

# Chronology of main steps and legal acts taken by the Italian Government for the containment of the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency

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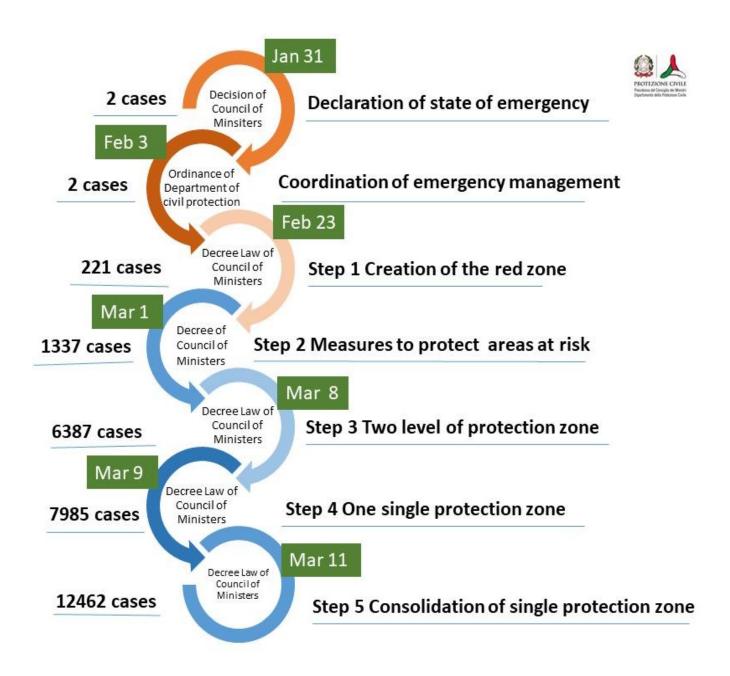
Note: this document is an abstract of differents legal acts and is conceived as a guide to understand the progression and evolution of action taken following the evolution of the COVID-19 emergency.

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## Overview of the evolution of the Covid19 emergency and legal acts taken



## **January 31st Decision of the Council of Ministers**

**Declaration of state of emergency -** 6 month duration.

For the implementation of interventions to face the state of emergency in object, orders are issued by the Head of the Civil Protection Department in derogation from any current ordinary provision and in compliance with the general principles of the legal system.

For the implementation of the first interventions, pending the evaluation of the actual impact of the event under review, the italian governemnt has allocated the amount of € 5,000,000.00.

## **February 3rd Ordinance of the Head of Department**

#### Coordination of emergency management

The Head of the Civil Protection Department ensures the coordination of the necessary interventions, making use of the same Department, the components and operational structures of the National Civil Protection Service, including all its implementing subjects, also identified among the economic and non-economic public bodies and private entities, which act on the basis of specific directives, without new or greater burdens on public finances.

The Head of the Civil Protection Department, through the aforementioned subjects, coordinates the implementation of the interventions aimed at:

- a) the organization and execution of rescue and assistance interventions for the population affected by the emergency in object as well as the urgent and necessary operations for the removal of situations of danger for public and private safety, with particular reference to the continuation of the urgent measures already adopted by the Minister of Health with the ordinances indicated in the introduction, the disposal of any further measures to ban air, land and maritime traffic on national territory, the return of people present in countries at risk and the assisted repatriation of foreign citizens in the countries of origin exposed to risk, to the sending of specialized personnel abroad, to the acquisition of drugs, medical devices, personal protection, and biocides, to the requisition of movable, registered and immovable property, also using the locally competent Prefects, as well as their management ensuring all forms of assistance to the population;
- b) the restoration or enhancement, also with extremely urgent procedures, of the operability of public services and of the infrastructures necessary to overcome the specific emergency and the adoption of measures aimed at guaranteeing the continuity of the provision of health care services in the territories concerned, also through temporary interventions.

