



Decree 260/2022, of 22-6-2022, 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

The epidemiological data of the last few days show an increase in the number of cases, without at the moment having an impact on the pressure on the health system. This fact makes it necessary to maintain the current preventive measures.

However, considering the obligation to use the mask for people infected with SARS-CoV-2, this measure should be clarified so that it is only mandatory for people from 6 years of age.

The Government's intervention is based on the provisions of the General Health Law, of March 20, 1989, and of Law 31/2021, of November 22, a consolidated text classified as public security.

This Decree repeals the measures contained in [Decree 232/2022](#) , of 8-6-2022, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, extended by [Decree 251/ 2022](#) , of June 15, 2022.

This Decree enters into force on June 23, 2022 and will be in force until June 29, 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 June 22, 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 interior spaces. However, the use of the mask is mandatory, 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 grandparents and for visits to people admitted to health and socio-health centers and to attend health centers. The use of the surgical mask or FFP-2 is also mandatory for people from 6 years of age with SARS-CoV-2 infection, at least during the first ten days from the onset of symptoms or d 'a positive result of the diagnostic test.

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. Visits by people with SARS-CoV-2 infection are prohibited.
2. The management of assisted social and health residences must allow the visits of a maximum of two people simultaneously per resident, as long as these people sign the center's certificate of self-responsibility as long as they do not present symptoms of acute illness and have no knowledge having been in contact with people infected with SARS-CoV-2 in the last seven days. Visits by people with SARS-CoV-2 infection are prohibited.
3. The managements of assisted living facilities and residential homes for people with disabilities must allow residents to leave and perform a TRA on the fourth day of their return to the centre. In case of daily departures of the residents, a weekly TRA must be carried out.
4. The use of the mask is not necessary for the residents of assisted social and health care homes and residential homes for people with disabilities except when they receive visits in the interior spaces or when the epidemiological situation of the center so requires.

5. The staff of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities must use the mask, either surgical or FFP2.

6. The care staff of socio-health centers for the elderly and people with disabilities must have a fortnightly TRA. The non-care staff of these centers must have a monthly TRA.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

10. Considering the specificity and vulnerability of the people admitted to the hospital, in assisted social and health care homes and residential homes for people with disabilities, the management of these centers is empowered, in accordance with the indications of the Ministry of Health, to establish the appropriate measures to avoid the contact of care workers infected by SARS-CoV-2 with admitted users. This measure is also applicable for the professionals of the Fire Prevention and Extinction and Rescue Department who carry out medical transport tasks.

Article 4. Socio-health day centres

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

1. Day center staff must use surgical masks.
2. Day center staff must undergo a fortnightly 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.

3. Considering the specificity and vulnerability of the users of socio-health day centers, the management of these centers is empowered, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, to establish appropriate measures to avoid contact with care workers infected by SARS-CoV-2 with users.

Article 5. Manor houses and retirement homes

The staff of manor houses and nursing homes must use a surgical mask.

Article 6. Duration of the measures

This Decree is valid until June 29, 2022 and may be extended depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

Article 7. 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 232/2022](#) , of 8-6-2022, of new exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, extended by [Decree 251/2022](#) , of June 15, 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, June 22, 2022

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Head of Government
