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The improvement of the health and epidemiological situation and the achievement of a high percentage of vaccination coverage in the elderly group allow activity to resume in the socio-health centers that provide day service, maintaining prevention measures and safety to minimize the risk of SARS-CoV-2 contagion.

Social and health day centers are spaces that play a very important role for this group, but their use must be conditional on the application of organizational measures that must be taken within each center, depending on the structure and the resources it has.

Given everything that has been presented, the Minister of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality informs about the exceptional measures to deal with the infection by the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) referring to the organizational recommendations for day centers social health

Measures to be applied to socio-health day centres:

1. 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, adequate ventilation and avoiding materials in common use.
2. Access to the interior of socio-sanitary day centers can only be made if the users who access them meet any of the following requirements:
 - a) Be vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the available vaccines and that a minimum of four weeks have passed since the first dose. For this purpose, the vaccination certificate must be presented.
 - b) Having passed the disease in less than six months.
3. Professionals who work in socio-health day centers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the available vaccines and a minimum of four weeks have passed since the first dose. If you are not vaccinated, the head of the center must ensure that the staff working there are screened (rapid antigen tests) when they join each shift at the workplace. It is necessary to carry out a record of the screenings of the workers established in the previous point.

4. It is up to those responsible for the service to verify compliance with these conditions and to carry out a register of the users who access the service.
5. People using the service or their legal guardians must sign a self-responsibility certificate stating that they will not attend the service if they have symptoms of an acute illness or are subject to a home isolation measure.
6. Inside the centres, activities and meals must take place in small groups, of a maximum of six people and respecting basic prevention measures. Priority will be given to groups being as stable as possible.
7. Activities will be encouraged to take place outdoors.
8. In case the day service is carried out in a residential socio-health center, the people using the day service must remain in the spaces of the day center and cannot access the specific spaces of the residential center to avoid contact with the residents. For activities intended for physiotherapy or rehabilitation, which require specific equipment, a space must be provided for people using the day service, or timetables must be established that avoid the coexistence of the resident population with the users of the center during the day, ensuring that there is sufficient time for the disinfection and ventilation of the space. It is necessary to prevent professionals from being shared between the day service and the assisted living service. In exceptional situations where it is necessary to share professionals,
9. The managements can make the use of the mask more flexible among people using the day centers, as long as they meet the requirement of immunity.
10. When accessing the activities and spaces of the center, it is necessary to avoid agglomerations. A staggered schedule or circuits with different entry and exit areas must be planned.
11. The maximum capacity of socio-health day centers must be adequate to be able to guarantee that all activities carried out respect social distancing measures.
12. In the event that catering activity is offered, it is necessary to comply with what is established in Decree 133/2021, of 28-4-2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS coronavirus -CoV-2 and in its updates.
13. It is necessary to extreme hand hygiene as much as possible with soap and water or hydroalcoholic solution, both users and professionals. It is recommended to place dispensers of hydroalcoholic solution in different points of the center and especially in the access areas to the center.
14. Adequate ventilation of the spaces must be guaranteed. In the event that it is natural, it is recommended to ventilate every hour for a minimum of 10 minutes. In buildings that do not have natural ventilation, it is necessary to ensure that the forced ventilation systems provide a sufficient amount of outside air. Values between 12.5 and 14 liters of fresh air per person per second are considered adequate to reduce the risk of contagion.
15. The cleaning and disinfection of the spaces must be extreme, taking special care of the cleaning and disinfection of the contact surfaces.

16. If material is shared, cleaning and disinfection between uses must be guaranteed.

17. Center staff must wear a mask. The type of mask and any other protective material must be those indicated by the centers' occupational risk services. The protective material can be adapted for immunized professionals.

The measures mentioned may be modified according to the evolution of the pandemic and the appearance of new variant strains, as well as the available scientific evidence.

This notice makes void the notice of 10-6-2020, of exceptional measures to deal with the infection by the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), referring to the organizational recommendations for socio-health day centers, and will enter in force on the same day it is published in the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra .

Which is made public for general knowledge.

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