

## REVISED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/MEASURES (29.12.2021)

### 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 (29.12.2021)

##### COMPARISON TABLE

	<b>21.12.2021</b>	<b>28.12.2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total number of cases	1,131	1,269	<b>12.20%</b>
Number of local cases	869	1,031	<b>18.64%</b>
Became positive in quarantine	252	234	<b>-7.14%</b>
Cases from abroad	10	4	<b>-60.00%</b>
Number of cases per 100,000	296.07	332.20	<b>12.20%</b>
Local cases per 100,000	226.99	269.31	<b>18.64%</b>
Number of tests	131,362	129,010	<b>-1.79%</b>
Test positivity rate	0.86%	0.98%	<b>13.95%</b>
Being treated in hospital	55	41	<b>-25.45%</b>
Being treated in intensive care	16	10	<b>-37.50%</b>
Intensive care rate	0.67%	0.46%	<b>-31.34%</b>
Number of active cases	2,375	2,185	<b>-8.00%</b>
Number of cases who passed away	10	7	<b>-30.00%</b>

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

	<b>21.12.2021</b>	<b>28.12.2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
TRNC GENERAL	42.2	47.4	<b>12.32%</b>
LEFKOŞA	47.2	58.2	<b>23.31%</b>
GAZİMAĞUSA	44.0	44.1	<b>0.23%</b>
GİRNE	41.3	43.4	<b>5.08%</b>
İSKELE	35.0	47.3	<b>35.14%</b>
GÜZELYURT	34.0	31.6	<b>-7.06%</b>
LEFKE	10.1	20.3	<b>100.99%</b>

## 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 GÜvende Kal (Stay Safe) application or the TRNC entry form section of the [www.guvendekalkkktc.com](http://www.guvendekalkkktc.com) website.

#### To create a digital travel document:

- Those with a smart device must download the GÜvende Kal (Stay Safe) application from Apple Store or Android Market to their smart devices and create a Digital Travel Document from the "TRNC Entry Form" step of the application.
- Those without a smart device must fill in the Digital Travel Document from the [www.guvendekalkkktc.com](http://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 GÜvende 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 GÜvende 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 GÜvende Kal (Stay Safe) application or the [www.guvendekalkkktc.com](http://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>Finland</i>
Angola	Eswatini	Seychelles	Andorra	Mauritania	Australia	Kuwait	New Zealand
Argentina	Ethiopia	Sierra Leone	Anguilla	Mongolia	Azerbaijan	Latvia	<i>Kosovo</i>
Aruba	Fiji	Somalia	Antigua and Barbuda	Morocco	Bahrain	Lebanon	<i>Sweden</i>
Bahamas	French Guiana	South Africa	Armenia	Netherlands	Belarus	Liechtenstein	
Bangladesh	French Polynesia	Guyana	<b>Austria</b>	North Macedonia	Belgium	Luxembourg	
Barbados	Gabon	Haiti	Belize	Pakistan	Bhutan	<b>Malta</b>	
Benin	Gambia, The	Laos	Bermuda	Palestine	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mauritius	
Bolivia	Ghana	Liberia	Chad	Philippines	Brunei	Moldova	
Botswana	Guadeloupe	Macao SAR	China (mainland)	<b>Poland</b>	Bulgaria	Monaco	
Brazil	Guatemala	Martinique	<b>Croatia</b>	Reunion	Canada	<b>Norway</b>	
British Virgin Islands	Guinea	Montenegro	Cuba	Romania	<b>Denmark</b>	<i>Oman</i>	
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Myanmar	<i>Czechia</i>	Saint Barthelemy	Faroe Islands	Portugal	
Burundi	Honduras	Nicaragua	Egypt	San Marino	Gibraltar	Qatar	
Cabo Verde	India	Sao Tome and Principe	<i>Estonia</i>	<i>Serbia</i>	Guernsey	Russia	
Cambodia	Jamaica	South Sudan	Falkland Islands	Sint Maarten	Iran	Saudi Arabia	
Cameroon	Kenya	Sri Lanka	<b>France</b>	<i>Slovakia</i>	Iraq	<i>Singapore</i>	
Cayman Islands	Madagascar	St. Lucia	<b>Germany</b>	<i>Slovenia</i>	Isle of Man	South Korea	
Central African Republic	Malawi	Sudan	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Spain</b>	Israel	<i>Taiwan</i>	
Chile	Mexico	Suriname	<i>Greece</i>	St. Kitts and Nevis	Italy	<i>Thailand</i>	
Colombia	Mozambique	Tanzania	Grenada	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Japan	Turkey	
Congo	Namibia	Timor-Leste	Hong Kong SAR	<b>Switzerland</b>		Ukraine	
Congo (DRC)	Nepal	Togo	<i>Hungary</i>	Syria		United Arab Emirates	
Costa Rica	New Caledonia	Trinidad and Tobago	<i>Iceland</i>	Tajikistan			
Cote d'Ivoire	Niger	Turks and Caicos Islands	Indonesia	Tunisia			
Curacao	Nigeria	Uganda	<i>Ireland</i>	Turkmenistan			
Djibouti	Panama	Uruguay	Jersey	<b>United Kingdom</b>			
Dominica	Papua New Guinea	Venezuela	Kazakhstan	<b>United States</b>			
Dominican Republic	Paraguay	Zambia	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan			
Ecuador	Peru	Zimbabwe	Libya	Vietnam			
El Salvador	Rwanda		<i>Lithuania</i>	Yemen			
Equatorial Guinea			Malaysia				
			Maldives				

