



Decree 223/2021, of 7-7-2021, on 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

In recent days there has been a slight increase in active cases of coronavirus which, fortunately, has not had an impact on the healthcare system. This circumstance, however, makes it advisable to maintain the measures established in [Decree 213/2021](#) , of June 30, 2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, with minor modifications.

In particular, the maximum opening hours for recreational games rooms and the operation of recreational machines are established until one in the morning, under the same conditions as catering establishments.

In the case of catering establishments, and aside from having to guarantee ventilation in the interior spaces, those that offer meals intended for celebrations are allowed to expand the maximum number of people per table and the consumption at right foot, prior validation of the health authority.

Finally, with regard to children's parks, the measures relating to the use of masks are specified in coordination with the parameters established as basic prevention measures.

With the intention of promoting maximum clarity and respecting legal certainty, this Decree takes up in a single text all the current measures and incorporates the modifications already mentioned, and repeals together [Decree 213/2021](#) , of June 30 of 2021

This Decree enters into force on July 8, 2021 and will be in force until July 14, 2021, although it may be extended or modified depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

For everything that has been presented, at the proposal of the Minister of Health, the Government, in the session of July 7, 2021, approves this Decree with the following content:

Article 1. Basic prevention measures

1. The use of masks is mandatory for all people aged eight or over in the terms established in this Decree. It is recommended from the age of six, unless the health situation of the

educational center makes it mandatory.

2. The masks that can be used can be surgical, homemade or hygienic.

3. The use of the mask is mandatory in closed public spaces. It is exempted from the obligation to use the mask on public roads and in open spaces, as long as there are no agglomerations of people that prevent maintaining the minimum interpersonal safety distance of 1.5 meters.

4. A safety distance of 1.5 meters must be respected between people who do not live together in any situation or activity, unless it is about activities that have health protocols and legally established hygiene and prevention measures.

Article 2. Services of the General Administration

The maximum capacity in the General Administration Procedures Service is limited to 50%.

Article 3. Physical activities in gymnasiums, sports centers and other similar spaces

Directed activities in gymnasiums, sports centers or other similar spaces must be carried out following the following requirements:

a) Groups limited to a maximum of ten people. In the case of spaces with sufficient capacity, several groups can be made without interaction of ten people with a separation of four meters between the groups in outdoor spaces or with a separation of six meters in interior spaces.

b) Hand hygiene before and after the activity.

c) Material must not be shared or must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

d) Cleaning, ventilation and disinfection of spaces between groups.

e) People must be prevented from congregating at the entrances and exits of centers and rooms.

f) Adequate use of the changing rooms must be guaranteed, with a mask and distance.

Article 4. Measures for sporting activities

1. It goes to phase 0, regulated in the Federated Sports Practice Plan, in relation to the country's health situation.

2. The presence of the public is allowed in sports competitions following the following measures:

a) Agglomerations and crossings must be avoided.

b) Frequent cleaning and disinfection of sports facilities must be guaranteed.

c) The mask must be used following the instructions of the health authorities.

d) The maximum capacity of the public must be stated in the competition protocol previously drawn up by the sports entity and the body that manages the facilities, and that this protocol be validated by the Ministries of Health and Culture and Sports.

3. For outdoor sports competitions, apart from the measures provided for in section 2, the facilities cannot exceed 70% of capacity.

4. For indoor sports competitions, aside from the measures provided for in section 2, the facilities cannot exceed 50% of capacity and must follow the sanitary criteria for registration and control of access, and at the same time proper ventilation of the facilities must be guaranteed. The safety distance between the space where the competition takes place and the presence of the public cannot be less than six meters.

Article 5. Measures for thermal activities and spas

The maximum capacity of thermal activities and spas is limited to 50%.

Article 6. Measures for workplaces

1. The telecommuting modality is prescribed as long as the type of activity does not require the physical presence of the professional and taking into account article 30.6 of Law 31/2018, of December 6, on labor relations.

2. Whenever possible, meetings by telematic means must be prioritized.

3. Face-to-face work meetings cannot exceed ten people, with the exception of all those that have an institutional, notarial and judicial nature, as well as those of the staff of health and socio-health centers, the staff selection tests currently open from the Public administration that needs to be carried out in person and the meetings of the communities of owners, always strictly preserving the measures and protocols established by the health authority, and of those that have a specific protocol validated by the health authority .

