REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Ministry of Health

Minister of Health

**O R D E R**

No RD-01-130 of 17 March 2020

Pursuant to Article 63 of the Health Act and Article 29 of Ordinance No 21/2005 on the Procedure for Registering, Notifying and Reporting on Communicable Diseases and in connection with the increasingly complex epidemiological situation related to the spread of COVID-19 on the territory of Bulgaria and the Decision of the National Assembly to declare a state of emergency dated 13 March 2020, as well as the recommendations of the National Operations Staff established under Order No R-37 of 26 February 2020 of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria,

**I hereby ORDER**

1. Following an instruction issued by border health control officials, all Bulgarian nationals or foreign nationals having their permanent, long-term or extended residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and their family members arriving from the People’s Republic of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, the Republic of India, the Republic of Maldives, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Kingdom of Spain, Italy, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Switzerland shall be placed in quarantine for a period of 14 days either at their home or at a placement facility at which said persons have stated they would reside, except in the cases referred to in points 1.1 and 1.2.
   1. The following measures shall apply to Bulgarian nationals employed as drivers of heavy goods vehicles arriving from the states referred to in point 1:

a. drivers unloading goods and cargo and set to depart within a few days (regardless of the reason for their stay in Bulgaria) shall be placed in quarantine for the duration of their stay on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, with the implementation of this measure being controlled according to the procedure set out in this Order and with the haulier company employing the driver offering full cooperation until the driver has left Bulgarian territory;

b. drivers not set to depart to a state referred to in point 1 shall be subject to the measure provided for in point 1 and all its legal consequences.

* 1. The following measure shall apply to drivers of heavy goods vehicles who are not Bulgarian nationals or nationals of a country referred to in point 1 and/or arrive from the states referred to in point 1: the aforementioned shall enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the goods and cargo transported and immediately leave the territory of the country, with their overall time spent on Bulgarian territory not exceeding 24 hours.

1. General practitioners shall conduct medical observation of those persons on their patient lists placed in quarantine for a period of 14 days.
2. Bulgarian nationals who have not designated a general practitioner shall be subject to medical observation by the Regional Health Inspectorate on the territory of which they have been placed in quarantine.
3. Foreign nationals shall be subject to medical observation by the medical establishment with which their placement facility has concluded a contract for the provision of medical services for a period of 14 days.
4. Following an instruction issued by the relevant Regional Health Inspectorate, any and all persons in immediate contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 under the effective definition of a case shall be placed in quarantine either at their home or at a placement facility and shall be subject to medical observation for a period of 14 days as of their last contact with the case of COVID-19.
5. All persons referred to in points 1 and 5 placed in quarantine shall be obliged to not leave their home or the placement facility at which they have stated they would reside for the period stipulated in the instruction above.
6. Where symptoms of COVID-19 under the effective definition of a case are not displayed over the course of the period stated in the injunction above, the quarantine shall be lifted.
7. Where symptoms of COVID-19 under the effective definition of a case are displayed, the persons shall be obliged to contact their general practitioner, the medical establishment providing medical services to their placement facility, or relevant Regional Health Inspectorate by phone to receive case-specific instructions.
8. After the instruction referred to in points 1 and 5 is issued, Regional Health Inspectorates shall immediately forward data on the quarantined persons residing on their territory to the rest of the Regional Health Inspectorates.
9. After the instruction referred to in points 1 and 5 is issued, Regional Health Inspectorates shall immediately provide information, either by e-mail or by phone, to general practitioners about any persons on their patient lists quarantined, or to the owner or manager of the placement facility (or persons authorised by them managing said facility) at which the person quarantined resides, in order for said person to be placed under active monitoring and, where necessary, be issued a hospital sheet.
10. After the instruction referred to in points 1 and 5 is issued, Regional Health Inspectorates shall immediately notify the mayors of municipalities on the territory of their respective regions and the Heads of Regional Directorates of the Ministry of Interior of any persons quarantined in their homes on the territory of said regions to ensure control over the implementation of the measures ordered.
11. Regional Health Inspectorates shall keep an up-to-date list of all persons quarantined on the territory of their respective regions. This list shall contain the start and end date of quarantine periods.
12. I hereby approve the standard instruction form to be used under points 1 and 5, enclosed in the Annex below.
13. This Order shall be communicated to the Heads of Regional Health Inspectorates, who shall then notify it to all mayors of municipalities, Heads of Regional Directorates of the Ministry of Interior and medical establishments on the territory of the relevant regions.
14. This Order shall be communicated to the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications for the purposes of information and conducting control over the implementation of the measures referred to in points 1.1 and 1.2.

Associate Professor Angel Kunchev, PhD, Chief State Health Inspector, shall be tasked with control over the implementation of this Order.

*[Signature]*

**KIRIL ANANIEV**

*Minister of Health*

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| MINISTRY OF HEALTH | | Annex to Order No RD-01-130 of 17 March 2020 |
| REGIONAL HEALTH INSPECTORATE | |
| outgoing ref. No …………………… / …………………... | |
| **INSTRUCTION**  **FOR PLACEMENT IN QUARANTINE** | | |
| I, the undersigned, ……………………………………………………………………………………………………...,  full name of the state health inspector  having the following position ………………………………………………………………………………………….,  directorate and unit | | |
| on the grounds of Order No ………………. / ………………… of the Minister of Health in connection with Article 63 of the Health Act and Article 29 of Ordinance No 21/2005 on the Procedure for Registering, Notifying and Reporting on Communicable Diseases,  **hereby INSTRUCT** | | |
| 1. That ………………………………………………………………….........................................................................,  full name of the person  personal identification number / foreign national number…………………................. be placed in quarantine. | | |
| …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..  …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..  description of the reasons for placing the person in quarantine | | |
| The person shall be placed in quarantine at the following address: ……………………………………………………  …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..  The person shall remain in quarantine during the following period: ………………………………………………….. | | |
| 2. The person is hereby instructed to maintain a distance of at least 1 m from all persons with whom they co-habit and, where possible, stay/sleep in a separate room, allow fresh air on the premises regularly, eat at a different time, ensure that door handles and surfaces used by other co-habitants are regularly cleaned, use separate bath towels and wash their hands prior to eating, on using the lavatory, etc.  3. Where the person referred to in point 1 displays symptoms of COVID-19 (high fever, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, etc.), they shall contact their general practitioner and/or the …………………… Regional Health Inspectorate at the following telephone number ………………………. without delay.  4. Where the person referred to in point 1 fails to observe this instruction, they shall be criminally liable under Article 355 of the Bulgarian Criminal Code and may be sentenced to up to 3 years in prison and incur a penalty of BGN 1 000 to 10 000. In the event that the failure to observe this instruction outlined above takes place during an epidemic, a pandemic or an emergency situation with a registered mortality rate, said person may be sentenced to up to 5 years in prison and incur a penalty of BGN 10 000 to 50 000. | | |
| **State health inspector**: ……….…………………………………….  signature | | |
| **INFORMATION PERTINENT TO SERVING THIS INSTRUCTION** | | |
| Date: ……………………………………………….  day, month, year, time | | |
| Time for arrival at the place at which the person is to be quarantined: …………………………………………………. | | |
| served by: ……………………………………………..  signature | served on: …………………………………………………..  signature | |
| full name | full name | |
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| I am aware that I am criminally liable under Article 355 of the Bulgarian Criminal Code should I fail to observe this instruction. | | |
| Declarant:…………………………. | | |
| signature | | |