

DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, 8 March 2020

Further provisions implementing the decree-law of 23 February 2020, No. 6 on urgent containment and management measures of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19. (20A01522)
(OJ No. 59 of 8-3-2020)

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Having regard to Law No. 400 of August 23, 1988;

Having regard to Decree-Law No 6 of 23 February 2020 on 'Urgent measures on containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19' and, in particular, Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 23 February 2020, containing "Provisions implementing Decree Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 45 of 23 February 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 25 February 2020, containing "Further implementing provisions of Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020, on urgent measures concerning the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 47 of 25 February 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of March 1, 2020, containing "Additional provisions implementing Decree Law No. 6 of February 23, 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 52 of March 1, 2020;

Having regard to the decree of the President of the Council of Ministers 4 March 2020 on "Further implementing provisions of Decree-Law 23 February 2020, No 6, on emergency measures in relation to containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19, applicable on the whole national territory", published in the Official Journal no. 55 of 4 March 2020;

Considering that the World Health Organization on January 30, 2020 declared the COVID-19 epidemic a public health emergency of international importance;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of Ministers of 31 January 2020, declaring for six months a state of emergency on the national territory relating to the related health risk to the onset of diseases caused by transmissible viral agents;

Given the evolution of the epidemiological situation, the particularly widespread nature of the epidemic and the increase in cases on the national territory;

It was considered necessary to remodel the areas as well as to identify further national measures;

Considering also that the supranational dimensions of the epidemic and the involvement of several areas on the national territory make it necessary to take measures to ensure uniformity in the implementation of prophylaxis programmes developed at international and European level;

Taking into account the indications formulated by the Scientific Technical Committee referred to in art. 2 of the Ordinance of the Head of the Department of Civil Protection on 3 February 2020, no. 630, during its meetings of 7 March 2020;

On a proposal from the Minister for Health, after consultation with the Ministers for the Interior, Defence, Economy and Finance, as well as the Ministers for Education, Justice, Infrastructure and Transport, University and Research, Agricultural, Food and

Forestry Policies, Cultural Goods and Activities and Tourism, of labour and social policies, for public administration, regional affairs and autonomy, as well as the President of the Conference of Presidents of the Regions and, for the specific competences, the Presidents of the Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont and Veneto regions;

Decides:

Art. 1

Urgent measures to contain the contagion in the Lombardy region and in the provinces of Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio nell'Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro and Urbino, Alessandria, Asti, Novara, Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, Vercelli, Padua, Treviso, Venice.

In order to counter and contain the spread of COVID-19 virus in the region of Lombardy and in the provinces of Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio nell'Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro and Urbino, Alessandria, Asti, Novara, Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, Vercelli, Padua, Treviso and Venice, the following measures are taken:

(a) to avoid any movement of natural persons entering and leaving the territories referred to in this Article, as well as within the same territories, except for movements motivated by well grounded work-related reasons or situations of need or movements for health reasons. It is permitted to return to one's own domicile, home or residence;

b) persons with symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (over 37.5° C) are strongly recommended to stay at home, limit social contacts as much as possible, and contact their doctor;

(c) a complete ban on the movement from their home or residence of persons subject to quarantine or found to be positive for the virus;

(d) sporting events and competitions of all kinds and disciplines in public or private places shall be suspended. The

aforementioned events and competitions, as well as the training sessions of professional athletes and athletes of absolute category participating in the Olympic Games or national or international events, are allowed to take place inside sports facilities used behind closed doors, or outdoors without the presence of the public. In all such cases, sports associations and clubs, through their medical staff, are required to carry out appropriate controls to contain the risk of spread of the COVID-19 virus among athletes, technicians, managers and all accompanying persons who participate;

e) public and private employers are recommended to promote, during the period of effectiveness of this decree, the use by employees of periods of ordinary leave and holidays, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1, letter r);

(f) ski lifts and facilities are closed;

(g) all events organised, as well as events in public or private places, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting, religious or trade fair nature, shall be suspended, even if held in closed locations but open to the public, such as, for example, major events, cinemas, theatres, pubs, dance schools, game rooms, betting and bingo halls, discos and similar premises; in these places all activities shall be suspended;