### 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.
  - 14 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 (isolation at the place of residence for a period of 3 days is recommended)
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the vaccines specified below and the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson.
  - 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
  - COVISHIELD (Astrazeneca/Oxford): 2 DOSES
  - COVAXIN: 2 DOSES
  - CANSINO BIO: 2 DOSES
  
- People will also 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 up to 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 **PCR 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 test conducted within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test conducted within the last 48 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.**

<b>VACCINATED: NO TEST</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>VACCINATED: NO TEST</b>
<b>NVACCINATED: LAST 72 HOURS PCR / LAST 48 HOURS ANTIGEN</b>		<b>UNVACCINATED: NO ENTRY</b>
<b>AdaPass TIER I</b>		<b>AdaPass TIER II</b>
<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. In addition, even people who have had a double dose (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) but have not had a booster dose will only be able to enter supermarkets/markets, state offices, retail stores, outdoor team sports and banks with a negative PCR test from the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test from the last 48 hours.
- 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 Adapass 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. However, from 04.01.2022 onwards people who have had the disease will be regarded as vaccinated for up to 90 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**

<b>ANTIGEN TEST (VACCINATED: ONCE EVERY 14 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>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.
2. People will be able to perform a "Self-Test" antigen test, which they can obtain from chemists. However, the self-tests will not be entered into the Adapass system and will not be used anywhere. In the event the self-test is positive, they should send a message via the WhatsApp application to the phone number 0539 117 5223 with a photo of the test kit (cassette) where a double line visible.
3. One person per 3m<sup>2</sup> will be allowed in indoor areas and one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> 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 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.
- **Primary education (from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade up to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade) students can repeat antigen tests once every seven days. However, if these students are**

**unable to do so, an antigen test will be requested from a parent who lives in the same home once every 14 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 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 48 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 are sent home to have PCR test screening on the same day if possible, or on the next day, and to isolate at home until their test result comes out. PCR tests are also conducted on teachers who have been in this classroom. The school pandemic board will forward the class list to its contact team
- 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.

- 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.
- As for students who are positive; a control PCR will be conducted on students on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of home monitoring. If the test result is negative home quarantine is terminated. If the test result is positive, the patient's quarantine period will be terminated on the 14<sup>th</sup> day.
- If the positive person experiences shortness of breath, chest pains or an increase in existing symptoms (fever, coughing, fatigue, headache, etc) at home they must call the doctor's number given to them and provide information.
- 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.
- School pandemic committees, administrators and headteachers are not authorised to close classrooms.

