

**THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ITALIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Given Law No. 400 of 23 August 1988;

Given the Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on “*Urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19*” and, in particular, article 3 thereof;

Given the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 23 February 2020, on “*Provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures on the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19*”, published in the Italian Official Gazette No. 45 of 23 February 2020;

Given 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, containing urgent measures on the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19*”, published in the Official Gazette No. 47 of 25 February 2020;

Given the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 1 March 2020, containing “*Further implementing provisions of Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020, containing urgent measures on the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19*”, published in the Official Gazette No. 52 of 1 March 2020;

Given the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 4 March 2020, containing “*Further implementing provisions of Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020, containing urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19, applicable throughout Italy*”, published in the Official Gazette No. 55 of 4 March 2020;

Whereas the World Health Organisation on 30 January 2020 declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern;

Given the resolution of the Council of Ministers of 31 January 2020, which declared, for six months, a state of emergency on national territory relating to the health risk associated with 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 national territory;

Considered it necessary to re-modulate the areas and identify further national measures;

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

Having taken into account the indications formulated by the Scientific Technical Committee referred to in article 2 of the Ordinance of the Head of the Department of Civil Protection No. 630 of 3 February 2020 at its meetings of 7 March 2020;

On the proposal of the Minister of Health, having heard the Ministers of the Interior, Defence, Economy and Finance, as well as the Ministers of Education, Justice, Infrastructure and Transport, University and Research, Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, Labour and Social Policies, Public Administration, Regional Affairs and Autonomies, and having heard the President of the

Conference of Presidents of the Regions and, for the profiles of competence, the Presidents of the Emilia Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont and Veneto Regions;

## **DECLARES**

### **Article 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.***

1. In order to counter and contain the spread of the 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 proven work needs or situations of necessity or movements for health reasons. It is permitted to return to one's own domicile, place of residence or habitation;
- b) individuals with symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (over 37.5° C) are strongly recommended to stay at home and limit social contacts as much as possible by contacting their doctor;
- c) subjects under quarantine or who have been tested positive for the virus are strictly forbidden to move from their home or residence;
- d) sports events and competitions of all kinds and disciplines in public or private places are suspended. The aforementioned events and competitions, as well as the training sessions of professional athletes and absolute category athletes 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 spreading the COVID-19 virus among athletes, technicians, managers and all accompanying persons involved;
- e) public and private employers are recommended to promote, during the period of effectiveness of this decree, the fruition by employees of periods of ordinary leave and vacation, without prejudice to the provisions of article 2, paragraph 1, letter r);
- f) facilities in ski areas are closed;
- g) all events organised, as well as events in public or private places, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting, religious and trade fair nature, are suspended, even if held in closed places but open to the public, such as, for example, major events, cinemas, theatres, pubs, dance schools, amusement arcades, betting and bingo halls, discos and similar establishments; any and all activities in the places referred to above shall be suspended;

