

## REVISED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/MEASURES (19.11.2021)

### 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 (17.11.2021)

##### COMPARISON TABLE

	9.11.2021	16.11.2021	Change
Total number of cases	910	1,266	39.12%
Number of local cases	777	999	28.57%
Became positive in quarantine	123	254	106.50%
Cases from abroad	10	13	30.00%
Number of cases per 100,000	238.22	331.41	39.12%
Local cases per 100,000	202.96	260.95	28.57%
Number of tests	122,609	128,219	4.58%
Test positivity rate	0.74%	0.99%	33.78%
Being treated in hospital	36	80	122.22%
Being treated in intensive care	6	12	100.00%
Intensive care rate	0.43%	0.65%	51.16%
Number of active cases	1,411	1,859	31.75%
Number of cases who passed away	3	2	-33.33%

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

	9.11.2021	16.11.2021	Change
TRNC GENERAL	34.0	47.2	38.82%
LEFKOŞA	34.7	54.6	57.35%
GAZİMAĞUSA	36.5	52.5	43.84%
GİRNE	39.2	51.6	31.63%
İSKELE	22.7	21.7	-4.41%
GÜZELYURT	16.1	13.1	-18.63%
LEFKE	18.3	14.2	-22.40%

## DECISIONS

### ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

1. People coming to our country by sea-air routes and those coming from outside the island who enter by using the land border gates must fill in their digital travel documents and set up their records as stated below before travelling.

**AS OF 29.11.2021 DIGITAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS MUST BE FILLED IN WITHIN 72 HOURS BEFORE TRAVEL**

#### To create a digital travel document:

- It is mandatory to download the Stay Safe application from Apple Store or Android Market to your smart devices, create a Digital Travel Document from within the application, and keep this with you digitally upon entry.
- Those who do not have a smart device must fill out the Digital Travel Document at [www.guvendekalkkctc.com](http://www.guvendekalkkctc.com). They must keep the completed form with them as a printout when they enter the country.

People who will enter our country and who do not need to go into quarantine according to the country entry criteria, will create a Digital Travel Document from the "Travel Code Transactions" section of the "Stay Safe Application". **People aged between 6 and 12 who will enter our country will also create a Digital Travel Document from this section.**

People who do have to go into quarantine according to the country entry criteria and who can provide an address in our country, will create a Digital Travel Document from the "**Wristband Transactions**" section of the "**Stay Safe Application**" (except those under 12 years old).

People who do not provide an address of residence in our country and who will stay in central quarantine in designated central quarantine hotels according to the colour codes of the country they come from will create a Digital Travel Document from the "**Travel Transactions Code**" section of the "**Stay Safe Application**".

Citizens of the Republic of Turkey can upload their HES codes, vaccination documents and PCR test results to the Digital Travel Document.

People who will enter the country can save their vaccination documents and PCR test results by using the cameras of their devices to scan the QR code on the vaccination documents and PCR test results with the QR reader in the application.

Creating a Digital Travel Document will be required for people aged 6 years and over.

Wristbands are not fitted to people under 12 years of age for the purpose of quarantine. People who will enter quarantine will go to their stipulated address of residence, with their own vehicles either alone or accompanied by a driver.

People who do not comply with the quarantine rules at their address of residence will be sent to central quarantine and will pay the quarantine fees themselves.

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 DATE OF 29.11.2021**.

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

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

***DARK RED;***

- People who have travelled to these countries in the last 14 days regardless of whether or not they have been vaccinated;
  - Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours.
  - 10 days quarantine
  - Covid-19 test to be performed at the end of quarantine.

***RED;***

- ***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.
  - 7 days quarantine.
  - Covid-19 test to be performed at the end of 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.
  - Covid-19 test to be performed at the end of quarantine.

***GREEN;***

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

**1 C) GENERAL RULES;**

- **VACCINATED PEOPLE:** Who have completed the vaccination programme. **From 14 days after the last dose.**
  - SINOVAQ: 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
  - NOVAVAX: 2 DOSES
- People will be considered vaccinated if they receive two different doses of the vaccines specified above.
  - People who have had the Covid-19 disease and received 1 dose of vaccine 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.

## INLAND BORDER CROSSING RULES

### 1. **Based on the results of the epidemiological assessment within the island, “LEVEL 3” rules will be applied at the crossings.**

- **Level 1** : No tests, no restrictions (A total of 0-74/100,000 people in 14 days)
- **Level 2** : No tests for vaccinated people, negative Antigen or PCR test once every 72 hours for unvaccinated people (A total of 75-499/100,000 people in 14 days)

Unvaccinated students under the age of 18 and people residing in Kato Pyrgos will be able to cross with a 7-day negative rapid antigen test or PCR test.