(h) the educational services for children referred to in Article 2 of Legislative Decree no. 13 April 2017, n. 65, shall be suspended, and educational activities in schools of all levels, as well as attendance of school activities and higher education, including Universities and Institutions of higher artistic musical and choreographic training, professional courses, masters, courses for health professions and universities for the elderly, as well as professional courses and training activities carried out by other public bodies, including local and regional authorities and private individuals, without prejudice to the possibility of carrying out distance learning activities excluding courses for doctors in specialist training and specific training courses in general medicine, as well as the activities of trainees in the health professions. In order to maintain social distancing,

any other form of alternative aggregation is to be excluded. The meetings of the collegiate bodies in attendance are suspended. The managing bodies shall ensure the cleanliness of the environments and the administrative and accounting requirements concerning the educational services for children which are not part of primary schools or institutions which provide primary and secondary level education;

(i) the opening of places of worship shall be subject to the adoption of organisational measures such as to avoid a gathering of persons, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and such as to ensure that visitors are able to respect the distance between them of at least one metre as referred to in Annex 1 letter d). Civil and religious ceremonies, including funeral ceremonies, shall be suspended;

l) museums and other cultural institutes and places referred to in Article 101 of the Code of Cultural Heritage and Landscape, as per Legislative Decree no. 42 of 22 January 2004, are closed;

(m) public and private open examination procedures shall be suspended, except in cases where the assessment of candidates is carried out exclusively on a curriculum basis or in telematic mode; competitions for medical personnel, including State examinations and examinations for the qualification to practise as a medical surgeon, and those for civil protection personnel, which must preferably be held with remote access modalities or, if not, at a safe distance of one metre as referred to in Annex 1(d), shall also be excluded from the suspension;

n) catering and bar activities are allowed from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., with the obligation, under the manager's responsibility, to provide the conditions to guarantee the possibility of respecting the interpersonal safety distance of at least one metre as per Annex 1 letter d), with sanction of suspension of the activity in case of violation;

(o) commercial activities other than those referred to in the previous letter are permitted on condition that the operator

guarantees access to the aforesaid places in a restricted manner or otherwise suitable to avoid a gathering of persons, taking into account the size and characteristics of the premises open to the public, and such as to guarantee visitors the possibility of respecting the distance of at least one metre referred to in Annex 1 letter d), between visitors, with a sanction of suspension of the activity in the event of violation. In the presence of structural or organizational conditions that do not allow the respect of the safety distance of one meter, the facilities must be closed;

(p) the ordinary leave of health of technical staff and of staff whose activities are necessary to manage the activities required by crisis units set up at regional level shall be suspended;

q) in all possible cases, in the carrying out of meetings, remote connection modalities are adopted, with particular reference to health and sociomedical structures, public utility services and coordination activated in the context of the COVID-19 emergency, in any case guaranteeing the respect of the one meter safety distance referred to in Annex 1, letter d), and avoiding groupings;

(r) on public holidays and public holidays/pre-festive days, medium-sized and large sales outlets and shops in shopping centres and markets shall be closed. On weekdays, the manager of the above-mentioned shops must, in any case, provide the conditions to guarantee the possibility of respecting the one metre safety distance between persons as indicated in the annex 1 letter d), with sanction of suspension of the activity in case of violation. In the presence of structural or organisational conditions that do not allow the respect of the safety distance of one metre referred to in Annex 1 letter d), the aforementioned structures must be closed. The closure is not applicable to pharmacies, para pharmacies and food stores, whose manager is required to ensure compliance with the one-meter safety distance referred to in Annex 1 letter d), with penalty of suspension of the activity in case of violation;

(s) the activities of gyms, sports centres, swimming pools, swimming centres, wellness centres, spas (except for the provision of services falling within the essential levels of care), cultural centres, social centres, leisure centres are suspended;

t) the eligibility examinations referred to in article 121 of legislative decree no. 285 of 30 April 1992, to be carried out at the peripheral offices of the civil motor vehicle registration authorities located in the territories referred to in this article, shall be suspended; by means of a special management order, in favour of candidates who have not been able to take the examinations due to the suspension, the extension of the terms provided for in articles 121 and 122 of legislative decree no. 285 of 30 April 1992, shall be ordered.

Art. 2

Measures to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus throughout the country.

1. In order to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the following measures shall apply throughout the country:

a) congresses, meetings, meetings and social events, in which medical personnel or personnel in charge of carrying out essential public services or public utilities are involved, shall be suspended; any other convention or congress activity shall also be postponed to a date subsequent to the expiry of this decree;

(b) events, shows and performances of any kind, including cinema and theatre performances, held in any place, whether public or private, shall be suspended;

(c) the activities of pubs, dance schools, game rooms, betting and bingo halls, discos and similar establishments shall be suspended, with sanction of suspension of the activity in case of violation;

