

REVISED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/MEASURES (10.12.2021)

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 (08.12.2021) COMPARISON TABLE

	30.11.2021	7.12.2021	Change
Total number of cases	1,973	1,922	-2.58%
Number of local cases	1,543	1,574	2.01%
Became positive in quarantine	412	346	-16.02%
Cases from abroad	18	2	-88.89%
Number of cases per 100,000	516.79	503.14	-2.64%
Local cases per 100,000	403.04	411.14	2.01%
Number of tests	147,471	137,697	-6.63%
Test positivity rate	1.34%	1.40%	4.48%
Being treated in hospital	74	78	5.41%
Being treated in intensive care	24	21	-12.50%
Intensive care rate	0.74%	0.68%	-8.11%
Number of active cases	3,225	3,069	-4.84%
Number of cases who passed away	3	12	300.00%

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES PER 100,000 BY DISTRICT

	30.11.2021	7.12.2021	Change
TRNC GENERAL	73.6	71.7	-2.58%
LEFKOŞA	90.3	88.9	-1.55%
GAZİMAĞUSA	62.3	82.2	31.94%
GİRNE	76.2	53.2	-30.18%
İSKELE	61.1	60.6	-0.82%
GÜZELYURT	46.5	48.8	4.95%
LEFKE	32.5	33.5	3.08%

DECISIONS

ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

1. Everyone entering the TRNC by air-sea routes and from outside the island by using the land border gates must create a Digital Travel Document **within the last 72 hours before travel** from the Gvende Kal (Stay Safe) application or the TRNC entry form section of the www.guvendekalkkktc.com website.

To create a digital travel document:

- Those with a smart device must download the Gvende Kal (Stay Safe) application from Apple Store or Android Market to their smart devices and obtain a Digital Travel Document from within the application.
- Those without a smart device must fill in the Digital Travel Document from the www.guvendekalkkktc.com address. They must keep the completed form with them digitally or as a printout.

People who have to enter quarantine according to the country entry rules must create a Digital Travel Document from the "Wristband Transactions" step of the Gvende Kal (Stay Safe) application. This does not apply to **people under the age of 12**.

People who do not need to enter quarantine are required to create a Digital Travel Document from the "TRNC Entry Form" step of the Gvende Kal (Stay Safe) application". People **aged between 6 and 12** are also required to create a Digital Travel Document from this section.

When creating their Digital Travel Document, people who will enter the country are required to save their vaccination documents and pre-departure negative PCR test results obtained within the last 72 hours 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.

It will not be possible for passengers who do not fill in the "TRNC Entry Form" from the Gvende Kal (Stay Safe) application or the www.guvendekalkkktc.com web site and do not create a Digital Travel Document QR code to enter the TRNC.

Within the Digital Travel Document, citizens of the Republic of Turkey can automatically upload their digital vaccination documents and PCR test results into the form by entering their HES codes.

1. 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. Wristbands are not fitted to people under 12 years of age for the purpose of quarantine.

1. **A) COUNTRY COLOURS**

- The latest table regarding country colour codes and entry criteria will take effect from **the first Monday** after it is published

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

3 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.
- **Due to the newly announced OMICRON variant, entry to the country has been stopped (except for TRNC citizens) for people coming from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe or those who have travelled to these countries in the last 14 days. TRNC citizens coming from these countries or who have travelled to these countries within the last 14 days will be able to enter the country on the condition they stay in central quarantine for 14 days.**

RED;

- ***VACCINATED or HAVE HAD THE DISEASE;***
- Pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours.
- Quarantine-free entry
- **Covid-19 test to be performed 72 hours after entering the country**

- ***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.

3 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
 - 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.

- People who have not had their booster dose as specified in point 5 below will be considered as vaccinated people when entering the country. However, these people will be considered as unvaccinated in the country and will be classed as unvaccinated during the Adapass check in point 5.

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 CHECK

1. **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 72 HOUR PCR/ANTIGEN	VACCINATED: 14 DAY PCR/ANTIGEN UNVACCINATED: NO ENTRY
UNVACCINATED: AdaPass TIER I	AdaPass TIER II
<i>SUPERMARKETS/MARKETS</i>	<i>CASINOS</i> <i>INDOOR AREAS OF COFFEE SHOPS/COFFEEHOUSES</i>
<i>STATE OFFICES</i>	<i>BARS/ CLUBS</i> <i>CINEMAS</i>
<i>RETAIL STORES</i>	<i>INDOOR FITNESS HALLS</i> <i>GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS</i>
<i>BANKS</i>	<i>STADIUMS</i> <i>CONGRESSES/RALLIES</i>
<i>OUTDOOR TEAM SPORTS</i>	<i>INDOOR TEAM SPORTS</i> <i>YOUTH CAMPS</i>
	<i>BOXING / WRESTLING TRAINING</i> <i>BETTING SHOPS</i>
	<i>GROUP DANCES / CEREMONIES</i> <i>SHOPPING CENTRES</i>
	<i>SWIMMING POOLS</i> <i>INTERNET CAFES</i>
	<i>HOTELS</i> <i>BARBER SHOPS/HAIRDRESSERS, BEAUTY SALONS</i>
	<i>NIGHT CLUBS</i> <i>PLACES OF WORSHIP</i>
	<i>CONCERTS / THEATRES</i> <i>OFFICES</i>
	<i>WEDDINGS (WITH FOOD-COCKTAIL)</i> <i>EXHIBITIONS</i>
	<i>INDOOR AREAS OF RESTAURANTS, TAVERNS, PATISSERIES, CAFES</i>

- PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT HAD AT LEAST TWO DOSES OF VACCINE (SINGLE DOSE FOR JOHNSON & JOHNSON) ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING INDOOR AREAS. THESE PEOPLE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ENTER SUPERMARKETS/MARKETS, STATE OFFICES, RETAIL STORES, OUTDOOR TEAM SPORTS AND BANKS WITH A 72-HOUR NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST.
- 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

- People who have had the:
COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech)
VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford)vaccines and 6 months have passed since their MODERNA2nd dose;

CORONAVAC (Sinovac) vaccine and 3 months have passed since their 2nd dose;
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.

