

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION No 207 DECLARING QUARANTINE ON THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

14 March 2020
Vilnius

In pursuance with Article 21(3)(1) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Humans, Article 21 (2)(1) of the Law on Civil Protection, having regard to the adverse epidemic situation of COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) and the proposal by the Minister for Health, also to the recommendation by the Emergency Commission of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 14 March 2020, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has resolved:

1. To declare the tertiary (absolute preparedness) level of preparedness of the civil protection system.

2. To declare quarantine on the entire territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

3. To endorse the quarantine regime as detailed below:

3.1. Regarding cross-border and domestic movements:

3.1.1. To prevent the entry of foreigners into the Republic of Lithuania, except for the crew members, who are employed in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transportation, or who carry out international commercial transportation by all the means of transport, also persons entitled to reside in the Republic of Lithuania, persons enjoying immunities and privileges under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963) and persons serving in NATO and NATO military units and the personnel serving them and their family members, as well as the exceptions referred to in paragraph 3.1.3 of this Resolution, and foreigners who, in exceptional cases, may be allowed entry to the Republic of Lithuania by special decision of the Government on the recommendation of the Minister holding the jurisdiction in the respective realm.

3.1.2. State border crossing shall be carried out at the following international border crossing points:

3.1.2.1. by road: Kalvarija - Budzisko, Saločiai - Grenstale, Butingė - Rucava, Smėlynė - Medume, Medininkai - Kamenyi Log, Raigardas - Privalka, Kybartai - Chernyshevskoye, Panemunė - Sovetsk, Šalčininkai - Benjekoni, Lazdijai - Ogrodniki;

3.1.2.2. by railway: Vilnius railway station, Stasylos - Benjekoni, Kena- Gudagai, Šeštokai - Trakiszi. Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transportation shall be additionally carried out at the following international state border railway crossing points: Stasylos - Benjekoni, Pagėgiai - Sovetsk, Joniškis - Meitene, Turmantas - Kurcums and Kybartai - Nesterov;

3.1.2.3. airports: Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga and Šiauliai international airports' border checkpoints;

3.1.2.4. sea ports: Pilies, Malkų įlankos, Būtingė oil terminal and Molo border crossing points.

3.1.3. A transit of persons returning to their country of residence will be allowed through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania without a necessary stop, in formed groups of persons or vehicles with ensured compulsory escort (convoy) of these groups from the entry into the Republic of Lithuania to the international border crossing points. The facilitated transit of persons through the Republic of Lithuania from the territory of the Russian Federation to Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation and backwards will be carried out only at Kena railway border checkpoint and Kybartai railway border checkpoint under the conditions laid down by the Minister for Foreign affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.

3.1.4. The citizens of the Republic of Lithuania shall not be allowed to leave the Republic of Lithuania, except the cases where they return to their permanent place of residence, go to their place of employment, are crew members, who are employed in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transportation, or who carry out international commercial transportation of all kinds of goods by all the means of transport, also where there is a permission by the Head of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior or his authorised person.

3.1.5. Persons who have returned from foreign countries shall fall subject to 14 days' isolation, except for the crew members, who are employed in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transportation, or who carry out international commercial transportation by all the means of transport, and who have no COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) symptoms, and members of official delegations, diplomats and special couriers working on transit trains, referred to in paragraph 3.1.3 of this Resolution, citizens of foreign countries transiting through the Republic of Lithuania with compulsory escort (convoy) to the country of their residence, and who have no COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) symptoms.

3.1.6. Restrictions shall be imposed on the flows of passengers using long-distance and suburban regular passenger transport services: they shall be required to travel seated maintaining the distance of at least one meter from each other. Special safety precautions shall be taken by disinfecting the vehicles at the beginning and end of the trip for each route. This provision is recommended for urban passenger transport too.

