

Decree 142/2021, of 5-5-2021 amending and extending Decree 133/2021, of 4-28-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Government

Other provisions

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Statement of reasons

The effects of the vaccination plan are beginning to reflect a hopeful picture. The pressure on the healthcare system drops significantly and there is a clear trend towards improvement. All this allows the relaxation of certain measures to continue for the most vulnerable groups, participants in the first phases of vaccination.

Thus, among the preventive measures aimed at the hospital center, assisted social and health residences and residential homes for people with disabilities, overnight stays outside the centers are allowed and certain exceptions to compliance with safety distances and the use of masks. In the case of manor houses and old people's homes, participation in indoor activities is extended to six people. Control, however, remains a determining reason why monthly screening routines are established for both residents and staff who work there.

In this context, it is considered necessary to extend the rest of the measures adopted by Decree 133/2021, of 28-4-2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

For everything that has been presented, at the proposal of the Minister of Health, the Government, in the session of May 5, 2021, approves this Decree with the following content:

Article 1. Modification of article 17 of Decree 133/2021, of 28-4-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

Article 17 of Decree 133/2021, of 4-28-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, entitled Preventive measures aimed at the hospital, is amended. in assisted social and health care homes and residential homes for people with disabilities, which is drafted with the following content:

- "Article 17. Preventive measures aimed at the hospital center, assisted social and health care homes and residential homes for people with disabilities
- 1. Visits are authorized to patients who remain admitted to the hospital center always following the instructions of the center's management.
- 2. The managements of assisted social and health residences must allow the visits of one family member or equivalent per resident, as long as none of these people presents symptoms of acute illness or is not subject to a measure of home isolation.

These visits must be carried out in accordance with the measures established in the notice of 10-6-2020 of exceptional measures to deal with infection by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, referring to visits to people who they live in assisted living facilities.

Exceptions to the compliance with the safety distance can be made when the user is immunized, meaning by an immunized person one who has passed the COVID-19 within a period of less than six months or is vaccinated against the COVID-19 with at least one dose and 21 days have passed since the first dose.

- 3. The managements of assisted residences and residential homes for people with disabilities may allow overnight trips for immunized residents or those under 16 years of age, following the following requirements:
- a) On the same day of departure, family members or equivalents must be screened using a TRA or must have a negative TMA carried out in the previous 48 hours, and must sign the center's self-responsibility certificate.
- b) During these outings, you cannot go to spaces with a high number of people and the resident person must relate to a single coexistence unit and avoid meetings with people outside of this coexistence unit.
- c) On the return of the resident, the staff of the residential home must carry out passive surveillance during the fourteen days following the return by checking the appearance of symptoms or compatible signs of infection by the SARS-CoV coronavirus -2 twice a day.
- d) On the same day of return to the center, a rapid antigen test (TRA) must be carried out. In case of two overnight stays or less, the TRA must be completed at least 48 hours after arrival at the centre.
- 4. Screenings must be made to the health and socio-health personnel of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities when they join each shift at their place of work, except for people who are immunized. In this case, the screening is carried out on a monthly basis.

In the same way, screenings must be carried out on residents of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities on a weekly basis, unless the people are immunized. In this case the screening is done monthly.

5. The managements of assisted social and health residences and residential homes for people with disabilities can make the use of the mask more flexible among the users of the centers when these people are immunized."

Article 2. Modification of article 17 bis of Decree 133/2021, of 28-4-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

Article 17 bis of Decree 133/2021, of 28-4-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, entitled Manor houses and manor houses, is amended notice, which is written 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 six 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 in charge of these spaces must ensure that the users who access the interior of the manor houses or nursing homes are immunized, understanding as immunized those who 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 to immunized persons can be avoided. In this case the screening is done monthly.
- 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. Additionally, it is necessary to register the information on 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 3. Extension of the exceptional measures of Decree 133/2021, of 28-4-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

Decree 133/2021 of 28-4-2021 of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus is extended until May 12, 2021.

Final provision

This Decree enters into force on May 6, 2021.

Which is made public for general knowledge.

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Head of Government