

The new measures announced by the Greek Government on Tuesday 28th of April are summarized as follows:

GENERALLY

- Movement certificates or SMS **are no longer required**; circulation will be made freely.
- As of **18th of May movement from to prefecture to prefecture is allowed**.
- Churches will reopen on May 4th for private prayer only** while religious services **resume from May 17th**, following safety measures at all times.
- Organized beaches will remain closed.
- The **special purpose leave continues** and maintained according to the process of opening up the schools. Special leave for high-risk groups is also maintained.

In Detail:

1) Personal hygiene measures

-The use of masks is mandatory in all enclosed spaces such as public means of transportation, shops, hospitals, barber shops and hair salons, beauty salons, medical diagnostic centers etc. Failure to comply with the measure will result in a fine of 150 euros.

2) Public means of transportation

-**The use of a protective mask in public transport by employees and passengers will be mandatory.** The entrance to the stations will be controlled to achieve the necessary Social distance and there is going to be an increase of the frequency of the routes to the maximum extent possible.

Specifically:

- The main objective is to reduce the waiting time in public means of transportation.
- To achieve that there is going to be an increase in working vehicles during rush hours but at the same time there will be a **reduction in transit frequencies at intermediate intervals, i.e. from 10 a.m. to 2 at noon and from 6 p.m. to midnight.**
- For Taxis the current rule still applies, that is one passenger per taxi driver, considering the known exemptions transport of a parent with minor children or accompanying persons for medical reasons

3) Retail Stores

-Retail stores (bookstores, eyewear stores, athletic stores, flower shops, open markets, the movement of producers for open market purposes from district to district will be allowed) and **personal care services shops** (barber shops, hair salons, beauty salons) open **on May 4th**.

-The rest of the stores will open on **May 11th**, except shopping malls.

-Shopping malls, outdoor restaurants and cafes (provided they keep a safe distance between customers-2 meters apart and maximum of 4 people per table) will open **on June 1st**.

-**Recreational parks, theme parks and outdoor playgrounds** will gradually reopen keeping the same social distancing restrictions.

- **The reopening of indoor restaurants and cafes, bars, hotels and sport centers will take place in the latter stage.**

Business establishments working hours are from 10:00am and might be extended where appropriate. **Adhering to the 2-meter distance from one another, the use of mask is mandatory both for customers as well as employees.** The use of elevators is prohibited, but if necessary (only 40% of the average amount of people are allowed in the elevator). If the store has escalators the customers are forbidden to use the elevators.

Regarding barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons the 2-meter distance between the employees work stations will be applied (**only booked appointments**).

The use of a mask and disposable gloves for workers in beauty centers is mandatory. Working hours are from 7:00am to 22:00pm on weekdays and from 7:00am to 21:00pm on Saturdays.

4) Schools

- **Senior high schools (only for 12th graders) will open on May 11th** and on May 18 the other classes of the Lyceum and the Gymnasiums will be open.

-On June 1st, provided that everything goes according to plan preschool and primary school will open.

-Nurseries will remain closed.

-Outdoor sport facilities (such sports fields) may welcome athletes always complying with the health rules (personal hygiene). Indoor gyms and fitness centers will remain closed. Playgrounds will remain closed as well. The reopening of which will depend on whether preschool and primary schools will open or not.