**Technical and Scientific Comittee** For the implementation of the interventions referred to in this Ordinance, the Head of the Civil Protection Department avails itself of a technical-scientific Committee, set up with its own provision, composed of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, the Director General of Health Prevention of the Ministry of Health, the Director of the Coordination Office of the Maritime, Air and Border Health Offices of the Ministry of Health, the Scientific Director of the National Institute for Infectious Diseases "Lazzaro Spallanzani", the President of the Higher Institute of Health, a representative of the Health Commission appointed by the President of the Conference of the Regions and Autonomous Provinces and the Coordinator for the Promotion and Integration Office of the National Civil Protection Service of the Civil Protection Department, with the role of Coordinator of the Committee. The Committee can be integrated in relation to specific needs.

## February 23rd Decree Law of Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

## Step 1 Creation of the Red zone

In order to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in the municipalities of ... (11 Municipalities) the following containment measures are adopted:

- a) prohibition of leaving/departing from the Municipalities for all persons present in the Municipalities; b) prohibition of access to Municipalities;
- c) suspension of events or initiatives of any nature, of events and of any form of meeting in public or private places, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting and religious nature, even if held in closed places open to the public;
- d) suspension of educational services for children and schools of all levels, as well as the frequency of school and higher education activities, including university, except for distance learning activities;
- e) suspension of educational trips in Italy or abroad organized by schools of the national education system;
- f) suspension of the opening to the public of Museums and other cultural institutes and places;
- g) suspension of the activities of public offices, without prejudice to the provision of essential and public utility services, according to the methods and limits indicated with the provision of the territorially competent Prefect;
- h) suspension of public insolvency procedures;
- i) closure of all commercial activities, with the exception of those of public utility and essential public services according to the methods and limits indicated with the provision of the territorially competent Prefect, including commercial establishments for the purchase of basic necessities;
- I) obligation to access essential public services, as well as commercial establishments for the purchase of basic necessities by wearing Personal Protective equipment or by adopting particular precautionary measures identified by the Prevention Department of the healthcare companies competent for the territory;
- m) suspension of freight and passenger transport services, land, rail, inland waters and local public, including non-scheduled ones, with the exclusion of the transport of essential and perishable goods and without prejudice to any exceptions provided for by the territorially competent Prefects;
- n) suspension of all work/business activities for companies, with the exception of those that provide essential and public utility services, including veterinary activities, as well as those that can be carried out at home or remote mode. The Prefect, in agreement with the competent authorities, can identify specific measures aimed at guaranteeing the activities necessary for the breeding of animals and the production of food and non-deferrable activities as they are connected to the biological cycle of plants and animals;

## March 1st Decree Law of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

#### Step 2 Measures to contain spread of COVID19 for regions and provinces at risk

In order to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in the regions and provinces ...(3 regions and 2 provinces) the following containment measures are adopted:

- a. all organized events are suspended, as well as events in public or private places, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting, religious events and fairs, even if held, in closed but open to the public places, such as, for example, major events, cinemas, theaters, pubs, dance schools, game rooms, betting rooms and bingo halls, discos and similar places; all activities are suspended in the aforementioned places
- b. educational services for children, and didactic activities in progress in schools of all levels, as well as attendance of school and higher education activities, including Universities
- c. the opening of places of worship is conditional on the adoption of organizational measures such as to avoid gatherings of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and

such as to guarantee to the visitors the possibility of respecting the distance between them at least one meter

d. restaurant and bar services are allowed to operate from 6.00 to 18.00, with an obligation on the operator to establish the conditions to guarantee the possibility of respecting the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter, with sanction of suspension of the activity in case of violation; commercial activities other than those referred to in the previous letter are permitted, provided that the operator guarantees access to the aforementioned places in a contingent manner or in any case suitable for avoiding gatherings of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the open spaces to the public, and such as to guarantee visitors the possibility of respecting the distance of at least one meter, between visitors, with a penalty of suspension of the activity in case of violation. In the presence of structural or organizational conditions that do not allow observance of the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, the aforementioned structures must be closed;

e. ordinary leave of health and technical personnel, as well as of staff whose activities are necessary to manage the activities required by the crisis units set up at regional level, are suspended; f. in all possible cases, while carrying out meetings, remote connection methods are adopted with particular reference to health and socio-sanitary facilities, public utility services and coordination activated in the context of the emergency COVID-19, however ensuring compliance with the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, and avoiding gatherings of people

