

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Whereas Law no. 400 of 23 August 1988;

Whereas the Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020, concerning “Urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 outbreak” and, specifically, article 3;

Whereas the Prime Ministerial Decree of 23 February 2020, on “Provisions implementing the Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020 concerning urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 outbreak”, published in the Official Journal no. 45 of 23 February 2020;

Whereas the Prime Ministerial Decree of 25 February 2020, on “Further provisions implementing the Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020 concerning urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 outbreak”, published on the Official Journal no. 47 of 25 February 2020;

Whereas the Prime Ministerial Decree of 1 March 2020, on “Further provisions implementing the Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020 concerning urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 outbreak”, published on the Official Journal no. 52 of 1 March 2020;

Whereas the Prime Ministerial Decree of 4 March 2020, on “Further provisions implementing the Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020 concerning urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 outbreak, to be applied throughout the national territory”, published on the Official Journal no. 55 of 4 March 2020;

Given that, on 30 January 2020, the World Health Organisation has declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a PHEIC (public health emergency of international concern);

Given the resolution of the Council of Ministries issued on 31 January 2020, which declared a six-month state of emergency in the national territory for the health risk associated to the occurrence of diseases resulting from viral transmissible agents;

Given the development of the outbreak, the contagious nature of the disease and the increasing number of cases recorded in the national territory;

Given the need to adjust the areas and to define further national measures;

Given that the supranational dimension of the epidemic disease and the involvement of several sectors in the national territory require the implementation of measures to guarantee uniformity in the application of the prophylactic programmes drawn up by national and European bodies;

Whereas the guidelines drafted by the Technical-Scientific Committee during the meetings held on 7 March 2020 and defined under article 2 of order no. 630 of 3 February 2020 issued by the Chief of the Civil Protection Department;

Upon proposal of the Minister of Health, having heard the opinions of the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Economic and Financial Affairs, as well as the Minister of Education, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, the Minister of University and Research, the Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Minister of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Activities and Tourism, the Minister of

Labour and Social Affairs, the Public Administrations, Regions and Autonomous Provinces Affairs, as well as the President of the Conference of the Regions and, the Presidents of Emilia Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont, and Veneto Regions;

DECREES:

**ARTICLE 1**

***(Urgent measures for the containment of the outbreak in Lombardy Region and in the Provinces of Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio in Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro and Urbino, Alessandria, Asti, Novara, Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, Vercelli, Padova, Treviso, Venice)***

1. To combat and contain the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Lombardy Region and in the Provinces of Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio in Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro and Urbino, Alessandria, Asti, Novara, Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, Vercelli, Padova, Treviso, Venice, the following measures are in place:
  - a) Preventing the movements of natural persons entering or exiting the territories listed under this article, as well as the movements within said territories, except for those made for proven work reasons, or emergencies, or movements connected to health reasons. Returning one's own domicile, house or residency is allowed.
  - b) It is highly recommended to those presenting symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (above 37.5° C) to stay in their homes, contact their GPs and limit their social contacts as much as possible.
  - c) Absolute ban on moving outside of their homes or domiciles, for those subjected to quarantine or tested positive for the virus.
  - d) Suspension of sporting events and competitions of any level and discipline, both in public and private spaces. The above-mentioned events and competitions, as well as the training sessions of professional athletes and high-level athletes who take part in the Olympics Games or in national and international sporting events, are allowed behind closed doors inside the sports facilities, or in open spaces without spectators. In any of said cases, the sports clubs and associations shall use their healthcare professionals to carry out adequate controls to limit the risk of COVID-19 outbreak among athletes, technical staff, managers and any other individual taking part in said events.
  - e) During the period of validity of this Decree, public and private employers are strongly recommended to invite the employees to take their annual leave or holidays, without prejudice to the provisions of article 2, paragraph 1, letter r).
  - f) The infrastructures of ski areas shall be closed.
  - g) Any event, held both in public and private spaces, including cultural, recreational, sporting, religious events, and exhibitions, as well as those held in closed areas open to the public such as, by way of example, major events, cinemas, theatres, pubs, dance schools, amusement arcades, betting shops and bingos, discos and similar premises; any activity in said place shall be suspended.
  - h) Suspension of the early childhood education services listed under article 2 of Decree Law no. 65 of 13 April 2017, and of the activities in the educational

establishments of all types, including school and higher-school activities, the activities of Universities and Higher Arts, Music and Dance Institutes, professional trainings, masters, healthcare professional trainings and universities for seniors, along with professional and educational trainings held by public entities, either territorial or local or held by private individuals, without prejudice to the activation of remote learning activities excluding those intended for doctors undergoing specialised medical training or specific courses in general medical practice, and health professionals undergoing professional traineeships. In order to maintain social distancing, any other alternative gathering of people shall be excluded. Full board meetings at the presence of the board members shall be suspended. The managing entity shall guarantee the cleaning of the premises and the performance of administrative and accounting activities concerning the abovementioned education services, not belonging to educational institutions or school districts.

