

MILITARY ORDER NO. 2 of March 21, 2020

on the prevention of the COVID-19 spread



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Considering the provisions stated under [Art. 24 of Government Emergency Order No. 1/1999](#) on the state of siege and emergency published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 22 of 21 January 1999, approved with amendments and completions by [Law No. 453/2004](#), with subsequent amendments and supplementations, while also considering the assessment carried out by the National Committee for Special Emergency Situations, approved by Decision No. 13 of 21 March 2020, under [Art. 4 Par. \(2\) and \(4\) of Decree No. 195/2020](#) on the domestic instament of the state of emergency, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 212 of 16 March 2020, under [pt. 3-5 of Appendix 2](#) of the same Decree, [Art. 20 Point n\) of Government Emergency Order No. 1/1999](#), with subsequent amendments and supplementations, the Interior Ministry issues the following Military Order:

Article 1

- (1) The activity of dental medicine clinics is temporarily suspended.
- (2) Exceptionally, dental emergency interventions are allowed.
- (3) The measure applies starting March 22, 2020, at 10 p.m., the local time in Romania.

Article 2

- (1) **Retail activities shall be temporarily suspended in the commercial centers** where several economic operators carry out their activity (malls), **except for the sale of food, veterinary or pharmaceutical products** and cleaning services.
- (2) By commercial center we understand sale structures with average or large area where retail activities involving product, market and public catering services which engage common infrastructure and adequate utilities are carried out.

(3) This measure applies starting March 22, 2020, at 10 p.m., the local time in Romania.

Article 3

(1) **The movement of persons outside the home/household is carried out only in compliance with the general measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and avoiding the formation of any group of persons.**

(2) By forming a group we understand gatherings larger than 3 persons who do not live in the same home.

Article 4

Between 6 A.M. and 10 P.M. , **it is recommended** that the movement of persons outside the home/household should be carried out **ONLY** for the following reasons:

a) travel for professional activity, including moving between home/household and the workplace, when the professional activity is essential and cannot be postponed or performed remotely;

b) **travel for the provision of goods that cover the basic needs of the persons and their pets**, as well as goods necessary for the professional activity;

c) **travel for medical care which can neither be postponed** nor carried out remotely;

d) travel for justified reasons, such as caring/accompanying the child, the assistance of elderly, sick or disabled persons or death of a family member;

e) **short walks, near the home/household, related to the individual physical activity** of the people and the needs of their pets.

Article 5

(1) **Between 10 P.M.– 6 A.M.,** the movement of persons outside the home/household **is permitted only for the reasons provided in art. 4.**

(2) In order to verify the reason for the movement/travel for professional activity, the persons are obliged to present, at the request of the personnel of the authorized authorities, the employee card, the certificate issued by the employer or a declaration on their own responsibility.

(3) **In order to verify the reason for the travel for personal interest,** the persons are obliged to present, at the request of the personnel of the authorized authorities, **a declaration on their own responsibility, completed in advance.**

(4) The declaration on one's own responsibility must include the name and surname, date of birth, address of place of residence / household / workplace, reason for travel, date of completion and the signature. (NB. See annex)

(5) The measure applies starting on **March 23, 2020, at 10 p.m.,** the local time in Romania.

Article 6

(1) Foreign citizens and stateless persons – defined under [article 2 a\)](#) and [b\)](#) in the [Government Order no. 194/2002](#) regarding the status of foreigners in Romania, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions – are forbidden to enter the territory of the country, through the points of entry of the state frontiers, unless they transit the country through transit corridors organized through agreements with the neighboring states.

