



REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

ORDER no. 3 - year 2020

Urgent measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The Minister of Health and Social Security

Pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 2 of Decree-Law no. 35 of 28 February 2020 "Assignment to the Minister of Health and Social Security of the power to issue orders for public health emergencies";

Having heard the opinion of the Coordination Group for Health Emergencies referred to in Article 2 of Decree-Law no. 35/2020;

Acknowledging the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic and the significant increase in cases and deaths notified to the World Health Organization;

Given the size of the epidemic phenomenon and the involvement of several areas on the Italian territory;

Having regard to the Presidential Decree of the Italian Council of Ministers of 1 March 2020;

In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the territory of the Republic of San Marino; therefore, given the conditions of need and urgency

ORDERS

Art. 1

(Urgent measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Republic)

1. In order to counter and reduce the spread of COVID-19 virus in the Republic of San Marino, the following measures shall be taken:

- a) Suspension of sporting events and competitions of any level and discipline in public or private places. The aforementioned events and competitions, as well as competitive training sessions, shall be allowed to take place inside sports facilities behind closed doors;
- b) Suspension of all non-ordinary events, as well as events in public or private places, including cultural, recreational, sporting and religious events, even if held in closed places but open to the public, such as, for example, major events, cinemas, theatres, discos, religious ceremonies;
- c) The opening of places of worship is conditional on the adoption of organisational measures to avoid mass gatherings, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and to ensure that visitors can maintain a distance between them of at least one meter;

- d) Suspension of socio-educational services for early childhood, both public and private, and schools of all levels, as well as attendance of school activities and higher education, vocational courses, Vocational Training Centre, San Marino Music Institute and University, except for distance learning activities;
- e) Opening to the public of museums and other cultural institutions and places, provided that these institutions and places ensure that they are accessed by a restricted number of people or, in any case, that they are not crowded, taking into account the size and characteristics of the premises open to the public, and that visitors can maintain a distance between them of at least one metre;
- f) Restaurants, bars and pubs may carry out their activities, upon condition that the service is provided only to people sitting and that, taking into account the size and characteristics of the premises, customers are able to maintain a distance between them of at least one metre. As far as canteens and self-service restaurants are concerned, appropriate measures shall be taken to avoid mass gatherings and to ensure that a distance of at least one metre between customers can be maintained during access. With regard to the canteen located at the State Hospital, access shall be limited to staff on duty at the Social Security Institute (SSI);
- g) Commercial activities other than those referred to in letter f) above shall remain open subject to the adoption of organisational measures to allow access to the aforesaid places with restrictions or in any case to avoid mass gatherings, taking into account the size and characteristics of the premises open to the public, and to ensure that customers can maintain a distance of at least one metre between them;
- h) Restrictions on visitors' access to the hospital areas, preferably one person per patient per day;
- i) Strict limitation of visitors' access to patients in residential socio-health facilities for dependent persons;
- j) Application by the healthcare personnel of the measures to prevent the spread of respiratory infections, as well as strict application of the indications for sanitisation and disinfection of premises, on the basis of the instructions given by the Coordination Group for Health Emergencies;
- k) Suspension of annual leaves for healthcare and technical staff considered indispensable by the SSI Management, as well as of the staff whose functions are necessary to manage the activities required by the Coordination Group for Health Emergencies;
- l) Preference should be given to remote meetings or assemblies, with particular reference to health and socio-health bodies, public utility services and coordination groups in the context of the COVID-19 emergency;
- m) Obligation for San Marino accommodation facilities to register overnight stays in the application "web alloggiati" immediately upon check-in rather than within the 24 hours ordinarily envisaged.