- i) The opening of places of worship shall be conditional upon the adoption of organisational measures to avoid the gatherings of people, in consideration of the size and the characteristics of the places, and such to ensure compliance with the one-metre safety distance among the attendees as defined under annex 1 letter d). Any civil and religious ceremony shall be suspended, including funerals.
- l) Museums and other cultural institutes and places listed under article 101 of the Code of Cultural Heritage and Landscape pursuant to the Decree Law no. 42 of 22 January 2004, shall remain closed.
- m) Public and private competitions shall be suspended, excluding the cases in which the applicants' assessment is exclusively done based on the curricula or by computer; competitions for healthcare professionals are also excluded, as well as the board examinations and the professional qualification exams for surgeons, and those for the staff of the civil protection, said exams, anyway, shall be preferably carried out in distance mode or, if this is not the case, by ensuring compliance with the one-metre safety distance among people as defined under annex 1 letter d);
- n) The activities of catering and bars are allowed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., provided the obligation, on behalf of the manager, to set out the conditions to ensure compliance with the one-metre safety distance among attendees as defined under annex 1 letter d) and sanctioned with the suspension of the business activity in case of breach.
- o) Commercial and business activities other than those specified under letter n) are allowed, provided that the manager ensures the access to said premises according to the limitations or to suitable measures to prevent the gatherings of people, having regard to the size and characteristics of the premises open to the public, and such to ensure compliance with the one-metre safety distance among the attendees as defined under annex 1 letter d), and sanctioned with the suspension of the business activity in case of breach. Should the structural or organisational conditions of the abovementioned premises not meet the requirements to comply with the minimum one-metre distance for personal safety, said premises shall remain closed.

- p) Suspension of annual leaves for healthcare and technical professionals, including the professionals whose work activities are required to carry out the tasks of the crisis units established at a regional level.
- q) Whenever possible, distance and remote modalities shall be adopted for meetings, in particular those involving healthcare and social structures, services for the public interest and coordination activities related to the COVID-19 emergency, while, however, guaranteeing compliance with the one-metre distance for personal safety as stated under annex 1 letter d), and by avoiding gatherings of people.
- r) Medium and large distribution structures and the stores in malls and markets shall remain closed on public holidays and on the days before public holidays. As for the working days, the manager of the abovementioned stores shall, anyway, set out the conditions to ensure the attendees can comply with the one-metre safety distance defined under annex 1 letter d), sanctioned with the suspension of the business activity in case of breach. Should the structural or organisational conditions of the abovementioned premises not meet the requirements to comply with the minimum one metre distance for personal safety, said premises shall remain closed. Pharmacies, para-pharmacies and groceries can be open, given that the manager ensures compliance with the one-metre safety distance as defined under annex 1 letter d), and sanctioned with the suspension of the business activity in case of breach.
- s) Suspension of the activities of gyms, sporting centres, pools, swimming centres, wellness centres, spas (except for those required to supply the basic levels of healthcare), cultural centres, social centres, recreational centres.
- t) Suspension of the examinations listed under art. 121 of Decree-Law no. 285 of 30 April 1992, which are to be carried out in the premises of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agencies located in the territories listed under this article; a specific provision applies in favour of the applicants who were not able to take the examinations due to the suspension defined under letter f), providing for an extension of the deadlines stated under art. 121 and art. 122 of Decree-Law no. 285 of 30 April 1992.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### ***(Measures for combating and containing the COVID-19 outbreak throughout the national territory)***

1. To combat and contain the COVID-19 outbreak throughout the national territory, the following containment measures shall be adopted:
  - a) Suspension of congresses, meetings, assemblies and social events which involve healthcare professionals or other professionals responsible for the provision of basic public services or for services of public interest; moreover, any other congress or meeting shall be postponed on a date following the end of validity of this Decree.
  - b) Suspension of events and demonstrations of any nature, including cinema and theatre events, both held in private and public spaces.

