

CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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The following information was received from our correspondent on 3 June:

QUOTE

To keep you and members informed on the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the Dominican Republic, kindly find attached the Decree 349-21, issued by the President of the Dominican Republic, in order to modify the curfew and the other social distancing measures established within the framework of the state of emergency declared to combat COVID-19. A free translation of the decree is also attached.

Authorities in the Dominican Republic have issued orders lengthening curfew hours in the National District, as well as in 24 of the nation's 31 provinces, June 2-9, due to elevated COVID-19 activity in the affected jurisdictions, such as the provinces of Santo Domingo, National District, La Romana, Barahona, Monte Cristi, Pedernales and Azua. New curfew hours will run 6:00 PM to 05:00 A.M. on Monday through Friday, and 3:00 PM to 05:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. Individuals needing to return to their accommodations or residences will be accorded a three-hour grace period in order to do so.

Provinces not affected by the new curfew hours are Duarte, Espaillat, La Altagracia, La Vega, Samana, Santiago, and Puerto Plata. In these seven jurisdictions, the previously imposed curfew hours of 22:00-05:00 on weekdays and 21:00-05:00 on weekends will remain in effect, with the grace period for individuals to return to their residences extending until 00:01 nightly.

The aforementioned Decree establishes a special vaccination day from Thursday, June 3, 2021, until Sunday, June 6, 2021, in the provinces of Santo Domingo and San Cristóbal, as ones of the provinces more affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Dominican Republic.



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As per the article 3 of the referred decree, all the measures provided are into force as of Wednesday, June 2 and until Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at which time the corresponding authorities will review such measures.

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FREE TRANSLATION

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NUMBER 349-21

WHEREAS: The vaccination of people against the virus that causes COVID-19 is a national priority, reason for which the Government is implementing the National Vaccination Plan, in compliance with its constitutional duty to effectively protect the dignity, health and other fundamental rights of its population.

WHEREAS: It is necessary to extend and integrate the whole society to the vaccination process, especially in the National District and the provinces of Santo Domingo and San Cristobal.

WHEREAS: The Executive Branch declared the national territory in a state of emergency on July 20th, 2020 by means of Decree number 265-20 and extended for the last time for 45 days as of May 30th, 2021 by means of Decree number 345-21, by virtue of the respective authorizations given by the National Congress through its resolutions numbers 70-20 and 117- 21.

WHEREAS: The strategy prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO) to guide the State response during the HIV/AIDS pandemic states that the authorities of countries with community transmission - such as the Dominican Republic - should adopt measures of physical distancing and movement restrictions that reduce contact between persons to reduce mortality and the disease transmission curve and alleviate some of the pressure on health care services.

WHEREAS: In view of the epidemiological evolution of COVID-19 in the country, it is necessary to maintain the social distancing measures adopted by the Executive Branch, while constantly reviewing them to ensure a gradual and safe economic and social reopening.

WHEREAS: There are differences in the level of contagion and the positivity rate among the geographical areas of the country, which requires a differentiated treatment in some areas of the country in order to achieve greater effectiveness in the implementation of public policies to fight against COVID-19.

WHEREAS: That new variants of COVID-19 are circulating in the country, making it necessary to continue strengthening and evaluating the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

VIEW: The Constitution of the Dominican Republic, proclaimed on June 13th, 2015.

VIEW: Law No. 21-18 on the regulation of the states of exception contemplated by the Constitution of the Dominican Republic, dated May 25th, 2018.

VIEW: Resolution No. 70-20 authorizing the President of the Republic to declare the national territory in a state of emergency for a period of 45 days, of July 19th, 2020.

VIEW: Resolution No. 117-21 which authorizes the President of the Republic to extend the state of emergency for 45 days, dated May 26th, 2021.

VIEW: Decree No. 265-20 declaring the national territory in a state of emergency for a period of 45 days, dated July 20th, 2020.

VIEW: Decree No. 345-21 extending the declared state of emergency for a period of 45 days, dated May 26th, 2021.

VIEW: Decree No. 133-21 establishing the curfew and other social distancing measures in the national territory, of March 1st, 2021, as amended by Decrees Nos. 171-21, 174-21, 231-21, 253-21, 319-21 and 346-21.