4. The use of the mask in work meetings may be exempted for persons who are immunized, meaning by immunized person the person who is vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the available vaccines, provided that a minimum of four weeks have passed since the first dose, or that the disease has passed in less than six months.

Article 7. Limitation of the activity of bars, cafes and similar establishments

Bars, cafes and similar establishments must close no later than one in the morning.

Article 8. Limitation of the activity of the rest of the catering establishments

Restaurants other than those mentioned in article 7 must close at one o'clock in the morning at the latest.

Article 9. Closure of economic activities

Establishments authorized as pubs, discos, dance halls or similar, for the exercise of these activities, remain closed.

Article 10. Recreational games and recreational machine exploitation rooms

Arcades and arcade machines can open following the following measures:

- a) Frequent cleaning and disinfection of facilities, equipment and furniture must be guaranteed.
- b) Crowding must be avoided.
- c) Separate circuits must be established to avoid crossings.
- d) Users of these equipment must wash their hands before and after using them, or use hydroalcoholic gel.

e) It is necessary to ensure a capacity limited to 30% of the space where the activity takes place.

f) It is necessary to ensure the renewal of the air in the spaces where the activity takes place.

g) The permitted opening hours are between 7 a.m. and one in the morning.

Article 11. General hygiene and prevention measures in catering establishments

1. The maximum number of people who can be grouped per table in restaurants is eight, unless it is a larger cohabiting group, understanding that the cohabiting group is made up of the parents and their children and that they live together habitual and permanent in the same home. The number of people can be increased up to a maximum of ten in the outdoor spaces.

2. The establishments, with the exception of the service in outdoor spaces, must keep a daily written record of their users in which the following information is included for each table: first and last name of the customers, telephone number, and date and time of service. This registration must be completed before customers order.

Registration is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and the establishments 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.

3. 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.

4. The distance between tables, which must be measured taking into account the backs of the surrounding chairs, must be at least one and a half meters; the protective screens inside the premises are only a complementary measure.

5. The establishment must calculate the maximum capacity of customers inside to ensure that the distancing measures are respected, and this information must be stated, as a minimum, at the entrance of the establishment and in a place visible.

6. The use of the mask by customers is mandatory for all people aged eight or over until the time they are served the food or drink, and they must put it back on in the travel and between services.

7. The buffet is allowed in the self-service mode as long as access to the area is controlled and a signalized unidirectional circuit is established in order to guarantee the interpersonal safety distance, that there is availability at several points of the circuit hydroalcoholic gels, that the self-service utensils are changed no more than every 30 minutes, that the contact points of the vending machines are frequently disinfected and that there is constant supervision by the establishment to organize customers.

8. In order to maintain a safety distance of 1.5 meters between people, customers cannot consume rights, only sitting.

9. The premises and dining rooms, as well as the outdoor spaces where meals are offered for celebrations such as baptisms, birthdays, communions, weddings and other social

events, can accommodate a maximum number of attendees of 50 people in indoor spaces, and 120 people in outdoor spaces.

Otherwise, and only with the prior validation by the health authority of a specific protocol that incorporates screening to identify people with SARS-CoV-2 infection, the number of people can be expanded above 50 in spaces indoors and above 120 in outdoor spaces, as you can also expand the maximum number of people per table. In these situations, consumption on the right foot can be allowed and the use of a mask can be avoided.

10. In the interior spaces, the ventilation of the space must be guaranteed through natural ventilation or other ventilation systems.

Article 12. Maximum capacity of people in commercial establishments

1. The maximum capacity of commercial establishments with public participation is one person for every four square meters.

Article 13. Meetings of relatives and friends

1. In gatherings of family and friends, the maximum number of people who can gather is ten, unless the cohabiting nucleus is greater.

2. Masses, funerals and civil ceremonies must follow the sanitary criteria of cleanliness, ventilation, distance between people and use of the mask.

3. Meetings are allowed at the funeral home and in the vigil rooms in groups that cannot exceed ten people. You cannot match more than one grouping at a time.

Article 14. Organization of cultural activities

Facilities that host cultural events cannot exceed 70% of capacity and must follow the health criteria of registration and access control, cleaning, disinfection, distance between people and ventilation established in the protocol that must have previously approved by the Ministries of Health and Culture and Sports.

