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Coronavirus: Exceptional and temporary measures to be applied in cases of declaration of provincial or municipal cordon sanitaire

Presidential Decree no. 184/20 of 8 July was published with the aim of clarifying the exceptional and temporary rules that apply to territorial divisions subject to a cordon sanitaire, which are indispensable for safeguarding the health and safety of the population. These measures are applicable to provinces and municipalities subject to a cordon sanitaire and may be modified or lifted depending on epidemiological developments.

The use of a face mask is mandatory in the following cases:

- Markets;
- Itinerant sale;
- Commercial establishments, canteens and similar;
- Enclosed premises open to the public;
- Places of worship;
- Educational establishments;
- Public transport;
- Hairdressing salons, barbershops and beauty institutes;
- Public road.

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In areas where a cordon sanitaire has been established, the most vulnerable citizens are subject to special protection, in particular:

- People aged 60 and over;
- People with chronic diseases considered of risk;
- Pregnant women;
- Children under 12 years.

Citizens covered by the provisions in the above cases, including those with children under 12 years of age in their care, when they have a work relationship with a public or private entity, which must provide services during the period of the situation of public calamity, will be exempt from going to their place of work for as long as the restrictions of the cordon sanitaire are in force.

Public services operate from 8am to 3pm, with up to 50% of the workforce, and depending on the nature of the work, may be reduced up to 30%.

Airport, port, customs, defence and security agencies, health services, electronic communication services, media, energy and water and waste collection services may operate with the entire workforce.

It is forbidden to conduct training and federated sports activities while the cordon sanitaire lasts.

Buying and selling of goods and services is, in general, is carried out from 7 am to 4 pm, observing the limit of 50% of the workforce and customers within its space. Restaurants and similar operate every day, between 6 am and 4 pm for on-site service. Their occupation should not exceed 50% of their capacity and self-service food and counter services are not allowed. Take away and home delivery services operate every day between 6 am and 10 pm.

Public and craft markets and itinerant sale are open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 6 am and 3 pm. The use of face masks and the observance of physical distance are mandatory and may, on the recommendation of the competent health authorities, be closed whenever there is a proven high risk of virus transmission.

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Recreational, cultural and leisure activities on public roads or in public spaces may never exceed 50% of their capacity, and the individual protection measures provided for in this Decree must always be complied with. During the cordon sanitaire period, religious activities are suspended, but funeral ceremonies with up to 10 participants, or 5 participants if the cause of death was COVID-19, are allowed, and funerals must take place between 8 am and 1 pm.

Public or private urban and intercity passenger transport operates between 5 am and 6 pm and may not exceed 50% of its capacity.

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The cordon sanitaire is maintained in the Province of Luanda until 11:59 pm on 9 August 2020 and failure to comply with the measures provided for in this decree, without prejudice to the imposition of fines, constitutes a crime of disobedience under Article 24 of Law No. 28/03 of 7 November.

Finally, this Presidential Decree enters into force at midnight on 9 July 2020. ■

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