

Decree 100/2021, dated 3-31-2021, amending and extending Decree 93/2021, dated 3-24-2021, on new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV coronavirus -2.

Government

Other provisions

Decree 100/2021, of March 31, 2021

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Statement of reasons

The reproduction rate of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus has increased as a result of the increase in positive cases, some of which correspond to the British strain, which has a more aggressive behavior. This fact, along with social interactions, causes a certain hospital tension; therefore, it is necessary to continue to take extreme protection measures and keep them in force to guarantee the viability of the health system. In this context, the measures established in Decree 93/2021, of 24-3-2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, are maintained and extended.

However, with the intention that the elderly gradually join the activities of the manor houses, the opening of these centers is allowed. The fact that the users of these facilities are subject to phase II of the Vaccination Plan against SARS-CoV-2 infection has made it possible for many sponsors to have already received both doses of the vaccine or at least one. Despite everything, this opening is limited with restrictive measures that provide the necessary security for this group. In this context, a new article 17 bis, relating to the opening of manor houses and old people's homes, is added to Decree 93/2021.

For everything that has been presented, at the proposal of the Minister of Health, the Government, in the session of March 31, 2021, approves this Decree with the following content:

Article 1. Article 17 bis is added to Decree 93/2021, of 24-3-2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, entitled Cases manor houses and nursing homes, with the following content:

"Article 17 bis. Manor houses and retirement homes

1. The opening of nursing homes and manor houses is authorized.

- 2. The opening of these spaces is subject to compliance with the following sanitary measures:
- a) Those responsible for these spaces must ensure compliance with the basic prevention measures: social distance, use of a mask, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection of the spaces and adequate ventilation.
- b) Indoor activities must be carried out in small groups of a maximum of four people. Whenever possible, outdoor activities should be prioritized.
- c) The maximum capacity of old people's homes and manor houses must be adequate to ensure that all activities carried out respect social distancing measures.
- d) Users who access the services must be registered. Service users must sign a certificate of self-responsibility that they do not present symptoms of acute illness and are not subject to a home isolation measure.
- e) Those responsible for these spaces must ensure that users who access the interior of the manor houses or old people's homes meet any of the following requirements:
- i. Be vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the available vaccines, and that a minimum of 21 days have passed since the first dose.
- ii. Having passed the disease in less than six months or having a positive serology result in the last three months.
- f) Those in charge of these spaces must ensure that the staff who work there are screened when they join each shift at the workplace. The application of this measure can be avoided for people who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the available vaccines and a minimum of 21 days have passed since the first dose, or who have passed the disease in the last six months, or who present a positive serological test for the last three months. In the case of people who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, they can be screened once a week.
- g) The processing of personal data that is necessary for the application of this Decree must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the data protection regulations.

Those in charge of old people's homes and manor houses must keep the register referred to in this Decree relating to users who access the service. In addition, it is necessary to register the information related to the screening carried out on the workers to comply with the requirements provided for in section f.

Registration is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health, and nursing homes and manor houses act as service providers in order to contain the pandemic.

This record must be kept with security and confidentiality measures. The duration of conservation is up to one month after the validity of this Decree and, once completed, the record must be destroyed. This register must always be available to the members of the Police Force and the officials or workers of the General Administration with functions related to the control of the pandemic and authorized by the Ministry of Health."

Article 2. Extension of the exceptional measures of Decree 93/2021

Decree 93/2021, of 24-3-2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, is extended until April 7, 2021.

Final provision

This Decree enters into force on April 1, 2021.

Which is made public for general knowledge.

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Head of Government