## March 8th Decree Law of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Step 2 creation of two levels of Protection Zone in the regions and provinces most affected by COVID-19 and rest of the country

#### Art 1

In order to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus 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 and Venice, the following measures are taken:

- a) avoid any movement of 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 need or movements for reasons of health. It is allowed to return to one's dwelling, home or residence;
- b) subjects with symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (greater than 37.5 ° C) are strongly recommended to stay at their home and limit social contacts to the maximum, by contacting their doctor;
- c) absolute prohibition of mobility from one's home or dwelling for subjects subjected to the quarantine measure or positive to the virus;
- d) sporting events and competitions of any order and discipline are suspended, in public or private places. The aforementioned events and competitions are allowed, as well as the training sessions of professional athletes and absolute category athletes who participate in the Olympic games or national or international events, 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 the appropriate checks to contain the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus among athletes, technicians, managers and all attendants who participate;
- e) public and private employers are recommended to promote, during the period of effectiveness of this decree, the opportunity by employees of ordinary leave and holidays;

- f) ski resort areas are closed;
- all organized events are suspended, as well as events in public or private places, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting, religious events and fairs, even if held, in closed but open to the public places, such as, for example, major events, cinemas, theaters, pubs, dance schools, game rooms, betting rooms and bingo halls, discos and similar places; all activities are suspended in the aforementioned places;
- h) educational services for children, and didactic activities in progress in schools of all levels, as well as attendance of school and higher education activities, including Universities and Institutions of Higher Musical Artistic Education and Dance, professional courses, masters, courses for the 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 and by private subjects, without prejudice in any case to the possibility of carrying out training activities remote courses, with the exception of 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. Meetings of the collegial bodies in attendance are suspended. The managing bodies ensure the cleanliness of the environments and the administrative and accounting obligations concerning the educational services for children referred to, which are not part of educational circles or comprehensive institutions;
- the opening of places of worship is conditional on the adoption of organizational measures such as to avoid gatherings of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and such as to guarantee to the visitors the possibility of respecting the distance between them at least one meter
- j) civil and religious ceremonies are suspended, including funeral services;
- k) Museums and other institutes and places of culture;
- l) public and private insolvency procedures are suspended with the exception of cases in which the assessment of candidates is carried out exclusively on curricular basis or electronically;
- m) Competitions for health personnel are also excluded from the suspension, including state and qualification examinations to practice the profession of surgeon, and those for civil protection personnel, which must preferably take place remotely or otherwise, guaranteeing the interpersonal safety distance of one meter.
- n) restaurant and bar services are allowed to operate from 6.00 to 18.00, with an obligation on the operator to establish the conditions to guarantee the possibility of respecting the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter, 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, provided that the operator guarantees access to the aforementioned places in a contingent manner or in any case suitable for avoiding gatherings of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the open spaces to the public, and such as to guarantee visitors the possibility of respecting the distance of at least one meter, between visitors, with a penalty of suspension of the activity in case of violation. In the presence of structural or organizational conditions that do not allow observance of the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, the aforementioned structures must be closed;
- p) ordinary leave of health and technical personnel, as well as of staff whose activities are necessary to manage the activities required by the crisis units set up at regional level, are suspended;
- q) in all possible cases, while carrying out meetings, remote connection methods are adopted with particular reference to health and socio-sanitary facilities, public utility services and coordination activated in the context of the emergency COVID-19, however ensuring compliance with the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, and avoiding gatherings of people;
- r) on festive and pre-holiday days, medium and large commercial stores are closed, as well as the shops inside shopping malls and markets. On weekdays, the manager of the aforementioned exercises must in any case establish the conditions to guarantee the possibility of respecting the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, with the sanction of suspension of the activity in case of violation. In the presence of structural or organizational conditions that do not allow compliance with the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, the aforementioned structures must be closed. The closure of drugstores, pharmacies and food outlets, whose manager is however required to ensure

compliance with the interpersonal safety distance of one meter, with suspension penalty of the activity in case of violations) the activities of gyms, sports centers, swimming pools, swimming centers, wellness centers, spas (except for the provision of services falling within the essential levels of assistance), cultural centers, social centers, recreational centers are suspended.