(2) By exception, the entry of foreign citizens and stateless persons belonging to the following categories is allowed on the territory of Romania:

- a)** they are family members of Romanian citizens;
- b)** they are family members of citizens of other EU Member States, or of the European Economic Area, or of the Swiss Confederation, residing in Romania;
- c)** are persons who hold a long-stay visa, a residence permit or a document equivalent to the residence permit issued by the Romanian authorities, according to the [Government Order no. 194/2002](#) regarding the status of foreigners in Romania, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions, or an equivalent document issued by the authorities of other states, according to the law of the European Union;
- d)** they are persons traveling in a professional interest, evidenced by the visa, residence permit, or another equivalent document;
- e)** they are diplomatic or consular employees, employees of international organizations, military personnel or personnel who can provide humanitarian aid;
- f)** they are passengers in transit, including those repatriated as a result of granting consular protection;
- g)** they are passengers traveling on imperative grounds (medical or family);
- h)** they are persons who need international protection or for other humanitarian reasons.

(3) The measure applies starting on March 22, 2020, at 10 p.m., the local time in Romania.

Article 7

(1) Persons who are isolated in their households as a prevention measure against the spread of COVID-19, and **who leave the location where they have been placed, without approval from competent authorities, are considered persons with a high risk of contagiousness and shall be accompanied by the public officials and placed in institutionalized quarantine** under surveillance.

(2) Persons who are quarantined as a prevention measure against the spread of COVID-19, **who leave the location where they have been placed,**

without approval from competent authorities, shall be quarantined for a supplementary period of time of another 14 days.

(3) The measures taken according to paragraphs (1) and (2) **do not exonerate persons from contraventional and criminal liability.**

(4) The measures apply starting on the date this Military Order is published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Article 8

(1) Public administration officials are under the obligation to identify and keep track of the elderly who are over 65, who have no supporters or any other form of help, and to ensure support for them in view of minimizing their exposure outside the household.

(2) The records are updated and reported weekly at the county/Bucharest center for intervention management and coordination.

(3) Local, county and Bucharest committees for emergency situations identify support means for the people mentioned in paragraph (1).

(4) The measures apply starting on the date this Military Order is published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Article 9

(1) The [Military Order no. 1/2020](#) regarding some measures of utmost emergency that bear on crowds of people and the circulation of goods across border, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 219 from March 18, 2020, are to be completed as follows:

1. To [article 2, after paragraph \(1\)](#), 2 new paragraphs are added, (2) and (3), consisting in the following:

(2) Public religious services may be held in houses of worship by church/religious ministers, without the access of the public, the services being broadcast through the mass-media or online.

(3) Liturgical/religious acts with a private character (baptisms, weddings, funerals) may be held with the attendance of a maximum of 8 persons; also, the taking of the holy sacrament by the ill is permitted in hospitals or at their homes.

2. To [article 4, after paragraph \(2\)](#), a new paragraph is added, paragraph (3), with the following content:

(3) The provisions from paragraphs (1) and (2) apply to drivers of vehicles transporting goods in a maximum authorized amount of more than 2.4 tons.

3. To [article 5, after paragraph \(2\)](#), a new paragraph is added, paragraph (3), with the following content:

3) Other exceptions to the interdiction mentioned in paragraph (1) are established by Order of the Minister of Health.

(2) The measures apply starting on the date this Military Order is published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Article 10

(1) The following institutions are entitled to ensure the application and observance of the provisions of this Military Order:

a) The Romanian Police, The Romanian Gendarmerie, The Local Police, The National Agency for Fiscal Administration, The National Authority for Consumer Protection and the managers of the local public administration authorities, for the measures provided in art. 1 and 2;

b) The Romanian Police, The Romanian Gendarmerie, The Local Police, for the measures provided in art. 3, 5 and 7;

c) The Romanian Border Police, for the measure provided in art. 6.

(2) Failure to comply with the emergency measures provided in art. 1-7 attracts disciplinary, civil, contraventional or criminal liability, in accordance with the provisions of art. 27 of the Government Emergency Order no. 1/1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(3) The personnel of the institutions mentioned in par. (1) is authorized to find contraventions and to apply sanctions, in accordance with the provisions of art. 29 of the Government Emergency Order no. 1/1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

Article 11

(1) This Military Order is published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

(2) The Providers of audiovisual media services must inform the public, through regularly broadcast messages, about the content of this Military Order, for at least two days from the date of publication.

The Minister of Internal Affairs,

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Bucharest, 21 March 2020.