

Extract

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Regarding the coronavirus situation

1. To endorse the decision of the Government Emergency Commission to declare the second level of the preparedness of the civil protection system and the proposals regarding preventive measures against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) as revised during the meeting:

1.1. Regarding the prohibition of events from 13 to 27 of March 2020:

1.1.1. As of 13 March 2020, 7:00, to prohibit all cultural, sports, leisure, entertainment and other events, both indoor and outdoor, throughout the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

1.1.2. To allow holding those outdoor events, which have up to 100 participants and can ensure special protection conditions: the social distance between the participants must be at least one metre, the event is intended for those that are not part of the risk group (the elderly or people with chronic diseases), and a possibility of hand disinfection and hand hygiene has been provided.

1.1.3. Professional sports events can only be organised without spectators.

1.2. Regarding the restrictions of the activities of cultural, leisure and sports establishments from 13 to 27 of March 2020:

1.2.1. It is prohibited to visit cultural, leisure, entertainment, sports establishments and to physically serve the visitors.

1.2.2. Activities in day care centres for children, people with disabilities and the elderly are prohibited until 27 March 2020.

1.3. Regarding the suspension of educational process:

1.3.1. From 13 March 2020, it is recommended, and from 16 March to 27 March, it is mandatory to suspend the education and child care process and educational activities in all educational establishments and day care centres, recommending the use of school holidays and preparing for remote educational process.

1.3.2. Municipalities are obliged to provide child care in establishments in exceptional cases, where this cannot be ensured at home.

1.3.3. To recommend that employers provide opportunities for parents with children to work remotely. If this is not possible, the issuance of sick leave certificates shall be subject

to the same procedure as in the case of suspicion of contact with an infected individual. To provide a possibility for parents of to apply for sickness benefit and, when legislation changes, to be entitled to part-time work benefit.

1.4. Regarding the recommendation not to go to foreign countries and the prohibition against going to high-risk countries, approved by the decision of the state level emergency operations manager:

1.4.1. As of 13 March 2020, any travels to high-risk countries, approved by the decision of the state level emergency operations manager (Italy, France, Germany, Spain, China, Hong Kong, Iran, South Korea, Singapore, Japan) must be cancelled.

1.4.2. All citizens of the Republic of Lithuania are strongly advised to cancel and postpone all travels and not to go to foreign countries until 14 April 2020.

1.5. Regarding the transportation of the citizens of the Republic of Lithuania from countries affected by the virus:

1.5.1. To instruct the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Transport and Communications to arrange for transportation to Lithuania of the citizens of the Republic of Lithuania from countries approved by the decision of the the state level emergency operations manager.

1.6. Regarding additional restrictions applicable on travels by land, water and rail:

1.6.1. To ensure screening for COVID-19 virus of all passengers travelling on buses, trains and ferries entering the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

1.6.2. To ensure isolation of all asymptomatic passengers entering the Republic of Lithuania on buses, trains or ferries in the event of COVID-19 infection found. Officers of the interior system shall accompany these passengers to their place of residence.

1.7. Regarding the restriction of flights to and from the high-risk countries, approved by the decision of the state level emergency operations manager:

1.7.1. As of 13 March 2020, to prohibit travels to high-risk countries, approved by the decision of the state level emergency operations manager (Italy, France, Germany, Spain, China, Hong Kong, Iran, South Korea, Singapore, Japan).

1.7.2. To prohibit passenger flights from Lithuania to Italy as of 13 March 2020, and from Italy to Lithuania - as of 16 March 2020.

1.7.3. To prohibit the international carriage of passengers by road passenger transport, where passengers are carried from Lithuania to Italy using regular, special and charter services.

1.8. Regarding the enhanced control and compulsory isolation of arriving individuals:

1.8.1. All the the passengers arriving at the airport fall subject to compulsory registration and screening.

1.8.2. Individuals arriving from high-risk countries, approved by the decision of the state level emergency operations manager, fall subject to 14 days' isolation.

1.9. Regarding the enhanced sanitary control at the internal borders of the European Union, aided by the Lithuanian Armed Forces:

1.9.1. To increase the number of sanitary information points at border posts to 10 pcs.

1.10. Regarding the preparation of an action plan, by 16 March, to reduce the negative impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the economy and labour market:

1.10.1. **Regarding recommendations to the Public Procurement Office** to provide clarification under the Law on Public Procurement to contracting authorities regarding the modification of the terms of procurement contracts (deferral of dates) with a view to ensuring continued performance of procurement contracts in the cases where planned events have been or will be cancelled due to COVID-19-related circumstances.

1.11. Regarding recommendations for state and municipal authorities to maximise the delivery of remote services to the population, avoiding direct contact.

2. To instruct the state level emergency operations manager Aurelijus Veryga to ensure that these decisions are taken as a matter of urgency, and to instruct the competent authorities to implement these decisions.

3. To decide on the continuity of the measures depending on the scope of the outbreak of the COVID-19.

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