- c) Suspension of the activities of pubs, dance schools, amusement arcades, betting shops and bingos, discos and of similar premises, subject to the suspension of the business activity in case of breach.
- d) Suspension of the activities of the Museums and the other cultural institutes and places listed under article 101 of the Code of Cultural Heritage and Landscape pursuant to the Decree Law no. 42 of 22 January 2004.
- e) The activities of catering and bars are allowed, provided the obligation, on behalf of the manager, to set out the conditions to ensure compliance with the one-metre safety distance among the attendees as defined under annex 1 letter d), subject to the suspension of the business activity in case of breach.
- f) Commercial and business activities other than those specified under the previous letter are allowed, provided that the manager ensures the access to said premises according to the limitations or to suitable measures to prevent the gatherings of people, having regard to the size and the characteristics of the premises open to the public, and by ensuring the one-metre safety distance among the attendees;
- g) Suspension of sporting events and competitions of any level and discipline, both in public and private spaces. The above-mentioned events and competitions, as well as the training sessions of professional athletes, are allowed behind closed doors inside the sports facilities, or in open spaces without spectators. In any of said cases, the sports clubs and associations should use their healthcare professionals to carry out adequate controls to limit the risk of COVID-19 outbreak among athletes, technical staff, managers and any other individual taking part in said events. Grassroots sports and physical activity in general, both carried out outside or in gyms, polls and sporting centres of any kind, are allowed, if in compliance with the one-metre safety distance provision stated under annex 1, letter d).
- h) Until 15 March 2020, suspension of the early childhood education services listed under article 2 of Decree Law no. 65 of 13 April 2017, and of the activities in the educational establishments of all types, including school and higher-school activities, the activities of Universities and Higher Arts, Music and Dance Institutes, professional trainings, masters, healthcare professional trainings and universities for seniors, along with professional and educational trainings held by public entities, either territorial or local or held by private individuals, without prejudice to the activation and performance of remote learning activities excluding doctors undergoing specialised medical training or specific courses in general medical practice, health professionals undergoing professional traineeships, the training activities of the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Economic and Financial Affairs, provided that the one metre safety distance defined under annex 1, letter d) is complied with. To maintain social distancing, any other form of alternative aggregation shall be excluded.
- i) School trips, exchange and twinning activities, guided tours and any other educational excursion, planned by the educational establishments of all types and at all levels, are suspended.

- l) Without prejudice to the provisions defined under letter h), the readmission in the early childhood educational services listed under article 2 of Decree-Law no. 65 of 13 April 2017, and in the educational establishments of all types and at all levels for absences for a period exceeding five days due to an infectious disease, subject to compulsory notice pursuant to the Decree of the Ministry of Health of 15 November 1990, published on the Official Journal no.6 of 8 January 1991, is subject to the submission of a medical certificate, also in derogation of the provisions in force.
- m) The head teachers of the educational establishments whose educational activities have been suspended, shall activate distance learning activities for the entire duration of the suspension period, with due regard to the students with disabilities.
- n) Universities and Higher Arts, Music and Dance Institutes whose educational and curricular activities are suspended due to the health emergency stated under this Decree, can activate remote learning activities, where possible and following the modalities identified by said Universities and Institutes, with due regard to the students with disabilities. The Universities and Institutions referred to above, ensure, once the regular activities can be resumed, the recovery of the educational and curricular activities, and of any other examination or test, including interim ones, which are needed to complete the education of their students.
- o) To favour the students who, due to the health emergency defined under this Decree, cannot attend the educational and curricular activities of the Universities and Higher Arts, Music and Dance Institutes, remote learning activities might be activated, where possible and following the modalities identified by said Universities and Institutes, with due regard to the students with disabilities; The Universities and Institutions referred to above, ensure, once the regular activities can be resumed, the recovery of the educational and curricular activities, and of any other examination or test, including interim ones, which are needed to complete the education of their students; the absences accumulated by the students defined under this letter are not to be accounted for the admission to final exams and for the students' evaluations.
- p) It is forbidden for the people accompanying patients to the healthcare services to remain in the waiting room of the emergency and admission departments and of the A&Es (DEA/PS), unless otherwise specified by the healthcare staff.
- q) Access to long-term care hospitals and homes, nursing homes, hospice, rehabilitation facilities and care homes for older people – both autonomous and not - on behalf of relatives and visitors, is limited to the cases specified by the Health Direction of the structure, which shall adopt suitable measures to prevent the transmission of the infection.
- r) Employers can adopt smart working modalities with the employees with an employment relationship, as defined under art. 18 and art. 23 of Law no. 81 of 22 May 2017, for the entire duration of the emergency specified in the resolution issued by the Council of Ministers on 31 January 2020, in compliance with the principles stated in the above-mentioned provisions, also in absence of the individual agreements outlined therein. The reporting requirements defined

under art. 22 of Law no. 81, 22 May 2017, are to be fulfilled via electronic means also through the documents made available on the website of the National Institute for Insurance against accidents at work.

