

## NEWSFLASH

### COVID-19. State of alert extended – with some restrictions lifted

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On 16.06.2020 the Romanian government decided upon the extension of the state of alert (*starea de alertă*) until 16.07.2020, however with some further restrictions being lifted. We will discuss below some aspects of practical relevance:

#### Measures for increasing resilience

1. **The obligation to wear masks** in closed public places, offices, public transportation and at the *workplace*;
2. Allowing people to **enter Romania**, as long as they come from states for which the obligation to self-isolate was cancelled („**exempt states**“, see our most recent newsflash<sup>1</sup>), provided certain conditions are met.
3. **The obligation of self-isolation** for 14 days for people coming from
  - states that are not exempt.
  - an „exempt state“, who stayed there for less than 14 days (except for the case in which they traveled there from Romania before their stay or have stayed at least 14 days altogether in exempt states).

**Exemptions** apply, among other things, for

- Drivers of vehicles destined for the transportation of goods with a maximum authorized mass exceeding 2,4 t or for passenger transportation with more than 9 seats;
- Specific aircrew/ rail staff,
- Cross-border commuters for work purposes from certain states,
- Returning employees of Romanian companies performing certain work abroad, by submitting evidence of the contract;
- Representatives of foreign companies owning branches in Romania, upon submitting evidence of their contractual relationships,
- Members of diplomatic or consular services etc.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://stalfort.ro/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/20200615\\_NEWSFLASH\\_Entry\\_in\\_Romania\\_as\\_of\\_June\\_15th-FOLLOW-UP.pdf](https://stalfort.ro/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/20200615_NEWSFLASH_Entry_in_Romania_as_of_June_15th-FOLLOW-UP.pdf) or at <https://stalfort.ro/en/news/>

## Measures for risk reduction

### 1. Ban on

- **Gatherings in public spaces**, such as meetings, demonstrations, concerts etc.;
- **Gatherings in closed spaces** for cultural, scientific, artistic, sports or entertainment purposes, **in both cases** under **exceptions** and observance of the applicable ministerial orders. Particularly noteworthy are:
  - Outdoor sports competitions or in pools, with no spectators;
  - The activity of museums, libraries, film studios, as well as outdoor cultural activities;
  - Religious activities such as church services, in and outside the designated spaces.

### 2. Ban on sports and leisure activities such as cycling, hiking, running, climbing etc. in groups of more than 6 persons who do not live together;

### 3. Ban on private events

- in closed spaces, in groups of more than 20 persons;
  - in public spaces, in groups of more than 50 persons.
- The rules on social distancing must be observed at all times.

### 4. Travel ban for foreigners and stateless persons (according to the Emergency Ordinance No. 194/2002), under **exceptions** as the following:

- Family members of Romanian citizens;
- Family members of EU or EEA or Swiss citizens that are resident in Romania;
- Transients;
- Persons with a long-term visa, residence permit or a corresponding document of another state according to the EU legislation.

(third country nationals with a residence permit in an EEA state or Switzerland are not expressly mentioned – although many of them belong to the states from which one can travel with no obligation of subsequent self-isolation).

### 5. Flights from and to Belgium, France, Iran, Italy, UK/ Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, USA and Turkey are suspended; the resumption will be possible if the countries will be exempted by the Romanian authorities (INSP and CNSU) of the obligations of self-isolation.

#### **Exceptions apply**, among other things, for

- goods or mail delivery;
- humanitarian or urgent medical services;
- transportation of technical intervention teams at the request of economic entities that reside in Romania;
- Charter flights through license holders according to the EU regulations, for seasonal labor or transport staff within the so-called “green lanes” or for the return of persons under certain conditions.

6. **Ban on serving food and drinks** inside restaurants, hotels, pensions, coffee shops etc. Serving food and drinks is allowed **outdoors**, for groups of maximum 4 persons belonging to different families, while observing a 2m distance between the tables.
7. **In commercial centers**, (only) indoor restaurants, coffee shops, gambling activities, gaming venues and cinemas will remain closed.
8. **Indoor swimming pools, gaming venues and playgrounds** remain closed.
9. **Day care centers, kindergartens and after schools** can open during the summer vacation;
10. The obligation of **all economic entities to ensure the epidemiological surveillance and hand disinfection** will still apply.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have pertaining to this subject.

Sincerely,

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