Art. 2

(Information and prevention measures)

1. The following measures shall be adopted:

- a) Healthcare personnel shall comply with the appropriate prevention measures for the spread of respiratory infections provided for by the World Health Organization and shall apply the indications provided for the sanitisation and disinfection of premises;

- b) In the socio-educational services for early childhood, schools of all levels, Vocational Training Centre, San Marino Music Institute and the premises of the University, as well as in the offices open to the public pertaining to the Overall Public Administration and the SSI, information on the prevention measures made known shall be displayed and made available to users;
- c) Disinfectants for hands shall be made available to staff members in the Operating Units of the Public Administration and, in particular, of the SSI with a higher number of users;
- d) The Heads of Township Councils and trade associations shall promote within shops the dissemination of information on the health and hygiene prevention measures referred to in Annex 1;
- e) Public transport companies, including long-distance, shall adopt extraordinary measures to sanitise vehicles;
- f) In carrying out public and private candidate selection procedures, where permitted, appropriate organisational measures shall in any case be taken to reduce close contacts between candidates and to ensure that participants can maintain a distance of at least one metre between them;
- g) Anyone having entered the Republic, from the fourteenth day before the date of publication of this Order, after having stayed in or transited through areas at epidemiological risk, as identified by the World Health Organization, or having transited through or stayed in the municipalities listed in Annex 2 to this Order, shall notify the Authorities thereof at the phone numbers 0549-888888 and 0549-994001.

2. On the basis of the notification referred to in letter g) of paragraph 1 above, the competent staff shall order the person concerned to stay at home, according to the following procedures:

- a. They shall contact the person concerned by telephone and obtain information, as detailed and documented as possible, on the areas of stay and the route of the journey during the previous fourteen days, in order to assess the risk of exposure;
- b. Having established the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary quarantine, they shall formally notify the person concerned of the appropriate form (Annex 3 to this Order), for the initiation of the quarantine, to be signed by the person concerned. The competent staff shall also inform the person concerned in detail of the measures to be taken, explaining the relevant modalities and purposes, in order to ensure maximum compliance;
- c. Having established the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary quarantine, the competent staff shall also inform the general practitioner or paediatrician assisting the person concerned, also for a possible illness certificate to be issued;
- d. In case a certificate for absence from work is required, a statement shall be issued to the SSI, the employer, the general practitioner and/or paediatrician indicating that the person concerned has been placed in quarantine for public health reasons, specifying the start and end date.

3. In addition, the healthcare staff shall:

- a. Establish the absence of fever or other symptoms of the person to be placed in quarantine, as well as of any other cohabitants;
- b. Inform the person about the symptoms, characteristics of contagiousness, ways in which the disease is transmitted, measures to be implemented to protect any cohabitants in case any symptoms appear;
- c. Inform the person about the need to measure body temperature twice a day (morning and evening).

4. In order to maximise the effectiveness of the protocol, it is essential to inform about the meaning, modalities and aims of home quarantine in order to ensure maximum compliance with and application of the following measures:

- a. Staying in quarantine for fourteen days since the last exposure;
 - b. Prohibition of social contacts;
 - c. Prohibition to travel;
 - d. Obligation to remain contactable for surveillance purposes.
5. In case any symptoms appear, the person under surveillance shall:
- a. Immediately notify the competent healthcare staff at the number 0549-994001;
 - b. Wear a surgical mask (to be provided at the start of the protocol) and stay away from the other cohabitants;
 - c. Stay in a room with the door closed and ensure adequate natural ventilation, waiting for the transfer to the hospital if necessary.
6. Competent healthcare professionals shall contact the person under surveillance daily to find out about his/her health conditions. In case of symptoms, the competent healthcare staff shall apply the procedures set out in paragraph 5.

Art. 3

(Further measures to be applied throughout the territory of San Marino)