By virtue of the powers conferred on me by the article 128 of the Constitution of the Dominican Republic, I hereby issue the following:

DECREE:

CHAPTER I GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

ARTICLE 1. Object of the present decree. The object of the present decree is to modify the curfew and the other measures of social distancing disposed in the framework of the state of emergency declared to combat the COVID-19.

ARTICLE 2. Time in force of decree number 346-21. The measures set forth in decree number 346-21, dated May 26th, 2021, shall be in force until Tuesday, June 1st, 2021, inclusive.

ARTICLE 3. Time in force of the measures disposed in the present decree. All the measures disposed hereinafter in the present decree shall come into effect as of Wednesday, June 2nd and until Wednesday, June 9th, 2021, inclusive, at which time the corresponding authorities shall review such measures.

PARAGRAPH: Unless otherwise expressly provided, all the measures set forth in this decree shall apply in the national territory.

CHAPTER II SPECIAL DAY OF COMMUNITY VACCINATION IN THE GREAT SANTO DOMINGO AND THE PROVINCE OF SAN CRISTOBAL.

ARTICLE 4. Special day of community vaccination. A special community vaccination day will be held from Thursday, June 3rd to Sunday, June 6th, 2021 in the National District and the provinces of Santo Domingo and San Cristobal.

CHAPTER III CURFEW

ARTICLE 5. Curfew schedule in districts with the highest level of contagion and positivity rate. The curfew is established from Monday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., in the following districts:

- a) National District.
- b) Azua Province.
- c) Bahoruco Province.
- d) Barahona Province.
- e) Dajabón Province.
- f) Elias Piña Province.
- g) El Seibo Province.
- h) Hato Mayor Province.
- i) Hermanas Mirabal Province.
- j) Independencia Province.
- k) La Romana Province.
- l) Maria Trinidad Sanchez Province.
- m) Monseñor Nouel Province.
- n) Monte Cristi Province.
- o) Monte Plata Province.
- p) Pedernales Province.
- q) Peravia Province.
- r) San Cristobal Province.
- s) San Jose de Ocoa Province.
- t) San Juan Province.
- u) San Pedro de Macorís Province.
- v) Sanchez Ramirez Province.
- w) Santiago Rodriguez Province.
- x) Santo Domingo Province.
- y) Valverde Province.

PARAGRAPH: In these demarcations there shall be an additional 3 hours of free circulation every day, for the sole purpose of allowing people to go to their respective residences. Consequently, there shall be free transit in the same from Monday to Friday until 9:00 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays until 6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 6. Curfew schedule in districts with a lower level of contagion and positivity rate. The curfew is established from Monday to Friday from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., in the following districts:

- a) Duarte Province.
- b) Espaillat Province.
- c) La Altagracia Province.

- d) La Vega Province.
- e) Samaria Province.
- f) Santiago Province.
- g) Puerto Plata Province.

PARAGRAPH: In these demarcations a grace of free circulation is granted until 12 midnight every day, with the sole purpose of allowing people to go to their respective residences.

ARTICLE 7. Other exceptions during curfew hours applicable nationwide. During curfew hours, throughout the national territory, the following persons shall be allowed to circulate:

- a) Persons engaged in health services, such as doctors, nurses, bioanalysts, paramedical personnel, pharmaceutical personnel and to all personnel who are part of community vaccination days.
- b) People with a medical emergency who need to attend to a health center or pharmacy.
- c) Persons engaged in private security work duly identified.
- d) Members of the press and other duly accredited media.
- e) Duly identified vehicle operators and technicians of companies and institutions providing energy, water, telecommunications and solid waste collection services, exclusively during the performance of their work duties.
- f) Operators of vehicles dedicated to the urban and interurban distribution of merchandise, supplies and fuel, duly identified exclusively during the exercise of their work functions.
- g) Persons working in the industry and commerce of food, medical and pharmaceutical products and in transit to and from their workplaces, as long as they carry identification of a company authorized by the High Level Commission for the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus.
- h) Employees or contractors of restaurants, pharmacies or grocery stores that provide home delivery services of cooked or raw food or medicines, who shall be allowed to circulate until 11:00 p.m., exclusively during the performance of their work duties.
- i) International passengers and operators of private or commercial vehicles that are transporting them, as well as employees of the maritime and air transportation sector duly identified in transit to or from ports and airports.
- j) Employees of companies that provide funeral services, exclusively during the performance of their work duties.
- k) Employees or contractors of the hotel, mineral and free zones sectors, exclusively during the exercise of their work functions.

l) Employees of the Office for the Reorganization of Transportation (OPRET) and the Metropolitan Office of Bus Services (OMSA), after the completion of their work, provided they are duly identified and are on their way to their residences.

