

Health Alert for COVID-19 Outbreak

On January 5, 2020¹, the Ministry of Health ("MINSAL" for its Spanish acronym) issued a nationwide health alert ("Health Alert"). This Health Alert allows the Chilean health authorities to exercise a series of extraordinary powers until 30 June 2021² in order to confront and prevent the spread of the new coronavirus 2019-NCOV, currently called SARS-CoV-2, which produces the COVID-19 disease^{3 4}.

On this Health Alert, the MINSAL has issued several exempt resolutions⁵. The following is a summary of the measures contained in those resolutions:

I. Isolation or quarantine to general populations

- Inhabitants of the Chilean Republic must not leave their houses, as an isolation measure, between 9 pm and 5 am. This measure will be executed according to the instructions given by the Chiefs of National Defense of the different regions. This measure came into force on 22 March 2020 at 10 pm, and will be applied for an indefinite time, until the epidemiological conditions allow its suppression.
- A quarantine is established on all nursing homes from 3 April 2020 at 5 am.
- It is forbidden to carry out or to participate in social and recreational events and activities between 9 pm and 5 am.
- The persons that are in the situations described in the [Instructions for Transit Permits](#) ("*Permisos para desplazamiento*") prepared by the Ministry of Interior and Public Security will be exempted from the prohibitions contained in the paragraphs above.

II. "Step by step" Plan

According to resolution No 43 of the Ministry of Health, published in the Official Gazette on 15 January 2021, a plan to gradually end the confinement called "Step by Step" was set. This program contemplates the progressive implementation of five steps, which seek to restore mobility in different areas of the country.

Each step of the plan has different conditions to apply. Thus, it is possible to move forward or backward in the implementation of the plan, depending on the conditions. Before moving forward to the next step, compliance with the indicators that give rise to the respective step must be maintained for at least two weeks.

Each of these steps involves maintaining different restrictions on personal mobility, as well as sectoral restrictions.

To regulate each step, the following definitions have been set:

- Open space or outdoors: space which has no roof or the space which, having a roof, has more than 50% of its perimeter with no walls. A structure that allows air to circulate through it is not considered to have a roof.
- Enclosed space: space with a roof and more than 50% of its perimeter with walls.
- Events with an audience where the attendees have a fixed location: events of a non-regular and programmed nature in which, due to the nature of the event, people remain in the same place during all the event.
- Events with an audience where the attendees do not have a fixed location: non-regular and scheduled events in which, due to the nature of the event, people move around the place where the event is developed.
- Particular events: events for a small number of people, specified by the organizer or their client, complying with the maximum capacity established for each step in this resolution.
- Restaurants and similar: Commercial establishments whose exclusive purpose is to provide food service to the public, either take-away, or for attendees to remain in a fixed location during the provision of the service.
- Usable area: part of the total area of an enclosed space, specifically designated for public use, i.e. it does not include the area of walls, vertical circulations and those places with restricted access to the public, such as administration offices, warehouses or kitchens. The usable area of an open space is the one specifically designated for public use, excluding other spaces such as car parks or disused spaces on the enclosure.
- Adequate and permanent ventilation:
 - o Natural. It consists of in at least one window or door allowing air and light to enter from outside, of a minimum size of 4% of the entire area used by users, which must remain open and unobstructed throughout the operation of the premises.
 - o Artificial. It consists of air extraction systems that comply with Ashrae Standard 62.1-2019, provided that these systems are in continuous operation.

The five steps of the Plan are as follows:

- **Step 1: Quarantine.**

This step maintains curfew, sanitary customs and sanitary controls.

In centers under control of the National Service for Minors, children and adolescents will be allowed to go to public outdoor places between 7 am and 8.30 am every day, always with the authorization and supervision of the management of the respective residence or center, and they will not be allowed to use cars or the public transport.

Inter-regional travels to and from Step 1 locations are prohibited. Exempted from this measure are (a) persons over 65 years old, and chronically ill persons (if such persons choose to stay in a place other than their usual place of residence, they must be quarantined indefinitely); (b) persons whose usual place of residence is in a quarantined

locality and cannot comply with isolation or quarantine measures; (c) persons who must perform their work duties in a location other than their usual place of residence and have the appropriate permit.

It has been prohibited to hold or participate in private or public events, and in social and recreational activities. However, it is allowed to perform and attend funerals, using the corresponding travel permit. Funerals may not bring together more than 20 people in an open space, or more than 10 people in an enclosed space. In addition, religious services organized by a Church, Cult or Religious Organization duly recognized by the State of Chile, whose maximum capacity may not exceed 5 persons, may be held and attended.

Meetings in private residence are prohibited.

Restaurants, cafés and the similar places are prohibited from serving the public and may only serve take-away food between 5 am 12 am each day, except for those with different opening hours as set out in the Instructions for Transit Permits.

The retail trade, restaurants, cafés and similar establishments and, in general, any establishment selling goods may serve the public only until 20:00 hours.

Gyms and enclosed spaces where sporting activity takes place, which are open to the public, shall remain closed.

It is forbidden attending public in open and enclosed spaces, except for those allowed in the Instructions for Transit Permits. These spaces shall have a maximum capacity of 1 person for every 8 square meters of the total usable area for public service. In the event that the space is less than 8 square meters, a maximum of one person may be served. Working staff shall not be considered when calculating the capacity.