#### Art. 2 Measures to fight 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 apply throughout the country:
- a) conventions, meetings, gatherings and social events are suspended, in which healthcare personnel or personnel in charge of carrying out essential public services or of public utility are involved, any other meeting or congress activity is also deferred to a date subsequent to the term of effectiveness of this decree;
- b) shows, events and shows of any kind, including cinema and theatrical performances, held in any place, both public and private, are suspended;
- c) the activities of pubs, dance schools, game rooms, betting rooms and bingo halls, discotheques and similar clubs are suspended, with the sanction of suspension of the activity in case of violation;
- d) the opening of Museums and other cultural institutes and places;
- e) carrying out restaurant and bar services, with an obligation by the operator to enforce the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter, with a penalty of suspension of the activity in case of violation; f) it is strongly recommended at commercial establishments other than those of the previous letter, outdoors and indoors, that the manager guarantees the adoption of organizational measures such as to allow access to the aforementioned places with a quota or in any case suitable to avoid gatherings of people, respecting the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter between visitors; g) sporting events and competitions of any order and discipline, held in any place, both public and private, are also suspended; however, the aforementioned events and competitions are allowed, as well as the training sessions of competitive athletes, inside sports facilities used behind closed doors, or outdoors without the presence of the public; in all such cases, the associations and sports clubs, by means of their medical staff, are required to carry out the appropriate checks to contain the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus among athletes, technical staff, managers and all persons who participate. The basic sport and motor activities in general, carried out outdoors or inside gyms, swimming pools and sports centers of all kinds, are allowed only if it is possible to respect the interpersonal safety distance of one meter;h) the educational services for children, and didactic activities in schools of all levels, as well as the attendance of school and higher education activities, including universities and institutions of advanced artistic, musical and dance training, professional courses, including regional ones, master, university for the elderly, and courses carried out by driving schools, in any case without prejudice to the possibility of carrying out distance learning activities; Post-university 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 of the health professions, as well as the activities are excluded from the suspension. Schools of the ministries of the interior and defense and of the economy and finance, provided that the safety distance are guaranteed. In order to maintain social distancing, any other form of alternative aggregation is to be excluded;
- i) educational trips, exchange or twinning initiatives, guided visits and school field trips, however named, scheduled by schools of all levels and levels are suspended;l) without prejudice to the provisions of letter h), the readmission to educational services for children and in schools of every order and degree for absences due to infectious disease subject to mandatory notification, lasting more than five days, takes place upon presentation of a medical certificate, also in derogation of the provisions in force; m) school principals are responsible for the implementation, for the entire duration of the suspension of didactic activities inschools, remote teaching methods also with regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities;
- n) in Universities and Institutions of high artistic, musical and dance training, for the entire duration of the suspension, didactic or curricular activities can be carried out, where possible, with remote modalities,

