

CORONAVIRUS: UPDATE ON THE EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES

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In the context of preventing and controlling the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into account the developments in the situation, the President of the Republic has approved Decree 212/2 of 7 August. This Decree updates the measures to prevent and control the spread of the SARS-COV-2 Virus and COVID-19 disease. It also updates the rules on the operation of public and private services and social amenities during the situation of public calamity.

The main measures of this Decree include:

General provisions

- Correct and mandatory use of a face mask in public places and inside private vehicles;
- The borders of the Republic of Angola remain closed, with entry into and exit from the country being subject to health checks;
- Products in the basic food basket, fuel, medicines, equipment and expendable material for medical use are not allowed to leave the country;

- Angolan citizens and resident foreigners coming from outside the country who do not test positive for SARS-COV-2 in the pre-boarding test must self-isolate at home (this form of quarantine will only be implemented from 15 August 2020);
- Non-resident aliens coming from abroad who do not test positive for SARS-COV-2 must observe the institutional quarantine;
- Citizens who test positive and show no symptoms will be placed in home quarantine whenever there are conditions for home isolation, including maintaining physical distancing;
- Vulnerable citizens subject to special protection continue to be exempt from face-to-face work;
- Citizens who are responsible for children under 12 or obese citizens must work for 50% of their working hours, as defined by the employer.

Main measures

- Public services operate from 8 am to 3 pm, with 50% of the workforce for Luanda and 75% in other provinces;
- Port, airport and related services, as well as customs offices, defence and security agencies, health services, electronic communication services, media, energy, water and waste collection can operate with the full workforce;
- Private services operate from 6 am to 4 pm, with 50% of the workforce in Luanda and 75% in other provinces;
- Face-to-face teaching activities are suspended at all levels of education in public and private educational establishments;

The sale of goods and services in general, including in canteens and similar, takes place between 7 am and 7 pm, with 50% of the workforce in Luanda and 75% of the workforce in other provinces.

- The performance of training and federated sports activities is still suspended, except for individual sports and leisure in open spaces, which can be done every day between 5.30 am and 8 pm, while obeying the rules on physical distancing;
- Public access gyms remain closed
- The sale of goods and services in general, including in canteens and similar, takes place between 7 am and 7 pm, with 50% of the workforce in Luanda and 75% of the workforce in other provinces;
- Restaurants and similar are open until 9 pm, with table service. Take away and home delivery services are available every day between 6 am and 10 pm and, in both cases, biosafety rules must be observed;
- Activities and meetings held indoors must not exceed 50% of the room capacity, nor the maximum number of 50 people in the case of Luanda and 150 people in other provinces;
- Access to beaches, public swimming pools and other bathing areas, as well as the operation of sailing clubs and marinas for recreational purposes remain prohibited until 15 October;
- Gatherings for religious activities continue under the previous measures;
- Home gatherings are allowed up to a maximum of 15 (fifteen) people. No more than 10 (ten) people are allowed to gather in public places;
- The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places are banned;
- Funeral ceremonies are limited to 15 people in Luanda and 25 people in other Provinces;

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- Urban and intercity public and private passenger transport operates between 5 am and 10 pm, with up to 50% of its capacity in Luanda and up to 75% in other provinces. Motor-taxi services operate between 6 am and 10 pm, and the use of a face mask is mandatory for both passenger and driver.

Public and private institutions are also obliged to guarantee essential conditions of individual protection for staff and respect the guidelines of the health authorities, particularly with regard to hygiene and biosafety.

The cordons sanitaires in the Province of Luanda and in the Municipality of Cazengo (Province of Kwanza-Norte) are maintained until 11.59 pm on 8 September 2020.

The Decree was published on 7 August 2020 and remains in force for a period of 30 days from 10 August 2020.