3.1.7. Entry of cruise ships into Klaipėda State Seaport shall be prohibited.

3.1.8. There shall be no restriction on the movement of goods.

3.1.9. To recommend that people wear face shields or respirators or other nose and mouth protection in public areas.

3.1.10. To require that people:

3.1.10.1. go to or stay in parks and other open public places in groups of no more than two, except for close relatives, adoptive parents, adoptive children and guardians, carers, while keeping at a safe distance (more than 2 meters and less than 15 minutes contact), avoiding direct physical contact and observing personal hygiene requirements;

3.1.10.2. go to points of sale and service, which have not been closed under the provisions of paragraph 3.2.7 of this Resolution, one family member at a time.

3.2. Regarding the activities of public and private sectors:

3.2.1. State and municipal institutions and bodies and state and municipal enterprises shall organise their work and provide customer services remotely, except where the functions (tasks)

concerned must be performed at the workplace. The performance of urgent and immediate functions (tasks) shall be ensured. The private sector is recommended to organise its work in the same manner as the public sector.

3.2.2. Cultural, leisure, entertainment and sports establishments shall not be visited, and no services shall be provided to visitors.

3.2.3. All indoor and outdoor events and gatherings shall be prohibited.

3.2.4. The activities of wellness and health centers, spas and recreation centres shall be prohibited, except for individual medical rehabilitation services that are related to treatment.

3.2.5. The provision of accommodation services may be prohibited in each municipality by a separate decision of the director of the municipal administration. Hotels and other facilities will be used for the isolation of people through an individual agreement between a municipality and an accommodation provider or at the request of the director of the municipal administration.

3.2.6. The activities of catering facilities, restaurants, cafes, bars, nightclubs and other entertainment venues shall be prohibited, except where food can be taken away or it can be otherwise delivered to natural and legal persons in accordance with hygiene requirements.

3.2.7. The activities of stores, shopping and/or entertainment centres, except for those whose principle activity is the sale of food, veterinary, pharmacy, optical goods and ortopedic technical devices, and the activities of the markets other than food shall be prohibited. The provision of financial services at grocery stores and shopping and/or entertainment centers will not be prohibited; nor this prohibition shall apply to online sales and when goods are delivered to natural or legal persons or are collected at collection points in accordance with hygiene requirements. The points of sale and service referred to in this paragraph, which have not been closed, shall be required to ensure, both for the staff as well as for the customers, safe sanitation and hygiene conditions and the provision of necessary means of protection, subject to the requirements laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations.

3.2.8. Beauty services shall be closed.

3.2.9. Casinos and amusement arcades shall be closed.

3.2.10. Visiting sentenced and arrested persons shall be prohibited, except their meetings with lawyers.

3.2.11. Non-cash settlements are recommended.

3.2.12. During the quarantine period and 14 calendar days after the quarantine period, petrol containing less than 10 per cent of biofuels may be sold at fuel points of sale, subject to quality standard requirements. Bioethanol that has not been used for the production of biofuels will be used for medical or disinfection purposes.

3.3. Regarding the organisation of work in educational establishments.

The educational and childcare process as well as the educational activities in all educational establishments and day care centres shall be suspended, organising instead the remote educational process.

3.4. Regarding the organisation of work in health care institutions:

3.4.1. Mobilising health professionals, university and non-university students and residency students and using infrastructure, irrespective of subordination.

3.4.2. Provision of inpatient personal health care services:

3.4.2.1. Operational re-organisation of patient flows, infrastructure and material and human resources.

3.4.2.2. Postponement of scheduled operations, except aid and health care services, where failure to provide them would result in patient's need for medical emergency or a significant deterioration of his condition.

3.4.2.3. Postponement of scheduled hospitalisations for other diagnostic and therapeutic services.

3.4.2.4. Visiting patients shall be prohibited, except patients in terminal condition and children under 14 years of age, with the permission of the treating physician.

3.4.2.5. Restriction on the provision of medical rehabilitation services, except where failure to provide them would result in patient's disability.

3.4.3. Provision of outpatient health care services:

3.4.3.1. Provision of remote services: prescription of medicines and medical aids, consultations, issuance and extension of electronic certificates of incapacity for work, consultations between physicians, referral for required examinations, nurse consultation.