PARAGRAPH: Public entities that provide public transportation services, such as the Office for the Reorganization of Transportation (OPRET) and the Metropolitan Office of Bus Services (OMSA), are hereby instructed to offer their services during the hours of free circulation grace.

CHAPTER IV

REGULATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES FOR PUBLIC USE APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE NATIONAL TERRITORY

ARTICLE 8. Sale of alcoholic beverages. The sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed in public and private spaces for public use is prohibited nationwide from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., as well as the consumption of these products in such places.

ARTICLE 9. Regulation of places of consumption of food and beverages. Places of consumption of food and beverages throughout the national territory may receive customers in their facilities up to 50% of their total capacity, in strict compliance with current sanitary protocols and without exceeding 6 persons per table in the applicable places.

ARTICLE 10. Regulation of outdoor open spaces. People may use outdoor open spaces throughout the national territory, such as parks and boardwalks, for activities that do not involve agglomeration and in strict compliance with health protocols in force.

ARTICLE 11. Regulation of places dedicated to sports and physical exercise. Places dedicated to sports and physical exercise throughout the national territory, such as gyms, may receive clients in their facilities up to 50% of their total capacity, in strict compliance with the sanitary protocols in force.

ARTICLE 12. Regulation of places for the celebration of religious activities. The activities of the different churches and other religious denominations may be held three times a week throughout the national territory, in strict compliance with the sanitary protocols in force and without exceeding 50% of the total capacity of their facilities.

ARTICLE 13. Regulation of other public and private spaces for public use. Throughout the national territory, other public and private spaces for public use not expressly mentioned, may receive in their facilities up to 50% of their total capacity. These places must additionally apply those protocols and distancing measures dictated by the relevant entities for their safe operation under the pandemic.

ARTICLE 14. Regulation of the education sector. The activities of the education sector shall continue to be regulated by means of its sectoral protocol. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the time in force of this decree, the exclusive implementation of the distance learning modality in public educational centers is provided for. Private educational centers may implement, on a

voluntary basis and in strict compliance with the health protocols, classes in the semi-presential learning modality.

ARTICLE 15. Closing of the binational markets. The closing of the binational markets is disposed.

ARTICLE 16. Regulation of the tourism sector. The activities of the tourism sector will continue to be regulated through its sectoral protocol.

PARRAGARPH: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the organization, promotion and execution of mass activities, parties, or other similar activities in tourist facilities throughout the country are prohibited.

ARTICLE 17. Inspection of public and private spaces for public use. In order to guarantee compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the presence of watchmen or sanitary inspectors in public and private spaces for public use is provided for; their functions shall be coordinated by the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Sports and Recreation, the Ministry of Tourism and the municipal councils.

CHAPTER V OTHER SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE NATIONAL TERRITORY.

ARTICLE 18. Prohibition of massive activities and events. Massive activities and events involving the agglomeration of people are prohibited throughout the national territory.

ARTICLE 19. Use of masks and compliance with protocols. The mandatory use of masks in public and private places of public use is confirmed in the national territory, as well as the other measures and protocols of social distancing adopted by the corresponding authorities; its noncompliance will be sanctioned with the dispositions established in the General Health Law number 42-01.

ARTICLE 20. Special requirements to enter the national territory. The Civil Aviation Board (JAC) is instructed to adopt, in coordination with the other pertinent institutions, the necessary actions to establish special requirements to be able to enter the national territory, especially from those countries where the new variants of COVID-19 are circulating.

ARTICLE 21. Remission to the corresponding authorities. Remit the present decree to the corresponding institutions, for their acquaintance and execution.

ISSUED in the city of Santo Domingo de Guzmán, National District, capital of the Dominican Republic, on the thirty-one (31) day of May of the year two thousand and twenty-one (2021), year 178 of the Independence and 158 of the Restoration.

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