Establishments trading in goods and services that can serve the public in accordance with the Instructions for travel permits may carry out this activity only until 20:00 hours, except for those that have different opening hours according to the provisions of the same instructions for travel permits.

Sporting events, activities, training sessions and competitions are prohibited, except for those for which a permit has been issued.

Persons over 75 years old may leave their residence without using a car or public transport on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 am to 11 am or from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Persons whose localities of residence are in "Step 1: Quarantine" may engage in outdoor activities in public places between 06:00 and 09:00 hours each day. These activities shall be of an individual nature or with persons of the same residence. Notwithstanding the above, those making use of these hours may not use cars or public transport for these purposes. In addition, people may not carry out, during these hours, other activities that require special permits, unless they have the said permit.

- **Step 2: Transition.**

This step involves maintaining quarantine for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only. It will last at least two weeks. It maintains curfew, sanitary customs and sanitary cordons. During Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the places in Step 2 must comply with measures set for Step 1.

This step prohibits inter-regional travels to and from Step 2 localities, except for persons over 65 years old, and chronically ill persons (if such persons choose to remain in a place other than their usual private residence they must comply with quarantine indefinitely); persons who, having their usual residence in a Step 2 locality, cannot comply with isolation or quarantine measures; persons who must comply with work obligations in a Step 2 locality; persons who, having their usual residence in a Step 2 locality, cannot comply with the measures of isolation or mandatory quarantine; persons who must fulfil their work obligations in a locality other than their usual residence and have the corresponding permit from the Instructions for Transit Permits; and persons who have a permit for such purposes, as established in the Instructions for Transit Permits.

Meetings in private homes are allowed with only a maximum of 5 persons, including residents. If 5 or more people live in that home, they must not receive visitors. Such meetings are only allowed from Monday to Friday, during the non-curfew hours.

Public events with fixed locations and public events where attendees have no fixed location are prohibited.

Funerals and religious services, rites and ceremonies of the various religious communities may have a maximum seating capacity of 10 persons in enclosed places, and 20 persons in open places.

Sports activities are allowed in public and private places. The operation of gyms open to the public is prohibited. In open places, up to 10 persons may be concentrated.

Persons whose localities of residence are quarantined may engage in outdoor activities in public places between 06:00 and 09:00 hours daily, without the use of cars or public transport. These activities must be of an individual nature or with persons of the same residence. Likewise, other activities that require special permits in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the Oficio Ordinario No. 3.378 may not be carried out during this time period, unless they have the aforementioned permit.

In centers under control of the National Service for Minors, up to three outings per week per minor are allowed, subject to prior authorization, under the supervision of the center's management.

Public service is allowed in restaurants, cafés and similar venues, subject to the following measures: (a) they may only service the public in open spaces; (b) with a maximum of 4 persons per table; and (c) tables must be separated from each other by a distance of 2 linear meters, measured from their edges. The consumption of food within the enclosed areas of shopping centers is prohibited.

The retail trade, restaurants, cafés and similar establishments and, in general, any establishment selling goods may serve the public only until 20:00 hours.

Open and enclosed establishments serving public shall have a maximum capacity of 1 person for every 8 square meters of usable area used for serving public. If the space is

less than 8 square meters, a maximum of 1 person may be served. The capacity shall be calculated without considering working staff on the premises.

Establishments of trade in goods and services that can serve the public in accordance with the Instructions for travel permits may only carry out this activity until 20:00 hours, except those that have different opening hours as provided for in the same instructions for travel permits.

- **Step 3: Preparation.**

Localities in this step will not be subject to quarantine. It maintains the curfew, the sanitary customs and the sanitary cordons.

Inter-regional travels to Step 1 or Step 2 localities are prohibited, except in the following cases: (a) persons over 65 years old, and chronically ill persons (if they decide to stay in a place other than their usual private residence, they must be quarantined indefinitely); (b) persons who perform their work in a locality other than their usual residence, and have the permit according to the Instructions for Transit Permits; (c) and persons who have a permit for such purposes, as set out in the Instructions for Transit Permits.

This step allows sporting activities in public and private places, including the operation of gyms open to the public. In open spaces, up to 25 persons may be concentrated. Gym machinery will be allowed in outdoor spaces, not exceeding the ratio of one person for every 6 square meters of available space. For indoor activities, the following rules shall be complied with: (a) in directed activity rooms, there may not be more than 5 people in each room simultaneously, with a separation of at least 2 meters between them; (b) in machine rooms, there must be at least 2 meters of distance between each person, with a maximum capacity of 1 person for every 6 square meters of usable space; (c) attendance must be programmed through time slots whose duration may be determined by each gymnasium. The user must choose a time slot and extend his activity in the gymnasium within it; (d) the use of dressing rooms, showers and lockers is allowed within each time slot; (e) there must be permanent and adequate ventilation, whether natural or artificial. These activities shall not be open to public.

Meetings in private homes are allowed, with a maximum of 15 persons in total, including residents, during the non-curfew hours. If 15 or more people live in the home, they may not receive visitors.

