

Editorially consolidated text

According to Article 6 paragraph 1 of the Law on the Protection of Population from Contagious Diseases ("Official Gazette of the RS" No. 15/16), and Article 43 paragraph 1 of the Law on Government ("Official Gazette of the RS", Nos. 55/05, 71/05 – correction, 101/07, 65/08, 16/11, 68/12 – US, 72/12, 7/14 – US, 44/14 and 30/18 – other law),

the Government has adopted the following

DECISION

on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease

"Official Gazette of the RS" Nos. 23 of 10 March 2020, 24 of 11 March 2020, 27 of 13 March 2020, 28 of 14 March 2020, 30 of 15 March 2020, 32 of 16 March 2020, 35 of 18 March 2020, 37 of 19 March 2020, 38 of 20 March 2020, 39 of 21 March 2020, 43 of 27 March 2020, 45 of 28 March 2020, 48 of 31 March 2020, 49 of 1 April 2020.

1. COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, is declared a contagious disease, whose prevention and containment is in the interest of the Republic of Serbia.
2. In order to prevent the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 contagious disease, and for the purpose of its containment and protection of citizens from this disease, the measures stipulated in the Law on the Protection of Population from Contagious Diseases, Law on Healthcare, Law on Public Health, and other measures required by the nature of the disease, in conformity with the epidemiological situation, shall apply.

The persons suffering from the contagious disease COVID-19, i.e. the persons with whom the tests confirmed presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2, shall be quarantined and treated in the facilities that have been specially designated and prepared for isolation and curing of the diseased, i.e. those infected by the virus SARS-CoV-2.*

The persons specified in paragraph 2 of this Item shall be obliged to accept the isolation in the designated facilities and to adhere to the measures and instructions ordered by the competent medical doctor, i.e. medical doctor epidemiologist.*

The person not adhering to the orders of the medical doctor, according to paragraph 3 hereof, based on the report of the health institution, shall be isolated forcibly in the presence of a representative of the administrative body responsible for internal affairs.*

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 45/2020

2a The persons who, after the isolation and treatment in conformity with paragraph 2 Item 2 of this Decision, i.e. after two consecutive negative tests for the presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2, have been discharged to home treatment, shall be obliged to stay, after the discharge, under the medical

monitoring for acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2 for the duration of 14 days (isolation at home).*

The control of adherence to the measures of isolation stipulated in paragraph 1 hereof shall be performed by the members of the state administrative body responsible for internal affairs, based on the information submitted to them, through the state administrative body responsible for healthcare, by the institution that performed the discharge.*

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 49/2020

3. It is recommended to the employed in the healthcare and social protection system of the Republic of Serbia not to travel to the countries with intensive transmission of COVID-19, i.e. to the countries that are epidemics hotbeds.

3a The healthcare workers who, after the return to the Republic of Serbia, have been issued the measure of medical monitoring for the acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, and the healthcare workers that have been issued such a measure after the contact with an infected person, and have not developed any symptom of the disease, shall be obliged, upon the expiry of 14 days and one negative test made on the 14th day of issuing the measure, to approach the healthcare institutions in which they are employed in order to continue their work and perform their work obligation.*

The provision of paragraph 1 hereof shall apply accordingly to the healthcare workers in the military healthcare institutions and members of the Serbian Armed Forces, members of Ministry of Interior Affairs and security services, and employees in the administrations for the enforcement of penal sanctions – in the department of treatment, security, training and employment, and medical protection.*

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 49/2020

3b To the person who, after the entry to the Republic of Serbia, has been issued the measure of medical monitoring for the acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2 (isolation at home), and to the person who has been issued such a measure after the contact with an infected person in the Republic of Serbia, that has the need to leave the Republic of Serbia before the expiry of the issued measure, the competent sanitary inspector may suspend the enforcement of the measure and allow him to leave the Republic of Serbia, provided that this person has not developed any symptom of the disease by the date of the request for suspension of the measure.*

The decision of the sanitary inspector specified in paragraph 1 hereof, that shall be made within 24 hours from the date of request at the latest, shall be also notified to the state administrative body responsible for internal affairs, through the state administrative body responsible for healthcare,*

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 49/2020

4. For the purpose of protection from the entry of contagious diseases into the territory of the Republic of Serbia, foreign nationals shall be temporarily banned from entering the Republic of Serbia.*

The measure specified in paragraph 1 hereof shall not apply to:*

1) the crews of freight motor vehicles while performing international transport by road. In case of international transit freight transport by road, the same shall be limited to the period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia;*

2) the crews of cargo ships transporting goods to one of the domestic ports. In case of transit navigation in the international waterway in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the same shall be limited to the period not longer than 90 hours for the ship crew, and 60 hours for self-propelled vessels, from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of upstream navigation, i.e. for the period not longer than 72 hours for ship crews and 54 hours for self-propelled vessels from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of downstream navigation;*

3) the driving staff of railway vehicles entering the zone of border stations established by intergovernmental agreements;*