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

- o) for the benefit of students who are not allowed, due to the health emergency, object of this decree, to participate in the didactic or curricular activities of universities and institutions of high artistic, musical and dance training, such activities can be carried out, where possible, in remote mode, identified by the same Universities and Institutions, also with regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities, the Universities and Institutions ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case by identifying the relative methods, the recovery of training activities, as well as curricular ones, or any other test or verification, even intermediate, functional to the completion of the didactic path; the absences accrued by the students referred to in this paragraph are not counted for the purpose of admission to final exams as well as for the purposes of relative assessments;
- p) persons accompanying patients are prohibited from staying in the waiting rooms of the emergency and reception areas and emergency rooms (DEA / PS), unless specifically indicated otherwise by the health personnel in charge;q) the access of relatives and visitors to hospitality and long-term care facilities, assisted healthcare residences (RSA), hospices, rehabilitation structures and residential structures for the elderly, self-sufficient and not, is limited to the cases indicated by the health management of the structure, which is required to take the necessary measures to prevent possible transmission of infection;
- q) the smart working or home working, can be applied, for the duration of the state of emergency;
- r) where possible, employers are recommended to encourage the use of periods of ordinary leave or holiday
- s) taking into account the indications provided by the Ministry of Health, in agreement with the coordinator of interventions implemented to overcome the COVID-19 emergency, the territorial divisions of the National Health Service ensure the Ministry of Justice's suitable support for the containment of the spread of the infection of the virus, also through adequate safety measures suitable to guarantee, according to the health protocols developed by the Directorate-General for Health Prevention of the Ministry of Health, new entrances to penitentiary institutions and juvenile penal institutions. Symptomatic cases of new entrances are placed in isolation from other prisoners, recommending to evaluate the possibility of alternative measures of home detention. The face to face interviews are carried out in videophone mode, also in derogation from the duration presently foreseen by the current provisions. In exceptional cases, personal interviews may be authorized, provided that a distance of two meters is absolutely guaranteed. It is recommended to limit permits and supervised freedom procedures or to modify the relative regimes in order to avoid the exit and re-entry from prisons, considering the possibility of alternative measures of home detention:
- t) the opening of places of worship is conditional on the adoption of organizational measures such as to avoid gatherings of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and such as to ensure that visitors can respect the distance between them at least one meter. Civil and religious ceremonies are suspended, including funeral and memorial services;
- z) absolute prohibition of mobility from one's home or dwelling for persons subjected to the quarantine measure or positive to the virus.

#### Art. 3 Information and prevention measures implemented throughout the national territory

- 1. The following measures also apply throughout Italy:
- a) all health personnel abide by the appropriate prevention measures against the spread of respiratory infections provided by the World Health Organization and apply the indications for the sanitation and disinfection of the environments provided by the Ministry of Health;
- b) an express recommendation is made to all elderly people or people affected by chronic diseases or with multimorbidity or with congenital or acquired immunosuppression states, to avoid leaving their home

except in cases of strict necessity and avoiding in any case crowded places where it is not possible to maintain the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter;

- c) it is recommended to limit, where possible, the movement of individuals except in strictly necessary cases;
- d) subjects with symptoms of respiratory infection and fever (greater than 37.5 ° C) are strongly recommended to stay home and to limit social contacts as much as possible, by contacting their doctor;
- e) in the educational services for children, in schools of all levels, in universities, in the offices of the remaining public administrations, information on health and hygiene prevention measures listed in the annex 1;
- f) the mayors and trade associations promote the dissemination of information on health and hygiene prevention measures referred to in Annex 1 also in commercial establishments;
- g) it is recommended that municipalities and other local authorities, as well as cultural and sporting associations, offer individual recreational activities as alternatives to the collective ones prohibited by this decree, that promote and encourage outdoor activities, provided that they avoid gatherings of people or carried out at the domicile of the interested parties;
- h) in public administrations and, in particular, in areas of access to health service facilities, as well as in all premises open to the public, , disinfectant solutions for hand hygiene are made available to employees, as well as users and visitors;
- i) in carrying out public and private bankruptcy procedures, appropriate organizational measures are taken to reduce close contacts between candidates and to guarantee participants the possibility of respecting the distance of at least one meter between them, as per the annex 1, letter d);
  - I) public transport companies, even long-distance ones, take extraordinary measures to sanitize vehicles;
- m) anyone who, starting from the fourteenth day prior to the date of publication of this decree, entered Italy after staying or transiting through areas at epidemiological risk, as identified by the World Health Organization, must communicate this circumstance to the Department of Prevention of the health authority responsible for the territory as well as to its General Practitioner or to the pediatrician of free choice. The methods of transmitting data to public health services are defined by the regions with a specific provision, which indicates the references of the names and contacts of the public health doctors; if contacted through 112 or the toll free number specifically established by the region, the operators of the exchanges communicate general information and contact details for transmission to the territorially competent public health service.
- **2**. The public health operator and the territorially competent public health services shall, on the basis of the communications prescribe to stay at home, according to the following modalities:
- a) contact by telephone and obtain information, as detailed and documented as possible, on the areas of stay and of transit during the previous fourteen days, for the purpose of an adequate assessment of the risk of exposure;
- b) ascertained the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary isolation, inform the interested party in detail on the measures to be taken, illustrating the methods and purposes in order to ensure maximum adherence;
- c) ascertained the need to start health surveillance and fiduciary isolation, the public health operator also informs the general practitioner or pediatrician of free choice from whom the subject is also assisted for the purpose of any INPS certification
- d) in case of need for INPS certification for absence from work, a declaration is sent to the INPS, to the employer and to the general practitioner or to the pediatrician of free choice in which he declares himself as per the reasons of public health he or she has been placed in quarantine, specifying the start and end date.
- **3**. The public health operator must also:
- a) verify the absence of fever or other symptoms of the person to be placed in isolation, as well as any other cohabiting partners;
- b) inform the person about the symptoms, the characteristics of contagiousness, the methods of transmission of the disease, the measures to be implemented 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 (in the morning and in the evening).
- **4.** In order to maximize the effectiveness of the health procedure, it is essential to inform about the meaning, methods and purposes 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 from the last exposure;
  - b) prohibition of social contacts;
  - c) prohibition of travel;
  - d) obligation to remain reachable for surveillance activities.
- 5. In the event of symptoms, the supervised person must:
- a) immediately notify the general practitioner or pediatrician of free choice and the public health operator;
- b) wear the surgical mask provided at the start of the health procedure and move away from the other co-habitants;
- c) stay in your room with the door closed ensuring adequate natural ventilation, pending transfer to the hospital, if necessary.
- **6.** The public health operator will contact the person under surveillance on a daily basis to find out about health conditions. In the event of symptoms, after consulting the general practitioner or the pediatrician of free choice, the public health doctor proceeds according to the provisions of Ministry of Health7. On the whole national territory the application of the sanitary prevention measures listed in Annex 1 is recommended.