Events with an audience, where attendees have a fixed location, are allowed, compliance with the following measures: (a) maximum capacity of 75 persons, in enclosed spaces with adequate and permanent ventilation, and 150 persons, in open spaces; (b) the capacity of open and closed spaces may not be considered together; (c) permanent wearing of masks; (d) different activities may be held simultaneously in venues with open and closed venues, but attendees of one and the other may not have any kind of interaction, including toilets and access; (e) food consumption is only permitted in open spaces, with a maximum capacity of 100 people, and in enclosed spaces, with adequate and permanent natural or artificial ventilation, with a maximum capacity of 50 people.

Events with an audience, where attendees do not have a fixed location, are allowed complying with the following measures: (a) maximum capacity shall be 1 person for

every 4 square meters of the space intended for the circulation of the public; (b) capacity shall not exceed 50 persons in closed spaces, with adequate and permanent ventilation, and 100 persons in open spaces, simultaneously; (c) the capacity of open and closed spaces shall not be considered together; (d) permanent wearing of masks; (e) separate entrances and exits; (f) prohibition of food consumption.

Private events with an audience, where attendees have no fixed location, are allowed with the following measures: (a) maximum capacity shall be 1 person for every 4 square meters of space intended for the circulation of the attendees; (b) maximum capacity shall be 75 persons in open spaces, and 25 persons in enclosed spaces, with permanent and adequate ventilation; (c) capacities of open and closed spaces may not be considered together; (d) holding more than one event in the same place is prohibited; (e) holding these events in private residences is prohibited.

The public may be served in restaurants, cafés and similar venues, in open or enclosed spaces with adequate and permanent ventilation, subject to the following rules: (a) there may be a maximum of 6 persons per table; (b) tables must be separated from each other, by a minimum distance of two linear meters, measured from their edges.

Open and enclosed spaces serving the public are allowed, with a maximum capacity of 1 person for every 8 square meters of the total usable area for serving the public. In the case of a space smaller than 8 square meters, a maximum of one person may be served. In calculating the capacity, working staff shall not be considered.

In the centers under National Service for Minors control, up to five weeks outings are allowed for each minor, subject to prior authorization, and under the supervision of the center's management; outings for work purposes are allowed for adolescents in residences, in the process of preparing for independent living and for adolescents who are in centers deprived of liberty, and who are carrying out work under their intervention process.

- **Step 4: Initial opening.**

Localities in this step will not be subject to quarantine. This step allows movement between communes without quarantine, maintains curfew, sanitary customs and sanitary cordons.

Public service is allowed in restaurants, cafés and similar venues, in open or enclosed spaces, with adequate and permanent ventilation, subject complying with the following measures: (a) there may be a maximum of 6 persons per table; (b) tables must be separated from each other by a minimum distance of two linear meters, measured from their edges.

Sports activities are permitted in public and private places, including the operation of gyms open to the public, without an audience. A maximum of 50 people may be concentrated in open spaces, with gym equipment allow in the outdoors, but not exceeding the ratio of 1 machine per 4 square meters of available space. For indoor activities, the following measures must be complied with: (a) in directed activity rooms, there may not be more than 12 people in each room simultaneously, with a separation of at least 2 meters between people; (b) in machine rooms, there must be at least 2 meters between each person, with a maximum capacity of 1 person for every 4 square

meters of usable area of the room; (c) attendance must be scheduled through time slots whose duration may be determined by each gym; (d) using dressing rooms, showers and lockers is allowed within each time slot; (e) and there must be permanent and adequate ventilation, whether natural or artificial.

Meetings in private homes, with a maximum of 30 persons, including residents, are allowed during the non-curfew hours. If 30 or more people live in the home, then no visitors are allowed.

Events with an audience, where attendees have a fixed location are allowed, subject to the following measures (a) maximum capacity of 150 persons in enclosed spaces with adequate and permanent ventilation, and 300 persons in open spaces; (b) open and enclosed spaces may not be combined; (c) permanent wearing of masks; (d) different activities may take place simultaneously in venues with open and enclosed spaces, but attendees of both may not interact, including toilets and access; (e) food consumption is only permitted if the activity takes place in an open venue with a capacity of 200 persons, and in enclosed venues with adequate and permanent ventilation, with a maximum capacity of 100 persons.

Events with an audience, where the attendees have no fixed location are allowed, subject to the following measures: (a) the maximum capacity shall be 1 person for every 4 square meters of the space intended for the circulation of the public; (b) the capacity may not exceed a maximum of 100 persons in enclosed spaces with adequate and permanent ventilation, and 200 persons in open spaces, simultaneously; (c) the capacity of open and closed spaces may not be added together; (d) permanent wearing of masks; (e) entrances and exits must be separate; (f) the consumption of food is prohibited.

Private events with an audience, where attendees have no fixed location are allowed, subject to the following rules: (a) the maximum capacity shall be 1 person for every 4 square meters of the space intended for the circulation of the public; (b) the maximum capacity shall be 150 persons outdoors, and 50 persons in an enclosed space with adequate and permanent ventilation; (c) holding more than one event in the same place is prohibited; (d) the capacities of the open and enclosed spaces of the same venue may not be added together; (e) holding these events in private residences is prohibited.

Operation of open and closed establishments attending public are allowed, with a maximum capacity of 1 person for every 4 square meters of usable area for serving the public. If the space is less than 4 square meters, then a maximum of one person may be served. Working staff shall not be considered when calculating capacity.

