

## **SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER# OE-2021-019**

**This Executive Order is in effect from March 15 2021 and will remain in force until April 11, 2021.**

**Section 1 - LOCKDOWN-** It is established from 12:00 a.m. at 5:00 a.m. In addition, all citizens are urged to limit social activities or family entertainments in public and private places in response to the emergency.

**Section 2 - QUARANTINE ORDER -** Any person with reasonable suspicion that has been exposed to COVID-19, whether or not he/she presents signs or symptoms of contagion, and with the purpose of preventing or limiting the transmission and spread of the virus, is ordered, to remain in quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days. In addition, every citizen who has had contact with a COVID-19 positive case is instructed to perform a molecular test. However, the sample should not be taken before five (5) days after they have been exposed.

**Section 3 - ISOLATION ORDER -** Any person who is infected by the virus is ordered to be in physical isolation for a minimum of ten (10) days, with the possibility of extending it according to the COVID-19 case investigation process. The person will not be able to complete the isolation without first having remained without symptoms for twenty-four (24) hours.

**Section 4 - INDIVIDUAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES -** Cover the area of the mouth and nose with a mask, maintain a minimum space of six (6) feet between each other and other people outside of your family unit, avoiding any crowding; wash your hands with soap and water regularly, or with hand sanitizers; do not go in groups to authorized establishments; stay the least time possible in authorized places, follow any other health and hygiene measures recommended by health authorities.

**Section 5 - GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS -** The agencies will continue to operate and provide services to the public, without unduly compromising the safety and health of public employees. Heads of agencies should require public employees to work in person, whenever feasible.

**Section 6 - PRIVATE OPERATIONS -** All commercial, industrial, manufacturing, construction, sales, health or medical, funeral, recreational, agricultural, agricultural, sports, horse racing, casino, film, financial, community, consumer services, professionals, non-professionals, care centers, religious, and others that are not expressly prohibited in this Executive Order. These private operations may be carried out at the established time of 5:00 a.m. at 11:00 p.m. and with a maximum capacity of 50%, in cases where the establishment is in a closed mode. The outdoor spaces may operate without the limitation of the percentage of capacity. However, at all times the physical distance of six (6) feet should be maintained between people who are not from the same family unit. The agglomeration of people is prohibited at all times.

**Restaurants -** Restaurants, including fast food and food courts, may operate during the established hours of 5:00 a.m. at 11:00 p.m. with a maximum capacity of 50%, and maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet between diners at different tables. Outdoor restaurants may operate without limiting the percentage of capacity, but guaranteeing physical distance, which should be six (6) feet between diners at different tables.

**Theaters -** Theaters, amphitheaters and activity centers are allowed, but for now the coliseums are excluded. These permitted places may operate during the established hours of 5:00 a.m. at 11:00 p.m. with a maximum capacity of 30%. They should have a protocol that addresses the management of the entrance and exit of the public, measures to ensure distance and avoid the agglomeration of people.

**Condominiums** – Conducting face-to-face assemblies is authorized in the condominiums subject to the horizontal property law.

**Closed Format Shopping Centers** - In closed format shopping centers it is necessary to limit the occupation of their capacity at the rate of one (1) person for every 75 square feet in hallway areas, which will be implemented by the mall management. In addition, each commercial center must establish identified entrances for employees, suppliers and customers.

**Transactions without physical contact** - Online sales continue to be the most recommended and safest way to buy and should continue to be the first option, giving priority to the delivery mode, curbside pickup or pickup.

**Sanitizing Process** - As part of the contagion control plan, each establishment must reserve a space of time at the end of the daily operation for the cleaning and disinfection of the place.

**Lines in establishments** - The business owner, administrator or analogous person must make sure to control the waiting lines inside and outside the establishments, the agglomeration of people inside and outside the premises of the establishment and compliance with the establishment capacity and social distancing.

**Report establishments in breach of the Executive Order** - people are urged to inform the authorities of private places that do not comply with this Order. In order for citizens to contribute to the oversight and full compliance with this Executive Order, each authorized business is ordered to have posters in visible places notifying the confidential line for COVID-19 created by the Department of Health. The poster or advertisement must contain the following contact information so that citizens can report violations: Telephone: (787) 522-6300, extensions 6899, 6840, 6824, 6833 and 6893 E-mail: [investigations@salud.pr.gov](mailto:investigations@salud.pr.gov). It is also required that the poster or sign contain the number of people that make up the maximum occupation required.