- h) the educational services for children referred to in article 2 of Legislative Decree No. 65 of 13 April 2017 and educational activities in schools of every order and degree, as well as the attendance of school activities and higher education, including Universities and Institutions of Higher Artistic Musical and Coreutic Education, 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 territorial and local authorities and private subjects, 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 are suspended. 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 fulfilments concerning the educational services for children, not belonging to educational circles or comprehensive institutions;
- i) the opening of places of workshop 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 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, referred to in Legislative Decree No. 42 of 22 January 2004, shall be closed;
- m) public and private open competitive exams are suspended, with the exclusion of cases in which the evaluation of candidates is carried out exclusively on a curriculum basis or in telematic mode; open competitive exams for health personnel, including State and medical surgeon examinations, and those for civil protection personnel, which must preferably take place at a distance or, if not, guaranteeing a safety distance of one metre as per Annex 1, letter d), are also excluded from suspension;
- n) catering and bar activities are permitted from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., with the obligation, at the expense of the operator, to provide the conditions to ensure the possibility of respecting the interpersonal safety distance of at least one metre referred to in Annex 1, letter d), with a sanction of suspending the business in case of violation;
- o) commercial activities other than those referred to in the previous letter shall be permitted on condition that the operator guarantees access to the abovementioned places in a restricted manner or otherwise suitable to avoid a crowding 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 suspending the business in case 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 and technical personnel, as well as personnel whose activities are necessary to manage the activities required by the crisis units set up at regional level, shall be suspended;
- q) in all possible cases, when holding meetings, remote connection procedures shall be adopted, with particular reference to health and socio-medical facilities, public utility services and coordination activated in the context of the COVID-19 emergency, in any case ensuring compliance with the one-metre safety distance referred to in Annex 1, letter d), and avoiding gatherings;
- r) on public holidays and days before holidays, medium and large sales facilities, as well as shops in shopping centres and markets, shall be closed. On weekdays, the manager of the aforesaid shops must in any case provide the conditions to guarantee the possibility of respecting the one-metre safety distance referred to in Annex 1, letter d), with a sanction of suspending the business in case of violation. In the presence of structural or organisational conditions that do not allow the observance of the one-metre safety distance referred to in Annex 1, letter d), the facilities referred to shall be closed. Such closure is not intended for pharmacies, para-pharmacies and food stores, whose manager is required to ensure compliance with the one metre safety distance referred to in Annex 1, letter d), with a sanction of suspending the business in case of violation;
- s) activities carried out in 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) qualification 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, are suspended; a special management order is issued 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.

## **Article 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, reunions, meetings and social events, in which health personnel or personnel responsible for carrying out essential public services or public utilities are involved, shall be suspended; any other convention or congress activity shall also be postponed until after the expiry of this decree;
  - b) events, shows and performances of any kind, including cinematographic and theatrical performances, held in any place, whether public or private, shall be suspended;
  - c) activities of pubs, dance schools, amusement arcades, betting and bingo halls, discos and similar establishments shall be suspended, with a sanction of suspending the business 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, shall be suspended;
- e) with regard to catering and bar activities, the obligation, at the manager's expense, to enforce the interpersonal safety distance of at least one metre, with a sanction of suspending the business in case of violation;
- f) it is strongly recommended in commercial establishments other than those listed in the previous letter, in the open air and indoors, that the manager guarantees the adoption of organisational measures to allow access to the aforesaid places in a restricted manner or in any case suitable to avoid a gathering of people, in compliance with the interpersonal safety distance of at least one metre between visitors;
- g) sports events and competitions of every order and discipline, carried out in any place, both public and private, are also suspended; the above events and competitions, as well as the training sessions of competitive athletes, are allowed to take place 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 involved. Basic sport and motor activities in general, carried out outdoors or inside gyms, swimming pools and sports centres of all kinds, are admitted only if it is possible to guarantee the respect of the safety distance of one metre referred to in Annex 1, letter d);
- h) the educational services for children referred to in article 2 of Legislative Decree No. 65 of 13 April 2017 and educational activities in schools of every order and degree, 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 courses, master's degrees, universities for the elderly, and courses held by driving schools, shall be suspended until 15 March 2020; post-graduate courses connected with the exercise of health professions, 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 the Interior and Defence and of Economy and Finance, are excluded from the suspension, provided that the safety distance referred to in Annex 1, letter d) is guaranteed. In order to maintain social distance, 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 degrees, shall be suspended;
- l) without prejudice to the provisions of letter h) above, readmission 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 degrees for absences due to infectious diseases 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, shall occur upon presentation of a medical certificate, also in derogation of the provisions in force;
- m) for the entire duration of the suspension of teaching activities in schools, the school heads shall activate distance teaching methods also taking into account the specific needs of students with disabilities;
  - n) in Universities and institutions of higher artistic musical and choreutic education, for the entire duration of the suspension, teaching activities or curricula can be carried out, where possible, with distance learning methods identified by the same Universities and institutions, with particular regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities; the Universities and institutions, after the restoration of normal functionality, shall ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case identifying the relevant methods, the recovery of training activities as well as curricular activities 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 connected to the health emergency referred to in this decree, to participate in the teaching or curricular activities of Universities and Institutions of high artistic musical and choreographic training, such activities may be carried out, where possible, with remote modalities, identified by the same Universities and Institutions, also taking into account the specific needs of students with disabilities; the Universities and Institutions shall ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case identifying the relevant methods, the recovery of training activities, as well as curricular activities, or any other test or verification, even intermediate, that are functional to the completion of the teaching path; the absences accrued by the students referred to in this letter are not counted for the purposes of admission to final exams and for the purposes of the related assessments;
  - p) it is forbidden for companions of patients to remain in the waiting rooms of the emergency and acceptance departments and first aid (DEA/PS), unless specifically indicated otherwise by the medical staff in charge;
  - q) access of relatives and visitors to hospitality 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 obliged to take the necessary measures to prevent possible transmission of infection;
  - r) the smart working mode governed by articles 18 to 23 of Law No. 81 of 22 May 2017 may 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 all working relationships, in compliance with the principles set forth in the aforementioned provisions, even in the absence of the individual agreements provided for therein; the reporting obligations referred to in article 22 of Law No. 81 of 22 May 2017 are fulfilled electronically, also by 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 ordinary leave or holidays;