In centers under National Service for Minors control, minors' outgoings are allowed, with prior authorization, under the supervision of the management of the residence or center; it has been allowed outgoings for work purposes of adolescents in the process of preparing for independent living, and adolescents in custodial centers working under their intervention processes.

Day centers and senior clubs are allowed to operate with a maximum capacity of 30 people, complying with the following measures: (a) permanent wearing of mask, for all attendants and workers on site; (b) maintain distance of 1 meter between attendants.

- **Step 5: Advanced opening.**

Localities under Advanced Opening will not be subject to quarantine. A resolution of the Ministry of Health will determine the sanitary measures to be complied with by localities in this step..

The Ministry of Health has made available to the public the following website indicating and updating what stage of the plan each of the communes is at: <https://www.gob.cl/coronavirus/pasoapaso/#v-pills-mapa>

III. Sanitary Cordons

- A sanitary cordon is established around the city of Puerto Williams from 7 April 2020 at 10 pm.
- From 13:00 hours on 1 April 2021 until 22:00 hours on 4 April 2021, a sanitary cordon will be in place around the following localities: Santiago Metropolitan Region; Greater Valparaiso, in the Valparaiso Region; the Valparaiso Region; the urban area of Greater Concepcion, in the Biobio Region; the area comprising the urban area of the communes of Temuco and Padre Las Casas, in the Araucanía Region.
- Enter to and exit from these areas is prohibited. Only those in possession of a safeguard may cross through the sanitary cordons.
- The persons that are in the situations described in the Instructions for Transit Permits prepared by the Ministry of Interior and Public Security will be exempted from the restrictions contained in the paragraphs above.

IV. Isolations or quarantines of specific persons

- People diagnosed with COVID-19 must quarantine (i) for 11 days from the date of sampling of the test that identified the infection, if they are non-symptomatic, and (ii) for 11 days from the first symptoms if they are symptomatic. However, the health authority or the treating physician may order a longer period of isolation, considering the particular clinical conditions of the patient.
- People who took the RT-PCR test, with a pending result, must isolate until they are notified with the results. Also, people already in quarantine must keep complying with this measure for the remaining time. Exempt from this measure are asymptomatic persons who have been tested in the context of an active COVID-19 case search by the health authority, or as delegated or authorized by the health authority. An "active Covid-19 case search" is defined as a process whereby the health authority performs RT-PCR testing independent of the clinical suspicion of the person.
- People who have been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 must comply with isolation measures for 11 days, counted from the last contact date, even if they tested negative in a PCR test.

“Close contact” will be understood as being in contact with a confirmed or a probable case of COVID-19 between 2 days before the symptoms begin and 11 days afterwards. In the case of a non-symptomatic person, the contact must have occurred between 2 days before the RT-PCR test, or the SARS-CoV-2 antigen test was taken and within the following 11 days. In both cases, one of the following conditions must be met:

- Having maintained more than 15 minutes face-to-face contact or physical contact, with a proximity less than one meter, without wearing a mask properly.
- Having shared an enclosed space for 2 hours or more, in places such as offices, workplaces, meetings, schools, among others, without wearing a mask properly.
- Living or lodging in the same home or similar places, such as hostels, boarding schools, closed institutions, nursing homes, hotels, residences, collective houses and working spaces, among others.
- Having moved in any closed transport, with a proximity of less than one meter to another occupant of the same transport, without wearing a mask properly.
- Have provided direct care to a probable or confirmed case, by a healthcare worker, without a surgical-type mask and, if an aerosol-generating procedure is performed, without an N95 respirator or equivalent, or goggles.

Compliance with these circumstances may be subject to epidemiological investigation by the health authority, by which a person may be considered as close contact even if they have not been fully complied with.

A person shall not be considered as close contact for a period of 90 days after having been a confirmed case of COVID-19.

- Pursuant to [Decree No. 102/2020 of the Ministry of Health](#), since 18 March 2020, all places authorized for the transit of foreigners into the national territory will be closed for the transit of persons. Exceptionally, Chilean nationals and foreigners who are regular residents of the national territory will be allowed to leave the country, who will have to request an extraordinary authorization for the travel of persons abroad in the following cases by means of a form at the Virtual Police Station: (a) for humanitarian reasons; (b) because it is essential for the applicant's health; (c) to carry out essential procedures for the proper running of the country; (d) for or because they reside abroad. Non-resident aliens may leave the national territory freely.

This restriction does not apply to people within the hypotheses established in Article 2 of Decree No. 102/2020 of the Ministry of Health.

- People entering the country, despite their country of origin, must comply with measures established to enter the country, set out in [resolution No. 997/2020 issued by the Ministry of Health](#).
- A person shall be considered as a diagnosed or a confirmed case of COVID-19 when meeting one of the following assumptions:
 - Testing positive in a RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2;

- Meeting one of the situations set for suspicious cases and testing positive in an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2, taken in a health center ordered by the health authority.
- It will be understood as a suspicious case:
 - A person with acute illness presenting with at least one cardinal or two non-cardinal symptoms of COVID-19 disease; or
 - A person who has a severe acute respiratory infection that requires hospitalization.

All the people in any of the described situations must have an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2, or SARS-CoV-2 antigen test, taken at a health facility mandated for this purpose by the health authority.