(d) the opening of the museums and other cultural institutes and places referred to in Article 101 of the Code of Cultural Heritage and Landscape, referred to in Legislative Decree No. 42 of 22 January 2004, is suspended;

e) catering and bar activities shall be carried out with the obligation, under the manager's responsibility, to enforce the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter, with penalty of suspension of the activity in case of violation;

(f) it is strongly recommended in business activities other than those listed in the previous letter, both indoors and outdoors, that the operator ensures that organisational measures are taken to allow access to the aforementioned places in a restricted manner or in any case suitable to avoid a crowding of people, in compliance with the interpersonal safety distance of at least one metre between visitors;

g) sports events and competitions of any order and discipline, held in any place, both public and private, are also suspended; the aforementioned events and competitions, as well as the training sessions of competitive athletes, may be held inside sports facilities used behind closed doors, or outdoors without the presence of the public; in all such cases, the associations and sports clubs, through their medical staff, are required to carry out appropriate controls to contain the risk of spread of the COVID-19 virus among athletes, technicians, managers and all accompanying persons who participate. The basic sport and physical activities in general, carried out outdoors or inside gyms, swimming pools and sports centres of all kinds, are allowed only on condition that it is possible to be compliant with the one metre inter-personal safety distance referred to in Annex 1d);

(h) the educational services for children referred to in Article 2 of Legislative Decree No 65 of 13 April 2017 shall be suspended until 15 March 2020 and educational activities in schools of all levels, as well as attendance of school activities and higher education, including universities and institutions of higher artistic musical and choreographic training, professional

courses, including regional, master's degree, universities for the elderly people, and courses held by driving schools; it is in any case given the possibility of carrying out distance learning activities; Post-graduate courses related to the exercise of health professions are excluded from the suspension, including those for doctors in specialist training, specific training courses in general medicine, the activities of trainees in the health professions, as well as the activities of the schools of the Ministries of Interior and Defence and of Economy and Finance, provided that the safety distance referred to in Annex 1 letter d) is guaranteed. In order to maintain social distancing, any other form of alternative aggregation shall be excluded;

(i) educational trips, exchange or twinning initiatives, guided tours and educational outings, whatever they may be called, planned by educational institutions of all levels, shall be suspended;

1) without prejudice to the provisions of letter h) and in derogation of the provisions in force, a medical certification shall be required to grant admission to the educational services for children referred to in Article 2 of Legislative Decree no. 65 of 13 April 2017, and to schools of all levels after absences due to an infectious disease subject to compulsory notification under the Decree of the Minister of Health of 15 November 1990, published in the Official Gazette no. 6 of 8 January 1991, lasting more than five days;

m) school directors shall activate, for the duration of the suspension of teaching activities in schools, distance learning modes also having regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities;

n) in the Universities and Institutions of high artistic musical and choreatic training, for the whole duration of the suspension, the didactic or curricular activities can be carried out, where possible, with remote modalities, identified by the same Universities and Institutions, having particular regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities; the Universities and Institutions, after the restoration of the ordinary functioning,

ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case identifying the relative modalities, the recovery of the educational activities as well as the curricular ones or any other test or verification, even intermediate, that are functional to the completion of the educational path;

o) for the benefit of students who are not allowed, due to the needs related to the health emergency referred to in this decree, to participate in the didactic or curricular activities of the Universities and Institutions of high artistic musical and choreatic training, such activities can be carried out, where possible, with remote modalities, identified by the same Universities and Institutions, also having regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities; the Universities and Institutions ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case identifying the relative modalities, the recovery of the training activities, as well as the curricular ones, or any other test or verification, even intermediate, that are functional to the completion of the educational path; the absences matured by the students referred to in this letter are not counted for the purposes of eventual admission to the final exams as well as for the relative evaluations;

(p) persons accompanying patients shall not be allowed to remain in the waiting rooms of emergency and reception and first aid (DEA/PS) departments, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the medical staff in charge;

q) the access of relatives and visitors to hospitalization and long-term care facilities, assisted health residences (RSAs), hospices, rehabilitation facilities and residential facilities for the elderly, self-sufficient or not, is limited only to cases indicated by the health management of the facility, which is required to take the necessary measures to prevent possible transmission of infection;

r) the modality of smart working regulated by articles 18 to 23 of Law no. 81 of 22 May 2017 can be applied, for the duration of the state of emergency referred to in the resolution of the Council

of Ministers of 31 January 2020, by employers to any employment relationship, in compliance with the principles dictated by the aforementioned provisions, even in the absence of the individual agreements provided for therein; the reporting obligations referred to in art. 22 of Law no. 81 of 22 May 2017, are fulfilled electronically, also using the documentation made available on the website of the National Institute for Occupational Accident Insurance;