- t) by means of a special management order, an extension of the terms provided for in articles 121 and 122 of Legislative Decree No. 285 of 30 April 1992 is ordered in favour of candidates who were unable to sit the examination tests due to the suspension referred to in article 1, paragraph 1, letter f) of the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 25 February 2020;
- 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 branches of the National Health Service provide the Ministry of Justice with suitable support for the containment of the spread of 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 to be evaluated. Visual interviews are conducted by telephone or video, also in derogation from the duration currently provided for by the provisions in force. In exceptional cases, personal interviews may be authorised, provided that a distance of two metres is absolutely guaranteed. It is recommended to limit the permits and probation or to modify the relevant regimes so as to avoid leaving and returning from prison, considering the possibility of alternative home detention measures;
- v) the opening of places of worship shall be conditional on the adoption of organisational measures to avoid gatherings, 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, letter d). Civil and religious ceremonies, including funeral ceremonies, shall be suspended;
- w) no persons subject to the quarantine measure or who have been tested positive for the virus shall be allowed to move from their home or residence.

### **Article 3**

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

1. The following measures shall also apply throughout the national territory:
  - a) healthcare professionals 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 people or people suffering from chronic or multimorbid diseases or with congenital or acquired immunodepression, to avoid leaving their homes or residences outside the cases of strict necessity and to avoid crowded places where it is not possible to maintain the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter, referred to in Annex 1, letter d);
  - c) it is recommended to limit, where possible, the movement of natural persons to strictly necessary cases;

- d) individuals 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 No. 65 of 13 April 2017, in schools of every order and degree, in universities, in the offices of the remaining public administrations, the information on the health and hygiene prevention measures listed in Annex 1 must be displayed in spaces open to the public, *i.e.* of increase crowding and transit;
  - f) mayors and trade associations shall promote the dissemination of information on the preventive health and hygiene measures referred to in Annex 1 also in commercial establishments;
  - g) municipalities and other local and regional authorities, as well as cultural and sporting associations, are recommended to offer individual recreational activities as an alternative to the collective activities prohibited by this decree, to promote and encourage outdoor activities, provided that they are carried out without crowding or at the home of the persons 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 Directive No. 1 of the Minister for Public Administration dated 25 February 2020, disinfectant solutions for hand hygiene are made available to employees, users and visitors;
  - i) in the conduct of public and private open competitive exams, appropriate organisational measures shall be taken in order to reduce the close contacts between candidates and to ensure that participants are able to respect the distance of at least one meter between them, as referred to in Annex 1, letter d);
  - j) public transport companies, including long-distance public transport companies, shall take extraordinary measures to sanitise vehicles;
  - k) whoever, starting from the fourteenth day prior to the date of publication of this decree, has entered Italy after having stayed in the areas at epidemiological risk, as identified by the World Health Organization, must communicate this circumstance to the health company territorially competent Prevention Department as well as to its general practitioner or to the pediatrician of free choice. The procedures for transmitting data to the public health services are defined by the regions by means of a specific regulation, which indicates the names and contact details of the public health doctors; when contacted via the single emergency number 112, the toll-free number specifically set up by the Region, the operators of the centres shall communicate details and contact details for transmission to the public health services territorially competent.
- 2.** The public health operator and the public health services territorially competent, on the basis of the communications referred to in point (m) of paragraph 1, shall prescribe to stay at home in accordance with the following procedures:
- a) they shall contact by telephone and provide information, as much detailed and documented as possible, on the areas of stay and the route of the journey made during the previous 14 days, with a view to an appropriate assessment of the risk of exposure;