- **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 secondary education (middle and 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, VACCINATED PEOPLE who will come to our country from Orange

Colour Category countries who cannot submit a 72-hour PCR test, will be able to enter our country on the condition that they have a Covid-19 test at the land border gates.

\*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 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 Orange-Red countries will be able to cross for the day provided that they present a negative PCR/antigen test conducted within the last 72 hours.**

**ADA (ISLAND) PASS (TO CHECK IF A PERSON HAS COMPLETED THE VACCINE DOSE SERIES OR HAS A COVID-19 TEST RESULT FROM THE LAST 72 HOURS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE VACCINE)**

- 1. 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](http://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](http://adapass.gov.ct.tr/company/register) website.

**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.**

**VACCINATED: NO TEST**

**UNVACCINATED: 72 HOUR PCR/ANTIGEN AdaPass TIER I**

*OFFICES*

*BARBER SHOPS/HAIRDRESSERS, BEAUTY SALONS*

*PLACES OF WORSHIP*

*HOTELS*

*BOXING / WRESTLING TRAINING*

*OUTDOOR TEAM SPORTS AREAS*

**VACCINATED: 14 DAY PCR/ANTIGEN**

**UNVACCINATED: NO ENTRY**

**AdaPass TIER II**

*CASINOS*

*BARS/ CLUBS*

*INDOOR FITNESS HALLS*

*INDOOR AREAS OF COFFEE SHOPS/COFFEE HOUSES*

*CINEMAS*

<i>EXHIBITIONS</i>	<i>YOUTH CAMPS</i>	<i>STADIUMS</i>
<i>SWIMMING POOLS</i>	<i>GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS</i>	<i>INDOOR TEAM SPORTS AREAS</i>
<i>SUPERMARKETS/ SHOPPING CENTRES</i>	<i>CONGRESSES/RALLIES</i>	<i>NIGHT CLUBS</i>
<i>RETAIL STORES</i>	<i>STATE OFFICES</i>	<i>GROUP DANCES / CEREMONIES</i>
<i>BANKS</i>		<i>CONCERTS / THEATRES</i>
<i>INTERNET CAFES</i>		<i>WEDDINGS (WITH FOOD-COCKTAIL)</i>
<i>BETTING SHOPS</i>		<i>INDOOR AREAS OF RESTAURANTS, TAVERNS, PÂTISSERIES, CAFES</i>

- **PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE VACCINE DOSE SERIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER CASINOS, BARS/CLUBS, INDOOR FITNESS HALLS, STADIUMS, INDOOR TEAM SPORTS AREAS, NIGHT CLUBS, GROUP DANCES, CEREMONIES, CONCERTS, THEATRES, WEDDINGS (WITH FOOD-COCKTAIL), THE INDOOR AREAS OF RESTAURANTS/TAVERNS/PÂTISSERIES/CAFES, THE INDOOR AREAS OF COFFEE SHOPS/COFFEE HOUSES, AND CINEMAS.**
  - The Adapass check is mandatory for those aged 12 and above and should be done with an ID card
  - The Adapass check can be done with an Adapass card, vaccine card and test result document for the 12-18 age group.
  - There must be a responsible person at the entrances of the venues/activities/sectors/events specified above with the aim of actively performing Adpass checks
1. **People working in the sectors operating in our country and listed below will repeat their antigen tests once every 21 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 21 DAYS) (UNVACCINATED ONCE EVERY 7 DAYS)</b>	
<i>HOTEL STAFF</i>	<i>MARKETS / STORE STAFF AND SUPPLIERS</i>
<i>CASINO STAFF</i>	<i>BARBER / HAIRDRESSER/BEAUTY PARLOUR/TATTOO SHOP STAFF</i>
<i>MUSICIANS</i>	<i>RESTAURANT STAFF</i>
<i>BAR / CLUB STAFF</i>	<i>CAFÉ STAFF</i>
<i>CINEMA STAFF</i>	<i>TAVERN STAFF</i>
<i>THOSE WHO DO TEAM SPORTS</i>	<i>PÂTISSERIE STAFF</i>
<i>THOSE WHO DO SWIMMING SPORTS</i>	<i>COFFEE SHOP / COFFEE HOUSE STAFF</i>
<i>INDOOR SPORTS HALL STAFF</i>	<i>BANK STAFF</i>
<i>INDOOR CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA STAFF</i>	<i>PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS</i>
<i>ENTERTAINMENT/CONCERTS AND SIMILAR EVENT STAFF</i>	<i>OFFICE WORKERS</i>
<i>NIGHT CLUB STAFF</i>	<i>INTERNET CAFÉ STAFF</i>
<i>CARE HOME STAFF</i>	<i>BETTING SHOP STAFF</i>
<i>SEA / CRUISE BOAT WORKERS</i>	<i>BOXING, WRESTLING, CLOSE COMBAT SPORTSPEOPLE</i>
<i>THOSE WHO STAY IN WORKER ACCOMMODATION / LODGINGS</i>	<i>BEACH/POOL STAFF</i>
<i>PRODUCTION / FACTORY STAFF</i>	
<i>PUBLIC TRANSPORT STAFF</i>	
<i>STAFF AT PLACES OF WORSHIP</i>	