- If a person has a positive RT-PCR test result for SARS-CoV-2 90 days after being considered as a confirmed case, he/she will be considered as a suspected case of re-infection and will be treated as a confirmed case for all purposes.
- People that are considered as a probable case, must comply with isolation measures for 11 days from the date of onset of the symptoms. A probable case is any of the following:
 - Laboratory result: this refers to the following cases:
 - A person who meets some of the situations to be considered as a suspected case, in which the result of the RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 is undetermined or;A person who is asymptomatic or presenting non-cardinal symptoms and has a positive rapid antigen detection test result for SARS-CoV-2, taken at a health center ordered by the health authority.
 - By epidemiological link: a person who meets the following requirements:
 - Has been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19; and
 - Develops any one of the cardinal symptoms, or at least two of the non-cardinal symptoms within the first 14 days after contact.

If, for any reason, a probable case by epidemiological link tested positive to a PCR for SARS-CoV-2, it must be quarantined for 11 days from taking the exam or from the manifestation of symptoms, as appropriate. On the contrary, if the result is negative or indeterminate, it will still be considered as a probable case and must remain in isolation for 11 days from the date of onset of symptoms.

- By Imaging: suspicious case with a negative or undetermined RT-PCR test result, but which has a chest CT scan with characteristic images of Covid-19, thus defined by a physician in the diagnostic conclusion.
- Deceased probable case: a deceased person who, in the absence of a confirmatory RT-PCR test result, has a medical certificate of death stating SARS-CoV-2 infection as the basic cause of death or triggering factor.

- Persons who are characterized as probable cases must remain in isolation for 11 days from the date of onset of symptoms or for 11 days from the date of sampling of the test that identified the infection.
- The following people will be moved to places specially designated for isolation measures: (a) people that breached the quarantine measures imposed on them; and (b) people unable to comply with the quarantine measures imposed on them.
- Covid-19 symptoms: (a) fever (body temperature of 37,8°C or higher); (b) cough; (c) dyspnea or shortness of breath; (d) nasal congestion; (e) tachypnoea or increased respiratory rate; (f) odynophagia or sore throat when eating or swallowing fluids; (g) myalgia or muscle aches; (h) general weakness or fatigue; (i) chest pain; (j) chills; (k) headache or headache; (l) diarrhea; (m) anorexia or nausea or vomiting; (n) sudden loss of smell or anosmia; (o) sudden loss of taste or ageusia. The symptoms in (a), (n) and (o) shall be considered as cardinal symptoms.

V. Sanitary customs

- Sanitary customs were established in all entry points to the country, including ports, bus terminals and airports of all regions.
- Sanitary customs will deliver and control the sanitary passports. Those who show their sanitary passport may circulate through a sanitary custom. In the sanitary customs, the authority will verify the fulfillment of the sanitary measures, and it may limit the circulation when the sanitary conditions advise so.
- Sanitary customs have been set in Arica and Parinacota, Tarapacá, Antofagasta, Atacama, Coquimbo, Aysén and Magallanes.
- Sanitary customs have been set in the entry and exit points of Chiloé Island and Puerto Williams.
- Sanitary customs have been set in the entry and exit points of Los Lagos region, particularly in San Pablo in the North of the region, and Villa Vanguardia, in the South of the region.
- Sanitary customs have been set in the crossing points of the Strait of Magallanes.
- Sanitary customs have been established in the main entry points of the Province of Santiago and Puente Alto commune.
- Sanitary customs are established in the entry and exit points of Isla de Pascua commune from 6 April 2020 at 10 pm.
- Sanitary customs are established in the entry points of Valparaíso and Viña del Mar cities from 8 May 2020 at 10 pm.
- Sanitary customs are established from 15 May 2020 at 10 pm in the entry and exit points of the perimeter composed of the Province of Santiago and the communes of Lampa, Colina, Puente Alto, Padre Hurtado, San Bernardo and Buin.

- Sanitary customs are established in the entry and exit points of the commune of Ancud from 22 May 2020 at 10 pm.
- A sanitary customs office is established in the "Desierto de Atacama" aerodrome.
- In aerodromes where there is no Health Customs, the personnel and service providers working in air transport companies or institutions will request to users the exhibition of their health passport. It won't be allowed to board those who refuse or do not have a health passport.
- Air, sea, land or rail transport companies must require the passengers of the services between regions that have been boarded in enclosures where sanitary customs are not implemented, to show the sanitary passport. A person shall not be allowed to board a mean of transport if it does not have or refuses to show its health passport authorizing it to travel and to prove its identity.

VI. Other protection measures for vulnerable groups

- The operation of all senior clubs and day centers for the elderly throughout the country is suspended. Exceptionally, these clubs and centers are allowed to operate in communes in step 4 with a maximum capacity of 30 people; with a permanent use of masks by all attendants and workers; and with the maintenance of a distance of 1 meter between attendants (numeral 84 of the resolution No. 43/2021 of the Ministry of Health).
- All clubs and community unions of older people meetings are suspended in the country.
- Gendarmería de Chile must take all the necessary sanitary measures to avoid the spread of the virus among the prison population.
- The National Service for Minors must take all the necessary sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the virus among children under its care.
- Sanitary controls are established in all bus terminals of the country.

VII. Use of masks

- A facemask is any material that covers the nose and mouth to prevent the spread of the virus, whether handmade or industrially manufactured.
- In public transport. Masks should be worn by those using public transport or any type of private transport subject to payment, by those using lifts or cable cars (regardless of their public or private nature and the number of people using them), and by those operating these means of transport.
- In enclosed spaces. All persons in enclosed spaces, regardless of the nature of the space and the activity carried out there, must wear face masks.