- s) Whenever possible, employers shall invite their employees to take their annual leave or holidays.
- t) A specific provision applies in favour of the applicants who were not able to take the examinations due to the suspension defined under article 1, paragraph 1, letter f) of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 25 February 2020, providing for an extension of the deadlines stated under art. 121 and art. 122 of Decree-Law no. 285 of 30 April 1992.
- u) Having regard to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health in agreement with the Coordinator of the actions to overcome the Coronavirus emergency, the local branches of the National Healthcare Service ensure an adequate support to the Ministry of Justice to contain the COVID-19 outbreak, also by adopting adequate measures, in line with the healthcare processes and guidelines drafted by the General Healthcare and Prevention Directorate, to guarantee the safe access of new inmates in penitentiary institutes and in juvenile detention centres. New inmates presenting relevant symptoms shall be placed in quarantine, isolated from other detainees, and the possibility to adopt alternative detention measures such as home detention shall be evaluated. Interviews shall be carried out by phone or by video call, also in derogation to the period set out by the provisions in force. In exceptional circumstances, a personal interview may be authorised, provided that a two-metre distance between the participants is ensured. A limitation on leaves and probation is recommended, as well as the possibility to modify the structure's regime to avoid movements inside and outside the prison, by also evaluating alternative detention measures such as home detention.
- v) The opening of the places of worship shall be conditional upon the adoption of organisational measures to avoid gatherings of people, in consideration of the size and characteristics of the places, and such to ensure compliance with the one-metre distance among the attendees as defined under annex 1 letter d). Any civil and religious ceremony shall be suspended, including funerals.
- z) It is strictly forbidden for the people placed in quarantine or tested positive for the virus to leave their homes or domiciles.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### ***(Information and prevention measures throughout the national territory)***

1. The following measures shall be adopted throughout the national territory:
  - a) The healthcare professionals shall adopt the preventive measures defined by the World Health Organisation, against the spread of respiratory infections, and comply with the guidelines drafted by the Ministry of Health for the sanitisation and disinfection of the premises.
  - b) Older people or people suffering from chronic diseases or comorbidity, or affected by a congenital or acquired immunodepression condition, are strongly invited to stay in their homes or domiciles except in the event of necessity, and

to avoid crowded places where the one-metre safety distance defined under annex 1, letter d), cannot be maintained.

- c) Whenever possible, the movement of natural persons shall be limited to cases where it is strictly necessary.
  - d) It is highly recommended to those presenting symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (above 37.5° C) to stay in their homes, contact their GPs and limit their social contacts as much as possible.
  - e) Information on the preventive sanitation measures defined under annex 1, is provided in public, transit and crowded places, such as the early childhood educational services defined under Decree-Law no. 65 of 13 April 2017, the educational establishments of all types and levels, the universities and the offices of the public administration.
  - f) Mayors and traders' associations shall also promote the dissemination of the preventive sanitation measures defined under annex 1 among stores and businesses.
  - g) Municipalities and territorial entities, cultural and sports associations, are invited to organise individual recreational activities other than those prohibited in this Decree, promoting outdoor activities, provided that they not imply any gathering of people or they are not held inside a confined space or domicile.
  - h) Antiseptic skin cleansers for hand sanitising shall be made available to the staff, the users and the visitors of the public administrations, and, specifically, they shall be made available in the access areas of the healthcare services and in all public spaces, in line with the provisions defined under resolution no. 1 of 25 February 2020 of the Ministry for the Public Administration.
  - i) During public and private competitions, adequate organisational measures shall be adopted to reduce the close contact of participants and to ensure the one-metre safety distance defined under annex 1, letter d) is complied with.
  - l) Public transportation companies, including those covering long distances, shall carry out extraordinary sanitisation and cleaning of the transportation vehicles and means.
  - m) Those who, starting from the fourteenth day before the issue of this Decree, have entered Italy after a stay in epidemiological risk areas, as defined by the World Health Organisation, shall give notice of said condition to the Prevention Department of the Local Healthcare Unit and to the GP or paediatrician. Information can be communicated to the Public Healthcare Authorities according to the modalities defined by the single Regions in a provision listing the contacts of the Public Healthcare Professionals; should the communication take place through the emergency number (112) or the regional freephone number, the telephone operators shall communicate the personal information and contacts to the Local Public Health Authorities.
2. Following the communication outlined under paragraph 1, letter m), the competent Public Healthcare Operators and the Local Health Authorities shall recommend staying home according to the following procedures:
- a) Collection of detailed and documented data related to the person's travel itinerary and places of stay during the previous fourteen days, to accurately determine the risk of exposure.



