



Decree 169/2022, of 27-4-2022, 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

Epidemiological and health indicators continue to show an improvement in the evolution of the pandemic which makes it possible to make the use of the mask more flexible for people who are in contact with a positive case unless they show symptoms of infection.

The Government's intervention is based on the provisions of the General Health Law, of March 20, 1989, and of Law 30/2018, of December 6, classified as public security, in the terms established by Law 19 /2020, of December 23, which modified them.

This Decree repeals the measures contained in [Decree 146/2022](#) , of 11-4-2022, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, extended by [Decree 154/2022](#) , of 4-20-2022.

This Decree enters into force on April 28, 2022 and will be in force until May 4, 2022, 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 April 27, 2022, approves this Decree with the following content:

Article 1. Basic prevention measures

1. It is exempted from the obligation to use the mask in indoor spaces, except, in the terms established in articles 3, 4 and 5, for the staff of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities, day centers , manor houses and nursing homes and for visits to people admitted to health and socio-health centers and to attend health centers.

However, the use of the mask is recommended, especially in indoor spaces, for people who, due to age, because they have risk factors or because they are not immunized, are particularly vulnerable to SARS-CoV-2 infection, and also for people in contact with vulnerable people. It is also recommended in case of respiratory symptoms.

2. Crowds must be avoided in any situation or activity.

3. Hand hygiene must be maintained before and after any activity.
4. Spaces, facilities, equipment and materials must be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
5. In the interior spaces, air renewal must be guaranteed through natural or forced ventilation. If it is with natural ventilation, the facilities must be ventilated for fifteen minutes every hour, without the need to stop the activity.
6. A person who meets any of the following conditions is considered an immunized person:
 - a) Is vaccinated against COVID-19 and fourteen calendar days have passed since the date of administration of the last dose of the complete vaccine regimen and less than 270 days have passed since the last dose received, or has received a booster dose of the vaccine.
 - b) The disease has passed in less than six months.
 - c) The disease has passed, she is vaccinated against COVID-19 with a dose of the vaccine and fourteen days have passed since it was administered and less than 270 days have passed since the last dose received, or she has passed disease and has received two doses of the vaccine.

Article 2. Services of the General Administration

For reasons of public service, the services of Administration personnel may be required to carry out priority tasks other than those of their workplace.

Article 3. Preventive measures aimed at the hospital center, health centers and social and health assisted residences and residential homes for people with disabilities

1. Visits to patients who remain admitted to the hospital must always be carried out following the directions of the center's management.
2. The managements of assisted social and health residences must allow the visits of a maximum of two people simultaneously per resident, as long as the following conditions are met:
 - a) Do a rapid antigen test (TRA) in the same socio-sanitary center. Different periodicities can be established for people who make more than two weekly visits. The Ministry of Health provides centers with TRAs to be able to test visitors.
 - b) People visiting social and health assisted residences must sign the centre's certificate of self-responsibility as they do not present symptoms of acute illness and are not subject to a home isolation measure.
3. The managements of the assisted residences can allow the departure of immunized residents or those under the age of sixteen, following the following requirements:
 - a) On the day of departure, the management of the assisted living facilities must verify that the relatives or equivalents who pick up the user at the center have a negative result in a rapid antigen test (TRA) done at the same center social health The Ministry of Health provides centers with TRAs to be able to test visitors.
 - b) In case of overnight stays outside the center, it is necessary to carry out a TRA on the day of the return to the center and another TRA on the fourth day of the return to the center. Until the negative result of the second TRA, the person must remain in passive surveillance.

This section is also applicable to residential homes for people with disabilities.

c) In case of departures without an overnight stay, a TRA will be made on the fourth day of the departure outside the center, or two weekly TRAs in case of daily departures.

4. 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 they are with their usual coexistence group within the center. Users must wear a mask.

5. Residents of socio-health centers for the elderly and disabled must be screened weekly through TRA.

6. The care staff of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities must use an FFP2 type mask. The non-care staff of these centers must use a surgical mask.

7. The staff of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities must have a weekly TRA.

8. Screenings must also be carried out on the staff of the hospital center and health centers whose internal protocols so establish, given the risk of contagion and the vulnerability of the people they serve. In this case, the type and frequency of the screenings are those established by the internal regulations of each center.

9. The control of the performance of these tests rests with the same center or service. Those in charge of social and health centers must keep a record of the information on the screening carried out on workers to meet the requirements set out in this article.

Registration is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health, and social and health centers 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.

10. People who attend health centers and people visiting social and health assisted residences and residential homes for people with disabilities must use a surgical mask.

Article 4. Socio-health day centres

Social and health day centers must comply with the following health measures:

1. People using day centers must be screened with a TRA test on a weekly basis.

2. Day center staff must use a surgical mask.

3. Day center staff must undergo a weekly TRA.

Those in charge of the day centers must keep a record of the information on the screening carried out on the workers to meet the requirements set out in this article.

Registration is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health, and the day centers 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 5. Manor houses and retirement homes

Manor houses and old people's homes must comply with the same sanitary measures as the day centers provided for in article 4, except for screenings.

Article 6. Measures addressed to the Immigration Service

The person from sixteen years of age who requests an immigration authorization that involves a stay in the Superior Principality or equal to thirty consecutive days must prove, through the presentation of the corresponding certificates, the fulfillment of one of the cases provided for in article 1, section 6, for immunized persons or have a certificate of contraindication to vaccination.

Article 7. Duration of the measures

This Decree is valid until May 4, 2022 and may be extended depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

Article 8. Non-compliance and sanctioning 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 146/2022](#) , of 11-4-2022, of new exceptional measures for the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, extended by [Decree 154/2022](#) , of 4-20-2022.

Final provision

This Decree enters into force the day after it is published in the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra .

Which is made public for general knowledge.

Andorra la Vella, April 27, 2022

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Head of Government