## **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 test from the last 72 hours/ antigen test from the last 48 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 indoors then guests will be accepted so that there is one person per 3m<sup>2</sup>. Unvaccinated people will not be admitted to weddings that have food/cocktails.
  - All those attending the ceremonies will have PCR tests within 48 hours or antigen tests within 24 hours beforehand.
  - 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. Workers staying in worker accommodation will repeat their antigen tests once every 14 days.
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 test results from the last 72 hours or negative antigen test results from the last 48 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. It is recommended that home visits are avoided as much as possible. It is forbidden for more than 10 people to gather together. Those who gather together need to have a negative PCR test from within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test from the last 24 hours.
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. Vaccinated



people who will take part in activities to be organised must present a negative PCR test from within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test from the last 48 hours. The test results shown upon entry to the country of people coming from abroad will be valid. Accordingly, mass New Year parties will not take place at schools, offices and state offices.

- 1. If demonstrations, rallies and similar events are held in indoor areas then people will be admitted so that there is one person per 3m<sup>2</sup>, unvaccinated people will have to submit a negative PCR test from within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test from within the last 48 hours, and masks will be mandatory. If there will be food/cocktails at the events to be organised, then people will submit a negative PCR test from within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test from within the last 48 hours, regardless of whether or not a person has been vaccinated. In events to be held in outdoor areas, social distancing will be observed and masks will be mandatory.**
- 1. Following the detection of the Omicron variant in our country, the “Vaccination Scheme” has been reassessed by our Committee and updated as below.**

1. Covid-19 Vaccination Scheme (Age 18 and Above)

1st Dose	2nd Dose	3rd Dose	4th Dose
SINOVAC	SINOVAC (1 month after the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)*	BIONTECH (1-3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)
SINOVAC	SINOVAC (1 month after the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	SINOVAC (3 months after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose) ** <i>SINOVAC if there is no mRNA vaccine or if the patient does not choose it.</i>
BIONTECH	BIONTECH (1 month later)	BIONTECH (3-6 months later)	--
MODERNA	MODERNA	MODERNA/BIONTECH (3-6 months later)	--
JOHNSON	BIONTECH (3 months later)	BIONTECH (1-3 months later)	
ASTRAZENECA	ASTRAZENECA (1 month later)	BIONTECH (3-6 months later)	

1. The Vaccination Scheme for Those Who Have Had the Covid-19 Disease – 1

\*\* People who have had the Covid-19 disease **BEFORE COMPLETING THE VACCINATION SCHEME OR WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN VACCINATED** should start vaccinating *1 month* after the date they became negative.

1st Dose <i>1 month after the date of becoming negative</i>	2nd Dose <i>2 months after the date of becoming negative</i>	3rd Dose <i>5 months after the date of becoming negative</i>
BIONTECH (RECOMMENDED)	BIONTECH (RECOMMENDED)	---
SINOVAC	SINOVAC	SINOVAC
ASTRAZENECA	ASTRAZENECA	---
MODERNA	MODERNA	---

1. **The Vaccination Scheme for Those Who Have Had the Covid-19 Disease – 2**  
 \*\* People who have had the Covid-19 disease **DESPITE BEING FULLY VACCINATED** should start vaccinating *3 months after* the date they became negative.

<b>VACCINATION <u>BEFORE</u> BECOMING ILL</b>	<b>3rd DOSE</b>	<b>4th DOSE</b>	<b>5th DOSE</b>
2 DOSES SINOVAAC	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	BIONTECH (3 months after 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)	--
2 DOSES BIONTECH	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	--	--
1 DOSE JOHNSON & JOHNSON	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	BIONTECH (3 months after 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)	--
2 DOSES MODERNA	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	--	--
2 DOSES ASTRAZENECA	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	--	--
2 DOSES SINOVAAC	SINOVAAC (3 months after becoming negative)	SINOVAAC (4 months after becoming negative )	SINOVAAC (7 months after becoming neg

## 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 10th 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.
5. **A control PCR will be conducted on patients on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of home monitoring. If the test result is negative home quarantine is terminated. If the test result is positive, the patient's quarantine period will be terminated on the 14<sup>th</sup> day.**
6. **If the positive person experiences shortness of breath, chest pains or an increase in existing symptoms (fever, coughing, fatigue, headache, etc) at home 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.