3.4.3.2. Postponement of scheduled consultation, diagnostic, preventive and treatment services, except for aid and health services, where failure to provide them would result in patient's need for medical emergency or a significant deterioration of his condition.

3.4.3.3. Restrictions on home care services other than outpatient nursing and palliative care services, except where failure to provide them would result in patient's need for medical emergency or a significant deterioration of his condition.

3.4.3.4. Postponement of outpatient medical rehabilitation services.

3.4.3.5. Postponement of preventive examinations and preventive programmes.

3.4.3.6. Reorganisation of scheduled vaccinations with patient flow management.

3.4.4. Postponement of dental services other than emergency medical care.

3.4.5. Reorganisation of pharmacy activities to avoid direct human contact.

3.4.6. Public health:

3.4.6.1. Postponement of measures to strengthen public health and prevent chronic non-communicable diseases.

3.4.6.2. Postponement of public health control routine inspections.

3.4.6.3. Postponement of other non-urgent public health measures.

3.5. Regarding the organisation of work in social service establishments:

3.5.1. Attending all inpatient social service establishments, foster families, group and community homes shall be prohibited.

3.5.2. Contacting clients of other social service establishments shall be allowed only for the purpose of ensuring the delivery of the essential social services.

3.5.3. Activities in day care centres for children, persons with disabilities and the elderly shall be prohibited. Municipal administrations must ensure the care of, the arrangement of meals and distance learning for children and persons with disabilities in establishments in exceptional cases, where it is not possible at home.

4. To instruct:

4.1. the State Commander of National Emergency Operations to lay down concrete measures for the quarantine regime, following the recommendations of the responsible ministry regarding the immediate measures for the quarantine regime;

4.2. the state and municipal institutions and bodies, as well as the institutions and enterprises of the Lithuanian national health system to submit to the Ministry of Health or its authorised body, every day by 7:00, the statistics in accordance with the list of statistics approved by the decision of the State Commander of National Emergency Operations, covering the last 24 hours and recorded by 3:00.

5. To recommend all religious communities operating in Lithuania to refrain from holding religious ceremonies with a view to preventing public gatherings.

6. The quarantine regime shall be effective from 16 March 2020, 00:00, until 13 April 2020, 24:00.

Prime Minister

Saulius Skvernelis

Minister for Health

Aurelijus Veryga

**Consent of those wishing to return to the Republic of Lithuania
during the quarantine period**

Pursuant to 23 March 2020 Decision No V-499 of the Minister of Health, persons having returned from abroad and having no clinical evidence of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus infection) symptoms, shall be placed in isolation for 14 days in the facilities provided by the municipal administrations.

The following conditions shall apply to the isolation:

- 14 days isolation on municipal premises is mandatory without any exception, even without having symptoms;
- for families with minor children, mandatory quarantine may be applied in their home or in other locations, provided they have safe and quarantined isolation from the surrounding area and agree that municipal representatives, public order officers, or volunteers shall be able to come and check their presence at any time;
- travel to isolation premises shall be organized by municipal transport only – private cars shall not be allowed;
- primary accommodation shall be organized by the municipality into which returning persons arrive. Only later shall the transfer to the municipalities of the place of residence of the persons be organized;
- the municipal administration shall provide the isolated persons with meals and other essential personal hygiene services, and shall meet individual personal needs in consideration of the state of health; maintenance of the premises shall be carried out in accordance with public health safety requirements;
- isolation shall be free of charge for individuals.

I hereby confirm that while returning to the Republic of Lithuania during the quarantine period I have the right to return (I am a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania / I am entitled to reside in the Republic of Lithuania), I am familiar with the conditions of compulsory quarantine, and I will comply with them. I agree that my personal data be processed by the State and municipal authorities for repatriation and quarantine purposes.

Name / Surname

Signature

Municipality where my place of residence is declared / Municipality to which I am travelling:

The consent may also be sent by email, having printed it out, signed and taken a picture of it. If this is not possible, please send an email writing the following to the subject line **“I have read and comply with the conditions of mandatory quarantine. I live in municipality”**.