Article 15. Measures for schools and extracurricular activities

1. Both the teaching activity and the extracurricular activities are maintained.

2. The use of the mask is mandatory in all classrooms with students older than eight years. Outdoor school activities can be carried out without wearing a mask, as long as there are no crowds and the tightness of the coexistence units is maintained.

3. Extracurricular activities for children over the age of eight must be carried out with a mask. Extracurricular activities that are carried out outdoors can be done without a mask, as long as there are no crowds and the airtightness of the coexistence units is maintained.

Article 16. Children's parks

1. Outdoor playgrounds can be open following the following measures:

a) Agglomerations must be avoided.

b) Frequent cleaning of the facilities must be guaranteed.

c) From the age of eight, it is necessary to use the mask in outdoor spaces if the interpersonal distance of 1.5 meters cannot be maintained.

d) It is recommended that users of these equipment carry out hand hygiene before and after using them, or use hydroalcoholic gel.

2. Indoor playgrounds can open following the following measures:

a) Frequent cleaning and disinfection of facilities, equipment and furniture must be guaranteed.

b) Crowding must be avoided.

c) Separate circuits must be established to avoid crossings.

d) Users of these equipment must wash their hands before and after using them, or use hydroalcoholic gel.

e) The permitted opening hours are between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

3. Children's equipment and facilities in indoor spaces, apart from what is established in point 2, must ensure:

a) A capacity limited to 30% of the total.

b) The establishment of well-defined groups (separated in time or in different spaces) of a maximum of ten children. These groups cannot interact with each other and cleaning and disinfection guidelines must be set between groups. In the event that several groups coincide, it is necessary to establish a safety distance between the groups that allows them not to interact or contact each other.

c) Only one companion is allowed for each child.

d) It is necessary to ensure the renewal of the air in the spaces in a natural or forced way.

If it is with natural ventilation, the facilities must be ventilated for fifteen minutes every hour, without the need to stop the activity.

e) To maintain traceability, it is necessary to have records of the people who use the facilities that include the date, time of entry and exit, and the name of the minor and his/her guardian, as well as a telephone number of contact

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, always following the directions 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 , as long as four weeks 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 sixteen 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. Immunized family members or relatives can be exempted from this screening.

b) 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.

c) On the same day of return to the centre, a 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 care homes and residential homes for people with disabilities can make the use of masks more flexible among users of the centers when these people are immunized.

Article 18. Manor houses and retirement homes

The opening of the manor houses and old people's homes is subject to compliance with the following health measures:

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 and adequate ventilation. Whenever possible, outdoor activities should be prioritized.

2. Indoor activities must be carried out in small groups of a maximum of eight people. When the activities are carried out outdoors the number of people can be expanded up to ten.

3. The maximum capacity of nursing homes and manor houses must be adequate to ensure that all activities carried out respect social distancing measures.

4. 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.

5. Those in charge of these spaces must ensure that users accessing the interior of manor houses or old people's homes are immunized.

6. 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.

7. 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 on the screening carried out on the workers to comply with the requirements provided for in the sixth point of this article.

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 19. Petrol stations

The sale of alcoholic beverages at gas stations is prohibited from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Article 20. Public transport

1. The maximum capacity of public passenger transport vehicles is increased, which becomes 100%.

2. Public transport vehicles must be equipped with hydroalcoholic gel in the front and the back, at least.

3. It is necessary to promote that people travel sitting down.

4. Vehicles must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each journey.

5. It is necessary to ventilate continuously, whether natural or mechanical ventilation, and it must be ensured that the contribution of a sufficient amount of outside air.

6. It is necessary to delimit, by means of marks on the ground, the areas for traveling upright.

Article 21. Duration of the measures

This Decree is valid until July 14, 2021 and may be extended depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

Article 22. Breaches and penalty regime

Any breach of these measures is sanctioned in accordance with the General Health Law or the applicable specific legislation.

Derogatory provision

With the entry into force of this Decree, the provisions of equal or lower rank that oppose it are repealed, and specifically [Decree 213/2021](#), of 6-30-2021, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Final provision

This Decree enters into force on July 8, 2021.

Which is made public for general knowledge.

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