- b) having ascertained the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary isolation, they shall inform the person concerned in detail of the measures to be taken, explaining the modalities and aims of such measures in order to ensure maximum adherence;
- c) once the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary isolation has been established, the public health professional shall also inform the general practitioner or the paediatrician assisting the person, including for the purposes of possible certification for INPS purposes (INPS HERMES Circular 0000716 dated 25 February 2020);
- d) if the certification for INPS purposes is necessary due to absence from work, a notification shall be made to the INPS, the employer and the general practitioner or the paediatrician of free choice declaring that the person has been placed in quarantine for public health reasons, specifying the start and end date.

**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) inform the person of the symptoms, the contagious characteristics, 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) maintenance of the state of isolation for fourteen days since the last exposure;
- b) prohibition of social contacts;
- c) ban on displacements and travel;
- d) obligation to remain reachable for surveillance activities.

**5.** In the event of the appearance of symptoms, the person under surveillance shall:

- a) immediately inform the general practitioner or paediatrician of 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 own room with the door closed ensuring adequate natural ventilation, while waiting for the transfer to the hospital, if necessary.

**6.** The public health operator shall contact the person under surveillance on a daily basis, in order to obtain information on the health conditions. In case of symptomatology, after consulting the general practitioner or the paediatrician of free choice, the public health professional shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 5443 of the Ministry of Health of 22 February 2020, and subsequent modifications and integrations.

**7.** The application of the health prevention measures set out in Annex 1 is recommended throughout the national territory.

**Article 4**  
***Monitoring of measures***

**1.** The territorially competent prefect, by informing the Minister of the Interior, shall ensure the implementation of the measures referred to in article 1, as well as monitor the implementation of the remaining measures by the competent administrations.

The prefect, where necessary, shall use the police force, with the possible assistance of the National Fire Department, as well as of the armed forces, after consultation with the competent territorial commands, giving notice to the President of the relevant autonomous region and province.

**2.** Unless the act constitutes a more serious criminal offence, failure to comply with the obligations set forth by this decree is punishable pursuant to article 650 of the Italian Criminal Code, as provided for by article 3, paragraph 4 of Decree-Law No. 6 dated 23 February 2020.

### **Article 5**

#### ***Final provisions***

**1.** The provisions of this decree shall be effective from 8 March 2020 and are applicable, subject to the different provisions contained 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, if in such territories similar stricter measures have not been taken.

**3.** From the effective date of the provisions of this decree, the decrees of the President of the Council of Ministers dated 1 March and 4 March 2020 shall expire.

**4.** This is without prejudice to the ordering power of the Regions as per article 3, paragraph 2, of Decree Law no. 6 dated 23 February 2020.

**5.** The provisions of this decree shall apply to the special administrative Regions and the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano in accordance with their respective statutes and the relevant implementation rules.

Rome, 8 March 2020

The President of the Council of Ministers  
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The Ministry of Health  
Speranza

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## **Annex 1**

### Sanitation measures:

- a) wash your hands often. It is recommended to make available in all public places, gyms, supermarkets, pharmacies and other places of aggregation, hydro-alcoholic solutions for hands washing;
- b) avoid close contact with persons suffering from acute respiratory infections;
- c) avoid hugs and handshakes;
- d) maintain, in social contacts, an interpersonal distance of at least 1 meter;
- e) respiratory hygiene (sneezing and/or coughing in a handkerchief avoiding hand contact with respiratory secretions);
- f) avoiding the promiscuous use of bottles and glasses in particularly during sports 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 they are prescribed by a doctor;
- j) clean surfaces with chlorine disinfectants or alcohol;
- k) use the mask only if you suspect being ill or if you're caring for sick people.