4) the crew and cabin staff of aircraft whose ultimate destination is the Republic of Serbia, or who are in transit through the international airports in the Republic of Serbia;*

5) the persons granted the permission to enter the Republic of Serbia, and to stay in or transit through the Republic of Serbia, by the Government's Working Body, consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior Affairs and the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure. The Government's Working Body shall establish the conditions and restrictions for transit, i.e. stay of the persons granted the permission to enter the Republic of Serbia;*

6) the humanitarian convoys under compulsory escort contracted by diplomatic way*, as well as the persons being part of or escorting military convoys and transports for the military needs that, according to the special regulation, received the consent from the competent body, i.e. those to whom, with respect to their entry to the Republic of Serbia, the provisions of the confirmed international agreement directly apply**;

7) the accredited staff members of foreign diplomatic-consular missions and international organizations' offices, as well as their family members that hold separate ID cards, i.e. identification documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Secretariat of the Government;*

8) the foreign citizens with the approved temporary residence or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia.*

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 30/2020

**Official Gazette of the RS, No. 35/2020

4a In order to prevent the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 contagious disease, and for the purpose of its containment, the citizens of the Republic of Serbia and foreign nationals with approved temporary residence or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia, who enter the Republic of Serbia, shall be issued the measure of placement under medical monitoring for the acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, for the duration of 28 days (isolation at home), or another measure of medical monitoring established by the act of the minister responsible for healthcare, according to the epidemiological situation, i.e. with the aim to estimate the epidemiological risk.***

The persons entering the Republic of Serbia, that show the symptoms of COVID-19 contagious disease, shall be promptly moved to an appropriate medical institution and treated according to Item 2 of this Decision ***.

The measures from * paragraph 1*** hereof shall not apply to the local citizens and foreign nationals with the approved temporary residence or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia, who are crew members of road freight vehicles, cargo ships, driving staff of railway vehicles, crew and cabin staff of aircraft, by which international transport is carried out by road, railway, waterway and air.*

The ships sailing in inland waterways of the Republic of Serbia, no matter whether they are transiting, or sailing in, i.e. sailing out of a domestic port or pier, shall not be allowed to replace their foreign national crew members, whereas replacement of the crew members that are local citizens shall be allowed, with sending the crew member that leaves the ship to implement ** the measure of placement under medical monitoring for the acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, for the duration of 14 days (isolation at home), if upon the expiry of 14 days, the crew member that is a local citizen does not have any medical or epidemiological indication of COVID-19, and if he is boarding the ship again upon the expiry of the said period. Otherwise, the measure of placement under medical monitoring for the acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2 shall be valid for 28 days (isolation at home), or another measure of medical monitoring shall be introduced, as specified in the act of the minister responsible for healthcare, in conformity with the epidemiological situation, i.e. with the aim to estimate the epidemiological risk***.**

Former paragraphs 5 and 6 have been deleted (see Item 1 of the Decision - 48/2020-4)

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 32/2020

**Official Gazette of the RS, No. 39/2020

***Official Gazette of the RS, No. 48/2020

4b To the foreign nationals who, based on the invitation, i.e. approval of the competent body of the Republic of Serbia, come to the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of giving humanitarian aid, the measures from Items 4 and 4a hereof shall not apply.*

*Official Gazette of the RS, No. 38/2020

5. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

05 No. 53-2281/2020

In Belgrade, 10 March 2020

Government

Prime Minister,

Ana Brnabić, m.p.

THE PROVISIONS NOT INCLUDED IN "THE CONSOLIDATED TEXT" OF THE DECISION

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 24/2020-3

2. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 27/2020-13

2. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 28/2020-3

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 30/2020-3

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 32/2020-3

2. Enacting authorities of individual acts, according to which local citizens or foreign nationals with approved temporary residence or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia, as the crew members of road freight vehicles, cargo ships, driving staff of railway vehicles, crew and cabin staff of aircraft, by which international transport is carried out by road, railway, waterway and air, were pronounced, before coming into effect of this Decision, the measures of protection that do not apply to such persons according to this Decision – shall suspend further enforcement of the adopted acts.

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 35/2020-18

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: "Official Gazette of the RS", No. 37/2020-3

2. The persons that were moved to isolation before the day of coming into effect of this Decision, shall stay in isolation until the expiry of the period of isolation, i.e. they shall be quarantined.

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: “Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 38/2020-17

2. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: “Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 43/2020-4

2. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: “Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 45/2020-3

2. According to this Decision, for all persons to whom, by the day of coming into effect of this Decision, the measure of placement under medical monitoring for the acute respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, for the duration of 14 days (isolation at home), has not expired, and which was pronounced to them by either written or oral decisions of the competent sanitary inspector, according to the Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease (“Official Gazette of the RS”, Nos. 23/20, 24/20, 27/20, 28/20, 30/20, 32/20, 35/20 and 37/20), the duration of that measure shall be extended by another 14 days, counting from the expiry of the measure pronounced previously.

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: “Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 48/2020-4

2. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.

Decision amending Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease: “Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 49/2020-3

3. This Decision shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”.