(s) where possible, employers are recommended to encourage the use of periods of annual leave or holidays;

t) by means of a special management order, in favour of candidates who have been unable to sit the examination tests due to the suspension referred to in Article 1, paragraph 1, letter f) of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 25 February 2020, it is ordered the extension of the terms provided for in Articles 121 and 122 of Legislative Decree no. 285 of 30 April 1992;

u) taking into account the indications provided by the Ministry of Health, in agreement with the coordinator of the interventions for overcoming the coronavirus emergency, the territorial articulations of the National Health Service provide the Ministry of Justice with suitable support for the containment of the spread of the COVID-19 contagion, also by means of suitable safeguards to ensure, according to the health protocols drawn up by the General Directorate of Health Prevention of the Ministry of Health, new entries into prisons and penal institutions for minors. Symptomatic cases of new entries are placed in isolation from other inmates, recommending that the possibility of alternative home detention measures be evaluated. Visual interviews are carried out in telephone or video mode, also in derogation from the duration currently provided for by the provisions in force. In exceptional cases, personal interviews may be authorised, provided that two metre-distance is absolutely guaranteed. It is recommended to limit permits and probation or to modify the relevant regimes in order to avoid leaving and returning from prisons, considering the possibility of alternative measures of home detention;

(v) the opening of places of worship shall be subject to the adoption of organisational measures such as to avoid a gathering of persons, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and such as to ensure that visitors can respect the distance between them of at least one metre as referred to in Annex 1(d). Civil and religious ceremonies, including funeral ceremonies, shall be suspended;

(z) a complete ban on the movement from their home or residence of persons subject to quarantine or found positive to the virus.

Art. 3

Information and prevention measures throughout the national territory

1. The following measures shall also apply throughout the national territory:

a) health personnel shall comply with the appropriate prevention measures for the spread of respiratory infections provided for by the World Health Organisation and apply the indications for the sanitation and disinfection of environments provided for by the Ministry of Health;

(b) it is expressly recommended to all elderly persons or persons suffering from chronic or multimorbid diseases or with congenital or acquired immune pressure, to avoid leaving their home or residence outside cases of strict necessity and to avoid crowded places where it is not possible to maintain a safe distance of at least one metre, as referred to in Annex 1(d);

(c) it is recommended to limit, where possible, the movement of natural persons to strictly necessary cases;

d) persons with symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (over 37.5° C) are strongly recommended to stay at home and to limit social contacts as much as possible by contacting their doctor;

e) in the educational services for children referred to in Legislative Decree 13 April 2017, n. 65, in schools of all levels, in universities, in the offices of the remaining public administrations, information on health and hygiene prevention measures referred to in Annex 1 shall be displayed in the areas open to the public as well as crowded and transit areas;

(f) mayors and trade associations shall promote the dissemination of information on the preventive health and hygiene measures set out in Annex 1 also in business activities;

g) it is recommended that municipalities and other local and regional authorities, as well as cultural and sports associations, offer individual recreational activities alternative to the collective activities prohibited by this decree, encouraging outdoor activities , provided that they are carried out without creating groups of people or carried out at the home of those concerned;

h) in public administrations and, in particular, in the areas of access to health service facilities, as well as in all premises open to the public, in accordance with the provisions of the Directive of the Minister for Public Administration No. 1 of 25 February 2020, disinfectant solutions for hand hygiene shall be made available to employees, as well as to users and visitors;

(i) in the conduct of public and private open examination procedures, appropriate organisational measures shall be taken to reduce the close contacts between candidates and to ensure that participants are able to respect the distance of at least one metre between them, as referred to in Annex 1(d);

(l) public transport companies, including long-distance public transport companies, shall take extraordinary measures to sanitise vehicles;

m) whoever, starting from the fourteenth day prior to the date of publication of this decree, has entered Italy after having

stayed in areas at epidemiological risk, as identified by the World Health Organization, must communicate this circumstance to the Prevention Department of the local health authority as well as to his/her general practitioner or to the paediatrician of free choice. The procedures for transmitting data to the public health services are defined by the regions by means of a specific provision, which indicates the references of the names and contacts of the public health doctors; when contacted by means of the single emergency number 112 or the toll-free number specifically set up by the region, the operators of the centres communicate general information and contact details for transmission to the local public health services.