#### Art. 4 Monitoring of the measures

- 1. The territorially competent Prefect, informing the Minister of the Interior in advance, ensures the execution of the measures referred to in Article 1, as well as monitors the implementation of the remaining measures by the competent administrations. The Prefect, where necessary, avails himself of the police forces, with the possible assistance of the national fire department, as well as the armed forces, having heard the competent territorial commands, notifying the President of the region and of the autonomous province concerned.
- 2. Unless the fact constitutes a more serious offense, failure to comply with the obligations set out in this decree is punished pursuant to article 650 of the penal code.

#### Art. 5

Final provisions

1. The provisions of this Decree have effect as of 8 March 2020 and are effective, unless otherwise provided in the individual measures, until 3 April 2020.

#### Annex 1

Hygienic-sanitary measures:

- a) wash your hands often. It is recommended to make available hydroalcoholic solutions for hand washing in all public places, gyms, supermarkets, pharmacies and other meeting places;
  - b) avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections;
  - c) avoid hugs and handshakes;
  - d) maintaining, in social contacts, an interpersonal distance of at least one meter;
- e) respiratory hygiene (sneezing and / or coughing in a handkerchief avoiding contact of the hands with respiratory secretions);
  - f) avoid the promiscuous use of bottles and glasses, in particular during sports activities;
  - g) do not touch your 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;
  - I) clean the surfaces with chlorine or alcohol based disinfectants;
  - m) use the mask only if you suspect you are sick or if you are assisting sick people.

## March 9th Decree Law of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

## Step 3 creation of 1 single Protection Zone for the entire national territory

Art.1 Urgent measures to contain the contagion on the entire national territory

- 1. In order to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the measures referred to in art.1 of the Prime Minister's decree of 8 March 2020 are extended to the whole national territory.
- 2. All forms of gathering of people in public places or places open to the public are prohibited on the whole national territory.
- 3. Sports events and competitions of all types and disciplines are suspended, in public or private places.