**Note: School staff and special education staff will continue to repeat their antigen tests once every 14 days if they are vaccinated and once every 7 days if they are not vaccinated.**

1. One person per 3m<sup>2</sup> will be allowed in indoor areas in all businesses. 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 who can be in the business at any one time, and place markings on the floor accordingly. Hygiene and disinfection conditions must be applied both inside the workplace and at entrances and exits. It is the responsibility of the workplace to take and implement these measures. As for outdoor areas, people will be received so that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>. It is mandatory to wear masks and comply with the social distance rule in all indoor and outdoor areas.
1. People who have had contact with a Covid-19 positive person as stated in Annex 1 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 1. People who are not recorded as a contact in the Contact Tracing Team database will not be legally accepted as a contact and thus an official document stating that they are a contact will not be issued to such people.

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.

## **PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES**

1. 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.
- Transportation companies and pandemic committees will be responsible for implementing these rules

### **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 (for screening purposes), and once every 7 days if they are unvaccinated.
- Screening tests are not mandatory for primary and pre-school students. However, an antigen test will be requested from a parent who lives in the same home as these students once every 21 days if they are vaccinated, and once every 7 days if they are not vaccinated.
- Students from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade onwards (6<sup>th</sup> grade classes included) will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.
- Random tests will be conducted by the Ministry of Health on school staff and students.

Apprentices will also be subject to the rules applied in the workplace where they will receive their education.

1. Higher Education Institutions will be opened within the framework of the plan and programme 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.

Higher Education Institutions will set up Pandemic Commissions. These commissions, provided that they take into account the mask, distance and hygiene rules, will create and implement pandemic action plans within the framework of the criteria determined by the National Education and Culture Ministry.

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.

1. Schools' Positive Case and Contact Protocol

- Symptoms must be checked before leaving home, boarding a bus and entering school. Those who show symptoms (teachers, workers or students) will be not be allowed into schools. They will be directed to take a test.
- If a student in the class shows symptoms, the student will be directed to take a test. If their test result is negative, they will return to school.
- If the student's test result is positive; all students in the class and teachers who have entered that class are sent home on the same day if possible, or on the next day, to have PCR test screening, and are sent home to be isolated at home until their test result comes out. The school pandemic board will forward the class list to its contact team
- School pandemic committees, administrators and headteachers are not authorised to close classrooms.
- If the PCR tests of 3 or more people from the same class are positive as a result of the screening in the classroom, the rest of the class will be considered close contacts and will be isolated at home for 7 days if vaccinated, 10 days if not

vaccinated. Students will continue with their education in the form of distance education for the period they are close contacts.

- Students will be able to return to school with a negative PCR test result at the end of the 7-10 day isolation period. During this process, people cannot individually decide whether they are close or distant contacts. The Ministry of Health's CONTACT TRACKING UNIT will decide on close contact or contact, and this will be reported to the class through the school administration or the school pandemic committee in line with the decision to be given.
- If at the end of the screening fewer than 3 people in the class have a positive PCR, the positive people and the close contacts determined by the Contact Tracking Unit will be sent to isolation and the rest of the class will continue their education at school by wearing masks and not coming into contact with other classes.
- If a teacher's PCR test is positive, the close contacts determined by the Contact Tracking Unit will be directed to take a PCR test.
- Contacts showing symptoms of Covid-19 during isolation will report the situation to 1102.

## **SPORT**

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.
1. Indoor sports halls (fitness, individual) can continue their activities by being regularly ventilated and observing the social distancing and hygiene rules. Only vaccinated people will be allowed into indoor sports halls (gyms). Staff are required to wear masks at all times.
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, one-third of the area will be used.

## **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.  
Vaccinated people (including those who have had their first dose but whose time for their second dose has not yet come) aged 12 and over who use public transport will present their Adapass/vaccine card before travelling.  
Unvaccinated people will present a PCR/antigen test from the last 72 hours.

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. It has been deemed necessary to accept passengers on sea journeys to our country with a maximum of 4 journeys per day and 350 people (excluding soldiers) per journey.

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.

1. If the test period of double-vaccinated flight crew members on duty on planes who come to our country by air exceeds 72 hours, then they will be able to enter on the condition that their antigen tests to be performed at the airport are negative.

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

## **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. Unvaccinated people will not be admitted into the indoor areas of the specified sectors.