1. The following measures shall apply throughout the territory of the Republic:
 - a) Educational trips, exchange or twinning initiatives, guided tours and educational excursions, however named, planned by educational institutions of all levels shall be suspended;
 - b) Readmission to education services for early childhood and to schools of all levels in case of absence due to infectious diseases lasting more than five days after the end of the period of validity of this Order shall require the submission of a medical certificate;
 - c) School managers of the schools in which the teaching activity has been suspended due to this health emergency shall apply, after hearing the board of teachers, throughout the suspension, remote teaching methods, also taking into account the specific needs of students with disabilities;
 - d) In vocational courses, Vocational Training Centre, San Marino Music Institute and University, where the participation of students in educational or curricular activities is not allowed due to the health emergency referred to in this Order, such activities may be carried out remotely, where possible, in a way identified by them, taking into account in particular the specific needs of students with disabilities; Vocational courses, the Vocational Training Centre, San Marino Music Institute and the University of San Marino referred to in the previous paragraph, once their ordinary functions have been resumed, shall ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case identifying the relevant modalities, that training activities, curricular activities or any other test or verification, even intermediate, that are functional to the completion of the educational process be made up;
 - e) For the benefit of students who are not allowed, due to the health emergency referred to in this Order, to participate in educational or curricular activities of vocational courses, the Vocational Training Centre, San Marino Music Institute and the University, these activities may be carried out, where possible, remotely, in the ways identified by them, also taking into account the specific needs of students with disabilities.
- Vocational courses, the Vocational Training Centre, San Marino Music Institute and the University of San Marino shall ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case identifying the relevant modalities, that training activities, curricular activities or any other test or verification, even intermediate, that are functional to the completion of the educational process be made up; any absence of the students referred to in this letter shall not be taken into account for the purposes of admission to final exams and of the relevant judgement;

h) the health provisions contained in this Order for the reduction of the spread of Covid-19 contagion shall be applied to new inmates to San Marino prison, with particular reference to persons coming from the municipalities listed in Annex 2, until the end of the emergency.

Art. 4

(Implementation and monitoring of the measures)

1. Police Corps shall monitor the implementation of the measures set out in this Order.

Art. 5

(Repeal)

Order no. 1/2020 of 22 February 2020 shall be repealed.

Art. 6

(Final provisions)

Personal data collected as part of the surveillance activities referred to in the previous articles shall be processed for reasons of public interest in the public health sector, pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 2, of Law no. 171 of 21 December 2018, in compliance with the provisions in force on the protection of personal data, including those relating to professional secrecy, and in relation to the current emergency situation.

This Order shall be immediately in force until midnight on 8 March 2020. Failure to comply with the measures provided for herein shall constitute a violation of this Order punishable under Article 259 of the Criminal Code, unless it constitutes a more serious offence.

San Marino, 1 March 2020

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SECURITY

Signed by Roberto Ciavatta

Annex 1 Hygiene measures:

1. Wash hands frequently: in this regard, it is recommended to make available alcohol-based hand rubs in all public places, gyms, supermarkets, pharmacies and other meeting places;
2. Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections;
3. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with hands;
4. When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or a disposable handkerchief;
5. Do not take antiviral drugs or antibiotics unless prescribed by the doctor;
6. Clean surfaces with chlorine or alcohol-based disinfectants;
7. Use the mask if you suspect that you are sick or are assisting sick people;
8. Made in China products and packages received from China are not dangerous;
9. Pets do not spread the new Coronavirus.

Annex 2 Italian municipalities:

- 1) In Lombardy region:
 - a) Bertonico;
 - b) Casalpusterlengo;
 - c) Castel Gerundo;
 - d) Castiglione D'Adda;
 - e) Codogno;
 - f) Fombio;
 - g) Maleo
 - h) San Fiorano;
 - i) Somaglia;
 - j) Terranova dei Passerini.
- 2) In Veneto region:
 - a) Vò.

Annex 3 Form notifying quarantine:

Form notifying quarantine		
	Name	Surname
This is to notify Mr./Ms.	_____	_____
Residence/Domicile	_____ _____	
Of the beginning of the mandatory health surveillance period (quarantine)		
Starting from	Day	Time
	_____	_____
Until	Day	

The above mandatory health surveillance period (quarantine) shall entail the following obligations:		
a. Staying in quarantine for fourteen days since the last exposure;		
b. Prohibition of social contacts;		
c. Prohibition to travel;		
d. Obligation to remain contactable for surveillance purposes.		
The competent staff member	The person concerned	
(Signature)	(Signature)	
_____	_____	

Each family member and/or cohabitant at the same domicile shall sign a copy of this form.