#### **Art.2** Final provisions

1. The provisions of this decree are effective from March 10, 2020 and are effective until April 3, 2020.

## March 11th Decree Law of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

## Step 4 consolidation of 1 single Protection Zone for the entire national territory

ART. 1 Urgent measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 on the entire national territory

In order to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the following measures are adopted throughout the national territory:

- 1) Retail commercial activities are suspended, with the exception of the food and basic necessities activities identified in Annex 1, both in the context of neighborhood businesses, and in the medium and large-scale distribution sector, also included in shopping centers, provided that access to the aforementioned activities is allowed. Regardless of the type of activity carried out, the markets are closed, with the exception of activities aimed at selling only foodstuffs. Newsagents, tobacconists, pharmacies and parapharmacies remain open. In any case, the interpersonal safety distance of one meter must be guaranteed.
- 2) The activities of catering services (including bars, pubs, restaurants, ice cream shops, patisseries) are suspended, with the exception of canteens and continuous catering on a contractual basis, which guarantee the interpersonal safety distance of one meter. Only catering with home delivery is allowed in compliance with hygiene and health standards for both packaging and transportation. Food and drink establishments located in the service and refueling areas located along the road, motorway and railway, airport, hospital stations and hospitals are also open, guaranteeing the interpersonal safety distance of a meter.
- 3) Activities relating to personal services (including hairdressers, barbers, beauticians) other than those identified in Annex 2 are suspended.
- 4) Banking, financial and insurance services as well as the agricultural, livestock and agri-food processing sector, including the supply chains that supply goods and services, are guaranteed, in compliance with hygiene and health regulations are guaranteed.
- 5) The President of the Region can arrange the programming of the service provided by local public transport companies, even if not scheduled, aimed at reducing and eliminating services in relation to the health interventions necessary to contain the Coronavirus emergency based on actual needs and for the sole purpose of ensuring the minimum essential services. The Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, in agreement with the Minister of Health, can arrange, with the aim of limiting the coronavirus emergency,

programming with reduction and suppression of interregional automotive services and rail, air and sea transport services, on the basis of actual needs and for the sole purpose of ensuring the minimum essential services.

- 6) Public administrations ensure the ordinary performance of the working services of their employees in home working mode, and identify the indifferent activities to be made in attendance.
- 7) With regard to production activities and professional activities, it is recommended that:
- a) maximum use is made by companies of remote /home working methods for activities that can be carried out at home or remotely;
- b) holidays and paid leave for employees as well as other instruments provided for are incentivized;
- c) the activities of the company departments not indispensable for production are suspended;
- d) adoption of anti-contagion safety protocols and, where it is not possible to respect the interpersonal distance of one meter as the main containment measure, with the adoption of individual protection tools;
- e) the sanitation of the workplace is encouraged, also by using forms of social safety nets for this purpose;
- 8) for production activities only, it is also recommended that movements within the sites are limited and access to common areas is limited;
- 9) in relation to the provisions of numbers 7 and 8, limited to production activities, agreements between employers' organizations and trade unions.
- 10) For all non-suspended activities, maximum use of home working methods is encouraged

Annex 1

**RETAIL** 

Hypermarkets

Supermarkets

Discount of food outlets

Minimarkets and other non-specialized food shops

Retail sale of frozen products

Non-specialized retail trade in computers, peripherals, telecommunications equipment, audio and video consumer electronics, household appliances

Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores (ateco codes: 47.2)

Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialized stores

Retail IT and telecommunications equipment (ICT) in specialized stores (ateco code: 47.4)

Trade to the detail of hardware, paintings, flat glass and electrical and plumbing /hydraulic material

Retail sale of sanitary equipment

Trade to the detail of articles for lighting

Retail sale of newspapers, magazines and periodical

**Pharmacies** 

Retail sale in other specialized stores of medicines not subject to medical prescription

Retail sale of medical and orthopedic items in specialized stores

Trade to the detail of articles of perfumery, produced for toiletry and personal hygiene

Retail sale of small domestic animals

Retail sale of material for optics and photography

Retail sale of fuel for domestic use and for heating

Retail sale of soaps, detergents, polishing and related products

Retail sale of any type of product made via the internet

Retail sale of any type of television product

Retail sale of any type of mail order product, radio, telephone

Trade carried out by means of vending machines

Annex 2
Services for the person
Laundry and cleaning of textiles and fur
Industrial laundry activities
Other laundries, dry cleaners
Funeral services and related activities