Additional restrictions during the state of emergency

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Taking into consideration the rapid and uncontrollable spread of the Covid-19 infection and the overload of the health sector the Government of Latvia has supplemented the restrictions during the state of emergency.

Duration of additional restrictions: 21 October 2021 – 14 November 2021.

Curfew 20.00-05.00: everyone must stay home or at their place of residence and reduce contact with all other people

Upon display of the necessary written statement, movement is permitted:

- for persons carrying out service/work duties or moving from or to the place of service/employment
- to visit an all-night pharmacy or receive psychological support, medical treatment services or veterinary medical care for animals
- to reach/return home from the airport, port, railway station or terminal

Cancelled:

- public events
- private events (except events within a single household)
- face-to-face commercial services* related to beauty, recreation, gambling, betting, entertainment, well-being, active recreation, physical activities, sports, tourism, photo/video services, on-site consultations, collective hunting
- activities of cultural sites, libraries and exhibitions
- activities related to the organisation of street trade
- protected forms of peaceful freedom of assembly

Face-to-face trade services allowed only in** shops where 70% of the assortment is food/hygiene products,

pharmacies, optician's shops, pet shops and pharmacies, press shops and book stores, telecommunications shops and services, flower shops, fuel stations, registered terminals, railway station ticket offices

Education: all education is remote, except for 1st-3rd grade as well as pre-school education programmes if the legal representative of the child cannot work remotely and cannot ensure child monitoring Responsible authority: The Ministry of Health and The Crisis Management Council.

The Cabinet Order No. 720 supplements existing legislation regarding Epidemiological Safety Measures for Containment of the Spread of the Covid-19 Infection (Cabinet Regulations No. 360).

More on the Covid-19 measures read here.

Newly adopted restrictions are briefly described below:

Working hours 6.00-19.00: face-to-face trade, provision of face-to-face commercial services

Employment in the private sector: all employees who work on-site shall certify in writing upon arrival at the workplace that they have no signs of acute respiratory infectious disease and have not been in contact with persons subject to isolation, home guarantine or self-isolation

Provision of face-to-face public services:

- face-to-face contact shall not exceed 15 minutes (longer contact is permissible only in cases of objective urgency)
- the service provider and the client both have a certificate of vaccination or recovery
- the service is provided on an appointment basis only

Provision of face-to-face commercial services:

services (which are not cancelled* or have no other special rules) may be provided, if 15m² of the indoor area per person are ensured

** At these trading sites, 25 m² of area/person must be ensured

Litigation: if possible, the courts conduct the proceedings in written form or remotely

If it is not possible to conduct the proceedings in written form or remotely:

- the proceedings shall be suspended, or
- the case is heard in oral proceedings when it involves a serious violation of the person's rights and there is objective urgency