Exceptions to this obligation are persons eating in specially designated places; members of the same residence or home, within the latter (this exception does not apply to common areas of condominiums); persons who are alone in an enclosed space, or with a maximum of two persons, if there is a physical separation between them that prevents close contact.

- In public spaces. the use of face masks is mandatory for all persons in public spaces.
- In workplaces. The use of face masks is mandatory in all workplaces, whether in open or enclosed spaces.

Exceptions to this obligation are those persons who are alone in an enclosed space, or with a maximum of two persons, if there is a physical separation between them that prevents close contact.

- Other exceptions to this obligation: (a) Persons executing some type of sporting activity, complying with the established physical distancing measures and considering the recommendations contained in exempt resolution No. 669/2020 of the Ministry of Sport; (b) 10 persons carrying out activities in the same place, whether open or closed, where the face or voice is used as a means of expression, such as filming, recording, stage or musical presentations, among others (only for a maximum of two hours); (c) persons in open spaces of beaches or swimming pools, who are not in motion and who are two or more meters away from another person; (d) persons making use of bathing areas, while inside them.

VIII. Physical Distance

- All persons shall maintain a minimum physical distance of one linear meter from each other.

Persons who (a) are in the same residence or home; (b) are in a mean of transport; (c) cannot comply with this distance due to the nature of the work activities they perform; (d) cannot comply with this distance due to the nature of the activities they perform; (e) have a physical separation that prevents direct contact between them; (f) are in health establishments (they will be governed by their particular rules) are exempted from complying with this requirement.

- The capacity restrictions for places serving the public do not apply to health care establishments, which are governed by their own rules.
- In those places where, due to the nature of the services provided, queues are formed, the distance of one linear meter between persons must be demarcated. This obligation shall be complied with whether the queue is formed inside or outside the venues. Demarcation on the public road shall be easily removable.

IX. Cleaning and disinfection measures

- Cleaning and disinfection shall be understood as indicated in the protocol for Cleaning and Disinfection, established by virtue of the Ministry of Health's Ordinary Order B1 No. 2.770 of 15 July 2020, which updates the "Protocol for Cleaning and Disinfection of Covid-19 Environments", or the one that replaces it.

- Hand hygiene. Places that serve the public must ensure the necessary elements for adequate hand hygiene for users.
- Cleaning and disinfection of workplaces. All spaces, surfaces and elements exposed to the flow of people, whether workers or clients, must be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day.
- Cleaning of working tools. Working tools and equipment shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day, and whenever they are exchanged.
- Cleaning of enclosed spaces for community use. Enclosed communal areas, such as canteens, toilets, lifts, etc., should be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day.

X. Public Information

- All enclosed spaces serving the public shall remain at least the following signage available to the public:
 - Keep at all entrances information on the maximum capacity allowed, as appropriate to the step in which it is located.
 - Provide, inside the venue, information reminding the minimum physical distance that must be comply with.
 - Keep signage at all entrances indicating the obligations and general recommendations for self-care.

XI. Other measures

- On activities, training events and sports competitions. Sports activities, events, or competitions (and their training or preparation activities) may be carried out by persons who have the corresponding authorization from the Ministry of the Interior.

The Ministry of the Interior may authorize sporting activities or events, regardless of the Step in which the locality where they take place is located. They must comply with the measures set out in the corresponding protocol drawn up by the Ministry of Sport.

In the case of professional football, a permit for the use of the stadium must be issued by the Safe Stadium Department of the Ministry of the Interior. For this purpose, prior authorization must be obtained from the relevant Health Authority, stating compliance with sanitary conditions and the maximum capacity of the facilities to be used.

The public is not allowed in this type of training activities and sports competitions.

- On the operation of educational establishments. In the localities in Steps 2, 3 and 4, nursery schools and kindergarten, elementary and secondary education establishments are allowed to operate, and must comply with the regulations, instructions and protocols issued by the Ministry of Health, in order to ensure the sanitary conditions of these establishments.

- All the arrivals of passenger cruises in Chilean ports are banned.
- Public passenger transport buses providing intercity and between regions services must draw up and carry a passenger list for journeys exceeding 2 hours. This list may be required by the health authority. This list shall contain the names and surnames of the passengers, their identity card or passport, and their contact telephone numbers, as well as their seat number.
- Professional and amateur sports events are prohibited. For these purposes, “event” is defined as any activity gathering more than 10 people in the sport facilities. This measure came into force 21 March 2020, at 00:00, and will be applied for an indefinite time, until epidemiological conditions allow for its suppression. Only those who have the corresponding authorization from the Ministry of Interior may carry out these events.
- Inhabitants of the Republic must keep living in their usual private homes. Consequently, the movement of people to places of residence other than their usual private homes is banned. This measure will be indefinite, until the epidemiological conditions allow its suspension.

Exemptions to this measure are: (a) people over 65 years old and chronic patients, (b) people unable to quarantine in their habitual residence, and (c) people who must meet their work obligations in a place other than their habitual residence.