Note: People who have had the disease will continue to be regarded as vaccinated for up to 180 days.

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

ANTIGEN TEST (VACCINATED: ONCE EVERY 14 DAYS) (UNVACCINATED: ONCE EVERY 7 DAYS)	
<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>SCHOOL/SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE STAFF</i>
<i>PUBLIC TRANSPORT STAFF</i>	
<i>STAFF AT PLACES OF WORSHIP</i>	

1. **With the proposal of the Laboratory Committee, the Covid-19 tests used in our country (PCR/antigen tests) must have CE-IVD certificates.**

1. One person per 3m² will be allowed in indoor areas and one person per 2m² in outdoor areas in all businesses. 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. It is mandatory to wear masks and comply with the social distance rule in all indoor and outdoor areas.
 - People in internet cafes will be able to use the computers for a maximum of two hours.
 - Cinemas, indoor concerts and theatre halls will serve at half capacity and food will not be served.
 - Food will not be served in betting shops.

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.

Fully vaccinated health workers (including booster dose) who have been in contact with a Covid-19 positive person will continue working using their personal protective equipment. Health workers in this situation will have PCR tests on day zero, day five and day ten.

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 14 days if they are vaccinated, and once every 7 days if they are not vaccinated.
- Students from the 6th grade onwards (6th grade 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 be 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 7 days if they are vaccinated and from within the last 72 hours if they are unvaccinated.

- 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.
 - If students show no symptoms on the 11th day of their home follow-up, then their quarantine will be terminated. 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.
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- 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.

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.

OTHER RULES

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 2m², and if they are held indoors one person per 3m². 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. 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 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.
1. Home visits have been stopped and it is forbidden for more than 10 family members to gather together.

1. New Year events will only take place with the participation of vaccinated people. People will be admitted by adhering to the square-metre rules of outdoor and indoor areas. Unvaccinated people will not take part in these events. Accordingly, mass New Year parties will not take place at schools, offices and state departments.

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

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

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

Average number of daily cases per 100k people	Workplace workers	Those who will perform the activity
Green (<1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing of people who fit the case definition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing of people who fit the case definition
Yellow (1-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly PCR/antigen screening of high-risk activity workplaces • Weekly PCR/antigen screening in medium-risk activity workplaces • PCR/antigen screening in low-risk activity workplaces once every two weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing of people who fit the case definition
Orange(10-24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly PCR/antigen screening of high-risk activity workplaces • Weekly PCR/antigen screening in medium-risk activity workplaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR or antigen test from the last 72 hours for unvaccinated individuals.

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

**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 obtained on the 7th and 10th days. If the test results are positive then the wristband status is changed and the quarantine is continued.

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 in such a way that there is no contact with other individuals in the house (residences, dormitories, lodgings, etc.). If the same bath and toilet is used in the home then these places are disinfected after each use. Disinfection is done with bleach diluted to a rate of 1%. (1 small tea cup of bleach placed into 10 litres of water.)
2. 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.
3. People living in communal areas (lodgings, dormitories, barracks, etc.) and who have to use common areas cannot be included in the home quarantine scheme in such common areas. However, home quarantine is applied if the conditions in point 1 can be met.
4. If there is more than one contact person living in the same home, home quarantine is applied in homes that meet the conditions in point 1. If the conditions of the home do not comply with point 1, individuals stay in a separate home.
5. 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 individuals stay in a separate home.
6. Home quarantine is applied for a contact who is dependent on someone else's care. The caregiver must also comply with home quarantine rules. They cannot accept visitors to the home.

An important reason for quarantine is that you may be infected, even though you show no symptoms of the 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 fully vaccinated.
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 in a way that there will be no contact with other individuals in the home (house, dormitory, lodgings, etc). If the same bath and toilet is used in the home then these places are disinfected after each use. Disinfection is done with bleach diluted to a rate of 1%. (1 small tea cup of bleach placed into 10 litres of water.)
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 the Ministry of Health contact team and informed that their test is positive.
2. It is important not to go to another test centre to repeat the test in order not to increase transmission.
3. People called to hospital by the contact follow-up team, will come to the Pandemic Hospital to be assessed and told a decision will be made on whether they will be monitored at home or in hospital. Patients deemed suitable for home monitoring are fitted with a wristband and given a doctor's contact number. Details are obtained about their close contacts at home, work and in social activities.
4. If patients show no symptoms on the 11th day of home monitoring then their quarantine is terminated. If they show symptoms they must call the doctor's number given to them and provide information.

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, if the carer's test is negative, the carer is then placed in contact quarantine for seven days if vaccinated, 10 days if unvaccinated.