- b) Having identified the need to activate a sanitary surveillance and the safety isolation procedure, providing the person with information on the measures to adopt, by accurately explaining their objectives to ensure maximum compliance.
  - c) Having identified the need to activate a sanitary surveillance and the safety isolation procedure, the Public Healthcare Professionals shall also inform the GP or the paediatrician of the person concerned, to allow the issue of the INPS certificate (Circular Letter INPS HERMES 0000716 of 25 February 2020);
  - d) In case an INPS certificate is required to justify an absence from work, a declaration of quarantine for the public health interest bearing the beginning and end date of the procedure shall be sent to the INPS, the Employer and the GP or paediatrician.
3. Moreover, Public Healthcare Professionals shall:
- a) Verify the absence of fever and other symptoms in the person to be placed in isolation as well as in the people cohabiting with said person.
  - b) Informing the person about the symptoms, the contagious nature, the ways in which the virus is transmitted and the measures to put in place to protect the other cohabitants in case of symptoms.
  - c) Informing the person about the need to check its body temperature twice a day (in the evenings and in the mornings).
4. To maximise the effectiveness of such health preventive procedures, people shall be accurately informed about the meaning, the modalities and the purposes of home isolation, to ensure maximum compliance with the following measures:
- a) Maintain isolation for a period of fourteen days following the last exposure.
  - b) Ban on social contacts.
  - c) Ban on displacements and travels.
  - d) Obligation to be available for the performance of sanitary surveillance checks.
5. In case of symptoms the person undergoing surveillance shall:
- a) Promptly inform the GP or the paediatrician and the Public Healthcare Professional.
  - b) Wear the surgical face mask supplied at the beginning of the sanitary procedure and isolate from other cohabitants.
  - c) Stay in one's own room with the door closed and an adequate natural ventilation, pending the transfer to the hospital, if necessary.
6. The Public Healthcare Professional shall monitor the person undergoing surveillance on a daily basis, to collect information about the person's health status. Should the person present symptoms, after informing the GP or the paediatrician, the healthcare professional shall implement the provisions stated under circular letter no. 5443 of 22 February 2020 of the Ministry of Health and following amendments and integrations.
7. The adoption of the sanitary prevention measures defined under annex 1 is recommended throughout the national territory.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### ***(Monitoring of the measures)***

1. By providing the Ministry of the Interior with prior notification, the Local competent Chief Officer ensure the implementation of the measures stated under article 1 and monitors the adoption of the remaining measures on behalf of the competent administrations. If needed, the Chief Officer may avail itself of the police officers, and the other law enforcement authorities, such as the fire service, and the armed forces, upon information of the local commands and by providing the President of the Region and the Autonomous Province concerned with prior notification.
2. Except for cases considered serious offences, failure to comply with the obligations stated under this Decree is punished according to article 650 of the Criminal Code, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 4 of Decree-Law no.6 of 23 February 2020.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### ***(Final Provisions)***

1. The provisions defined under this Decree shall be enforced starting from 8 March 2020 and until 3 April 2020, unless otherwise specified in the provisions of the single measures.
2. The measures defined under article 2 and article 3 shall also apply to the territories stated under article 1, unless stricter measures are provided for.
3. Starting from the date of enforcement of the provisions of this Decree, the Presidential Decrees of 1 and 4 March 2020 shall expire.
4. This is without prejudice to the powers of the Regions, as defined under article 3, paragraph 3 of Decree-Law no.6 of 23 February 2020.
5. The provisions of this Decree shall apply to the Autonomous Regions governed by Special Act and to the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano, in line with their legislation and implementation rules.

Rome, 8 March 2020

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

## **Annex 1**

### Sanitation measures:

- a) Wash your hands often. It is highly recommended to equip public premises, gyms, supermarkets, pharmacies and other gathering areas with hydroalcoholic cleansing solutions for hand cleaning
- b) Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections
- c) Avoid hugs and handshake
- d) Maintain at least one metre distance with other people during social contacts
- e) Implement respiratory hygiene measures (sneeze and/or cough in a handkerchief thus avoiding a direct contact between hands and respiratory secretions)
- f) Avoid using other people's bottles and glasses, specifically during the performance of sports activities
- g) Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands
- h) Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing
- i) Do not take anti-viral and antibiotic drugs, unless prescribed by the doctor
- l) Clean the surfaces with chlorine and alcohol-based disinfectants
- m) Use a mask only in case you suspect of having the disease or if you take care of sick people.