The obligation to keep residing at their habitual home does not apply to inhabitants of localities in Steps 3, 4 and 5 of the "Step-by-Step" Plan, and those moving between localities in Steps 3, 4 and 5 (people moving between such localities must have health passports and the corresponding permit issued under the Instruction for Transit Permits).

- The Assistance Secretary of Healthcare Networks will carry out the clinical coordination of all healthcare centers in the country, both public and private. This measure will be indefinite, until the epidemiological conditions allow its suspension.
- The maximum price to be charged by health care providers for the test "*Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), influenza virus, Herpes virus, cytomegalovirus, hepatitis C, mycobacterium TBC, SARS CoV-2, each (includes nasopharyngeal swab sample)*" is set at CLP 25,000. To the price stated above, the corresponding bonus will be applied by the National Fund of Health, Social Security Institution or corresponding social security system. This measure will be indefinite.
- The maximum price for health services has been set by resolutions No. [258](#) and No. [418](#) of 2020, issued by the Ministry of Health
- The maximum price to be charged for the lease of real property with the purpose of implementing the measures necessary for COVID-19 is 0,2 UF per square meter.
- The maximum price for the rental of mechanical ventilators is set at CLP 56,704 per day (including VAT). The maximum price for the rental of patient monitors is set at

CLP 20,125 per day (including VAT). The maximum price for the rental of CPAP cases and high-flow nasal cannulas has been set in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. [505](#) of 2020 of the Undersecretariat of Health Care Networks.

- People arriving to Aysén region must carry the PCR test result for Covid-19 (negative), which may not exceed 96 hours from the PCR sample collection (this means, from the moment the swab is done).

Residents of the Aysén Region who, having taken a PCR test for Covid-19, do not have a result in a timely manner due to the late delivery of results, may enter the Aysén Region.

Residents who, having taken the PCR test for Covid 19 in a timely manner, do not carry the result due to late delivery of results, may enter the region. Residents who have not taken the PCR test may also enter the region. However, residents who have entered the region under these circumstances must comply with a mandatory quarantine of 14 days from their entry. The following persons are exempt from this obligation:

- Residents who took a PCR test for Covid-19, will travel without carrying the result, in which case they will be subject to mandatory quarantine, until the time the interested party sends the negative result to aduanasanitaria11@redsalud.gov.cl.
 - Resident entered to the Region, without having took the PCR test for Covid/19, and who decides to take it in the Aysén Region, it will be subject to mandatory quarantine, until in which the interested party sends the negative result to the e-mail aduanasanitaria11@redsalud.gov.cl.
 - Persons authorized by this Health Seremi to enter the Region for reasons and that for reasons of force majeure no PCR examination has been carried out or will carry your result, authorization that should be required through oirsaysen@redsalud.gov.cl.
 - Children under two years of age, resident or non-resident.
- In the Magallanes region, any person entering the region must present a negative PCR test for Covid-19, taken within no more than 72 hours before entering the region. In addition, all the people wanting to enter the commune of Cabo de Hornos must have a negative result of a RT-PCR test for Covid-19, taken no more than 72 hours prior to entering the commune.

If a person proves to be a resident and does not carry a negative PCR, it must begin a 11-day quarantine, which will only be finished in advance if a negative PCR result is reported to the health authority (this should be done at www.seremisaludmagallanes.cl/barrera, attaching the corresponding document).

Those who had to travel to the region without enough time to take a PCR test, attending reasons of force majeure, urgency or any other duly qualified by the authority case, will be exempt from complying with the said obligation. These people must prove their reasons to be exempted.

- In the Magallanes region, a process of inspection has been set for natural and legal persons. At the time of the inspection, workers must carry a copy of their

employment contract or a document issued by their employer attesting to the employment relationship.

- In the Magallanes region, both public officials in centralized and decentralized public services and security guards in public and private places have been authorized to request individual permits or single collective permits from people wanting to enter these places.

In addition, in public or private places with security guards, they must require to people their individual permission to enter the establishment.

- The Ministry of Health has issued a "[Covid-19 Suspicious Case Detection Protocol in Phase 4 Ports](#)".
- All elective surgeries have been postponed in the regions of Antofagasta, Coquimbo, Valparaíso, Santiago Metropolitan, Libertador General Bernardo O'Higgins, Maule, Biobío, Chillán, La Araucanía, Los Ríos and Los Lagos. This measure affects public and private closed care providers.

Exempted from this measure are (i) surgeries whose delay means a serious health risk or may generate serious functional sequelae; (ii) surgeries performed in compliance with a GES guarantee; (iii) surgeries on pediatric patients; (iv) major outpatient surgeries performed in care centers that have complied with Resolution No. 266/2021, of the Ministry of Health.

XII. General Provisions

MINSAL has indicated that failure to comply with the measures imposed by the authority will be monitored and punished in accordance with the Book X of the Health Code, as well as the provisions of the Criminal Code, when applicable.

MINSAL has also said that the measures provided for in these resolutions may be extended if the epidemiological conditions make this advisable.

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¹ MINSAL's decrees No. 4 (issued on 5th January 2020), No. 6 (issued on 6th March 2020), No. 10 (issued on 24th March 2020), and N° 19 (issued on 3 June 2020).

² On 15 January 2021, Decree No. 1/2021 was published in the Official Gazette, extending the effects of Decree No. 4/2020, which decreed the health alert, in the following terms: "*Article 10.- The effects of this decree shall be in force until 30 June 2021, without prejudice to the power to terminate it early if health conditions so permit or to extend it if they do not improve*".

