoor areas of restaurants, patisseries, cafes, taverns coffee shops, coffee houses, cafeterias and clubhouses will be used. Tables must be placed 2 metres apart.
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.
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.
1. People who will enter our country for IVF treatment will be dealt with according 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 or antigen test results from the last 72 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.
1. One third of the indoor areas of betting shops will be able to be operated. Food will not be served at betting shops.

1. People who will work in night clubs will be evaluated upon entry according to the criteria of the country they have arrived from.

## **ENTERTAINMENT/EVENTS**

1. 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 48 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>. No more than 250 people will be admitted to the area at any one time regardless of the size of the area.
  - Close-distance games, dances and halay dances that would breach social distancing will not be performed at weddings.

## **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.
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.

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

<b>COVID-19 Activity Risks</b>	
<p><b>Low risk activities</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Medium risk activities</b></p>	<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> <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>
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<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/antigen 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>• Testing of people who fit the case definition</li> </ul>
Orange(10-24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly PCR/antigen 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</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</li> </ul>

	nursing homes for the elderly, lodgings, dormitories, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	days for medium-risk activities for unvaccinated individuals
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.*

## 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 for vaccinated people when the PCR test taken on the 7th day after the last contact date is negative, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the last contact date is negative for unvaccinated people. 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. For home quarantine to be applied to positive people, there must be a separate room, toilet and bathroom belonging to the person in a way that there will be no contact with other individuals in the home (house, dormitory, lodgings, etc).
2. 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). Otherwise the other individuals must stay in another residence.
3. 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.