2. The public health operator and the local public health services shall provide, based on the communications referred to in paragraph 1, letter m), for the prescription of home stay, according to the modalities indicated below:

(a) they shall contact by telephone and provide information, as detailed and documented as possible, on the areas of stay and the route of the journey made during the previous fourteen days, with a view to an appropriate assessment of the risk of exposure;

(b) having ascertained the need to initiate health surveillance and trustee isolation, they shall inform the person concerned in detail of the measures to be taken, explaining the arrangements and objectives for ensuring maximum adherence;

c) having ascertained the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary isolation, the public health operator shall also inform the general practitioner or the paediatrician of free choice by which the subject is assisted also for the purposes of possible certification for INPS (National Institute for Social Security) purposes (INPS HERMES official letter 0000716 of 25 February 2020);

(d) in case of need of certification for INPS purposes due to absence from work, a statement shall be made to INPS; the employer and the general practitioner or paediatrician of free choice shall

declare that for reasons of public health the person been placed in quarantine, specifying the beginning and the end dates.

3. The public health operator must also:

a) ascertain the absence of fever or other symptoms of the subject to be placed in isolation, as well as any other cohabitants;

(b) to inform the person of the symptoms, the characteristics of contagiousness, the mode of transmission of the disease, the measures to be taken to protect any cohabitants in the event of the appearance of symptoms;

c) inform the person about the need to measure body temperature twice a day (morning and evening;

4. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the health procedure, it is essential to inform about the meaning, modalities and aims of home isolation in order to ensure maximum adherence and application of the following measures:

(a) maintaining the state of isolation for 14 days since the last exposure;

(b) prohibition of social contacts;

(c) movements and travels banned;

(d) obligation to remain reachable for surveillance activities.

5. In case of symptoms the person under surveillance shall:

(a) immediately inform the general practitioner or paediatrician of his or her free choice and the public health professional;

(b) wear the surgical mask provided at the start of the health procedure and move away from the other cohabitants.

(c) remain in his/her room with the door closed ensuring adequate natural ventilation, while awaiting transfer to the hospital if necessary.

6. Public health operator will contact the person under surveillance daily, in order to have news about health conditions. In case of symptoms, after consulting the general practitioner or the paediatrician of free choice, the public health practitioner shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of Official letter no. 5443 of the Ministry of Health of 22 February 2020, and subsequent amendments and additions.

7. The application of the preventive health measures set out in Annex 1 is recommended throughout the country.

Art. 4

Monitoring of measurements

The Prefect (Government representative at the province level) shall, by informing the Minister of the Interior in advance, ensure the implementation of the measures referred to in Article 1 and shall monitor the implementation of the remaining measures by the competent administrations. The Prefect shall, where necessary, make use of the police forces, with the possible assistance of the National Fire Brigade Corps, as well as the armed forces, after hearing the competent territorial commands, and shall notify the President of the region and involved province.

2. Unless the fact constitutes a more serious offence, failure to comply with the obligations set out in this Decree is punished pursuant to Article 650 of the Criminal Code, as set out in Article 3, paragraph 4, of Decree Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020.

Art. 5

Final provisions

1. The provisions of this Decree shall take effect from 8 March 2020 and shall be effective, unless otherwise provided in the individual measures, until 3 April 2020.

2. The measures referred to in Articles 2 and 3 shall also apply to the territories referred to in Article 1, where no similar more stringent measures are provided for in respect of those territories.

3. From the date of effectiveness of the provisions of this decree, the decrees of the President of the Council of Ministers of 1 March and 4 March 2020 shall cease to have effect.

4. This is without prejudice to the power of order of the Regions under Article 3(2) of Decree-Law No 6 of 23 February 2020.

5. The provisions of this decree shall apply to the Special Statute Regions and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano in accordance with their respective statutes and implementing rules.

Rome, 8 March 2020

The President
of the Council of Ministers
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The Minister of Health

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Annex 1

Health-hygiene measures:

(a) wash hands often. It is recommended to wash hands using hydroalcoholic solutions available in all public places, gyms, supermarkets, and other places of aggregation;

(b) avoid close contact with persons suffering from acute respiratory infections;

(c) avoid hugs and handshakes;

(d) keep in social contacts an interpersonal distance of at least one metre;

(e) respiratory hygiene (sneeze and/or cough in a handkerchief avoiding hand contact with respiratory secretions);

(f) avoid the promiscuous use of bottles and glasses, in particular during sporting activity;

(g) do not touch eyes, nose and mouth with your hands;

(h) cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze or cough;

(i) do not take antiviral drugs and antibiotics unless prescribed by a doctor;

(l) clean surfaces with chlorine or alcohol-based disinfectants.

(m) use the mask only if you suspect to be ill or if you are caring for sick people.