³ According to Article 36 of the Health Code, which states: "*When a part of the territory is threatened or invaded by an epidemic or a significant increase in a disease, or when emergencies occur that pose a serious risk to the health or life of the inhabitants, the President of the Republic may, following a report from the National Health Service, grant the Director-General extraordinary powers to prevent the spread of the disease or to deal with the emergency*".

⁴ Quote: [https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-\(covid-2019\)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-2019)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it)

⁵ Exempt Resolutions No. 180, 183, 188, 194, 200, 208, 209, 210, 212 and 215, all of them merged into the Exempt Resolution No. 217, published in the Official Gazette on 31 March 2020, and amended by Exempt Resolutions 227 (Official Gazette on April 1, 2020), 236 (Official Gazette April 3, 2020), 241 (Official Gazette April 4, 2020), 242 (Official Gazette April 6, 2020), 244 (Official Gazette April 7, 2020), 247 (Official Gazette April 9, 2020), 261 (Official Gazette April 15, 2020), 282 (Official Gazette April 17, 2020), 289 (Official Gazette April 22, 2020), 322 (Official Gazette April 29, 2020), 323 (Official Gazette April 30, 2020) 326 (Official Gazette May 5, 2020), 327 (Official Gazette May 7, 2020), and 334 (Official Gazette May 12, 2020); merged again into Exempt Resolution 341 (Official Gazette May 13, 2020), 347 (Official Gazette May 14, 2020), 349 (May 15, 2020), 357 (Official Gazette May 20, 2020), 373 (Official Gazette May 22, 2020), 396 (Official Gazette May 29, 2020), 403 (Official Gazette May 30, 2020), 409 (Official Gazette June 3, 2020), 417 (Official Gazette June 4, 2020), 419 and 420 (both Official Gazette June 6, 2020), 424 (Official Gazette June 9, 2020), 448 (Official Gazette June 11, 2020), 467 (Office Gazette June 17, 2020), 477 (Official Gazette June 20, 2020), 478 (Official Gazette June 23, 2020), 479 (Official Gazette June 26, 2020), 504 (Official Gazette July 3, 2020), 520 (Official Gazette July 10, 2020), 552 (Official Gazette July 14, 2020), 562 (Official Gazette July 17, 2020), 575 (Official Gazette July 24, 2020), 591 (Official Gazette July 25, 2020), 593 (Official Gazette July 28, 2020), 601 (Official Gazette July 30, 2020), 606 (Official Gazette July 31, 2020), 614 (Official Gazette August 3, 2020), 616 (Official Gazette August 4, 2020), 635 (Official Gazette August 7, 2020), 640 (Official Gazette August 11, 2020); 663 (Official Gazette August 11, 2020), 668 (Official Gazette August 13, 2020), and 675 (Official Gazette August 17, 2020), 693 (Official Gazette August 21, 2020), 696 (Official Gazette August 22, 2020), 697 (Official Gazette August 25, 2020), 719 (Official Gazette August 28, 2020), 722 (Official Gazette September 1, 2020), 723 (Official Gazette September 1, 2020), 736 (Official Gazette September 4, 2020), 523 (Official Gazette September 4, 2020), 742 (Official Gazette September 11, 2020), 772 (Official Gazette September 15, 2020), 778 (Official Gazette September 21, 2020), 804 (Official Gazette September 25, 2020), 806 (Official Gazette September 26, 2020), 831 (Official Gazette October 2, 2020), 1856 (Official Gazette October 3, 2020), 839 (Official Gazette October 8, 2020), 840 (Official Gazette October 8, 2020), 848 (Official Gazette October 10, 2020), 849 (Official Gazette October 10, 2020), 868 (Official Gazette October 17, 2020), 869 (Official Gazette October 17, 2020), 880 (Official Gazette October 22, 2020), 881 (Official Gazette October 22, 2020), 894 (Official Gazette October 24, 2020), 930 (Official Gazette October 30, 2020), 945 (Official Gazette November 7, 2020), 946 (Official Gazette November 7, 2020), 660 (Official Gazette November 9, 2020), 958 (Official Gazette November 11, 2020), 964 (Official Gazette November 19, 2020), 979 (Official Gazette November 18, 2020), 1.005 (Official Gazette November 20, 2020), 997 (Official Gazette November 20, 2020), 1.014 (Official Gazette November 25, 2020), 1.020 (Official Gazette November 28, 2020), 1.057 (Official Gazette December 10, 2020), 2.607 (Official Gazette December 12, 2020), 20.637 (Official Gazette December 18, 2020) 1.110 (Official Gazette December 24, 2020), 43 (Official Gazette January 15, 2021), 76 (Official Gazette January 28, 2021); 133 (Official Gazette February 10, 2021); 137 (Official Gazette February 13, 2021); 309 (Official Gazette February 13, 2021); 143 (Official Gazette February 20, 2021); 167 (Official Gazette February 25, 2021); 233 (Official Gazette March 13, 2021); 246 (Official Gazette March 16, 2021); 251 (Official Gazette March 17, 2021); 307 (Official Gazette March 17, 2021); 271 (Official Gazette March 27, 2021); 316 (Official Gazette April 1, 2021); 317 (Official Gazette April 5, 2021).