1. The bistro tables of bars and clubs will 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>, and one person per 3m<sup>2</sup> for indoor areas. Unvaccinated people will not be allowed in.
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. Unvaccinated people will not be allowed into night clubs.
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 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.

## **ENTERTAINMENT/EVENTS**

1. If engagements, weddings, wedding ceremonies, circumcision ceremonies, and pre-wedding parties are held outdoors then guests will be accepted so that there is one person per 2m<sup>2</sup>, and if they are held indoors one person per 3m<sup>2</sup>. Unvaccinated people will not be admitted to weddings that have food/cocktails.
- The ceremony owners 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. Close-distance games, dances and halay dances that would breach social distancing will not be performed.

1. People will be allowed into group dances, ceremonies, music, concerts, and similar shows and events 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. The number of people determined that can be in the area at any one time will be admitted. Unvaccinated people will not be admitted to the specified activities.
1. People will be allowed into cinemas, indoor concerts and theatres on the basis that half of the auditorium is used and that there is no eating and drinking in the auditoriums. Unvaccinated people will not be admitted. People working in these sectors must wear masks.

## **OTHER**

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. 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. **Home visits have been stopped and it is forbidden for more than 10 family members to gather together.**
1. **From 06 December 2021 onwards, people who have had the:**

**-COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech)**

**-VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford)vaccines and 6 months have passed since their**

- **CORONAVAC (Sinovac) vaccine and 3 months have passed since their**

**COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson vaccine and 3 months have passed**

**will be regarded as unvaccinated people within the country and have their Adapasses cancelled if they do not have their 3rd dose vaccines**



## 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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Average number of daily cases per 100k people	Workplace workers	Those who will perform the activity
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 to unvaccinated people.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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.*

## Annex 1 CONTACT EVALUATION CRITERIA

### Close Contact (High Risk)

People who have had contact with a COVID-19 patient without taking protective measures (**without a mask or improper use of a mask**) are considered **high-risk contacts** in the situations below. People who have been with the COVID-19 patient within the two-day period before the onset of symptoms or, if the patient is asymptomatic, within the two-day period before the COVID-19 positive diagnosis date, are considered close contacts.

- People living in the same house as a COVID-19 patient,
- People providing direct care to a COVID-19 patient,
- People who have been face-to-face (talking, eating/drinking, etc.) with a COVID-19 patient for more than 15 minutes in one go, at a distance of less than 2 metres,
- People who are face-to-face (talking, eating/drinking, etc.) for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period (for example, three separate periods of 5 minutes or more in total in one day) at a distance of less than 2 metres from a COVID-19 patient,
- Those who live in the same room in a house/dormitory as a COVID-19 patient,
- Students and teachers sharing the same classroom as a student/teacher with COVID-19,

- People who have been in physical contact with a COVID-19 patient (e.g. kissing, embracing, hugging, etc.),
- People who have been in unprotected contact with the secretions (saliva, sputum, etc.) of a COVID-19 patient or in situations such as a sneezing-coughing of a COVID-19 patient,
- People who have been in the same indoor environment as a COVID-19 patient for more than 15 minutes, regardless of the 2-metre distance rule (people who work in the same office with the COVID-19 patient, people sharing the same room in a dormitory or hotel, people traveling in the same vehicle, etc.) ,
- Passengers traveling on the same plane with a COVID-19 patient from sitting in the two seats in front, the two behind, and the two behind (if the person is sitting by the aisle, the closest people sitting in the front and rear diagonal seats are also regarded as contacts).

Close contacts stay in quarantine for 7 days if they are vaccinated, and 10 days if they are unvaccinated, based on the last contact date. The last contact date of close contacts is considered as day 0. If COVID-19 symptoms develop in close contacts during the follow-up period, samples are taken by the filiation teams. A control PCR is performed on the 7th day if vaccinated and on the 10th day if unvaccinated for close contacts and those who do not develop symptoms during the follow-up period. The quarantine of close contacts is terminated based on the negative test result of the 7th and 10th days.

### **Remote Contact (Low Risk)**

People who have been in contact with a COVID-19 patient while taking protective measures (**by wearing a mask that covers the mouth and nose**) are considered **low-risk contacts** in the situations below.

- People who have been wearing a mask for more than 15 minutes in the same **well-ventilated** indoor environment as a COVID-19 patient,
- Students and teachers sharing the same classroom with a student/teacher with COVID-19,
- People without a mask who have been with a COVID-19 patient in the same indoor environment for less than 15 minutes and more than 2 metres away.

These people are informed that they should continue to work with a mask and monitor themselves for 7 days in terms of COVID-19 symptoms. These people are asked to have a PCR done on the 7th day from the last contact date.

### **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 2 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 WORKS**

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.