**Section 7. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** - The recommendation is maintained that the safest way to meet with family and friends, in order to celebrate special occasions, is to do so virtually. Those social activities, such as weddings, birthdays, sweet sixteen or “quinceañeros”, baptisms, baby showers, gender reveals, graduations, ring ceremonies, awards ceremonies, corporate activities and assemblies will be exempted from requesting a waiver. This, as long as it is on a moderate scale and there is the necessary supervision to ensure compliance with the precautionary measures imposed in this Order, such as avoiding the agglomeration of people. These social activities are allowed only in places or centers of public or private activities, including those found in residential complexes, as long as the restrictions imposed on those places in this Order are complied with. The persons in charge will be responsible for obtaining a list with the contact information of all attendees, with the purpose of providing the necessary information in the event that the Department of Health is forced to exercise its tracking functions. The aforementioned list must be preserved for at least forty-five (45) days.

It is forbidden to open the bars, and any alcoholic drink in food places must be served at the tables.

**Section 8 - RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES** - Limited use of the reserves, golf courses, parks, courts, gyms and cockfighting arenas will be allowed. Hunting, commercial fishing and recreational fishing will be allowed during the hours allowed for private operations. Parks and gyms in residential complexes,

including those subject to the horizontal property law, are authorized to operate as long as individual precautionary measures are complied with.

**Section 9 - BEACHES, MARINES AND BODIES OF WATER** - The beaches, rivers, marinas, swimming pools and other bodies of water may be used by swimmers during the hours established for private operations and the enjoyment of all, without crowds and subject to following the applicable precautionary measures. Beachgoers must have their mask on at all times while out of the water. The use of beach chairs, umbrellas and coolers is allowed between members of the same family unit. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Swimming pools in residential complexes, including those subject to the horizontal property law, are authorized to operate during the term of this Executive Order at a maximum capacity of 50%, subject to social distancing and other precautionary measures. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. As for the marinas, these will remain open for all types of boats, including recreational ones. However, in the boats used for recreational purposes, the use or occupation between people outside the family unit or the use of several boats joint together is prohibited. The maritime transportation services provided by the Maritime Transportation Authority will continue to operate for residents and people who are going to carry out work arrangements on the islands of the municipality of Culebra and Vieques.

**Section 10 - TOURISM** - The same conditions apply to hotels as for private operations, including restaurants. Tourist activities, such as nautical tourism, hiking, diving, snorkeling, guided excursions, among others, will be allowed as long as the precautionary measures imposed in this Order are complied with.

**Section 11 - SCHOOLS** - The opening and operation of schools, both public and private, will be governed by the Administrative Bulletin Num. OE-2021-017.

**Section 12 - HEAD START, EARLY HEAD START AND CARE CENTERS** - This controlled reopening must always guarantee the health of the children, as well as the personnel who work there.

**Section 13 - CARE CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY, PRISONS, AND YOUTH INSTITUTIONS** - Visits to care centers for the elderly, prison institutions, and juvenile institutions are authorized as long as it is safe for everyone.

**Section 14 - PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BY PRIVATE OPERATORS** - Managers of public and private establishments are ordered to comply with precautionary measures.

**Section 15 - PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES** - The opening of bars, cafeterias with permission to use alcoholic beverages, sport bars, "chinchorros" are not allowed. This prohibition includes bars that are within a restaurant or other commercial establishment that may open pursuant to this Order. In these places, all kinds of drinks must be dispensed, only at the tables. The total closure of discos, gambling halls or any similar place is ordered. It is prohibited to promote the agglomeration of people in the private parking lots of any establishment. All mass activities are unauthorized, both in open and closed spaces, such as parades, processions, fairs, patron saint festivals, festivals and similar activities. Elective surgeries that require post-intensive care units continue to be limited to those that are emergency, according to medical criteria. The use of play areas in shopping centers or similar businesses is prohibited. Likewise, valet parking is prohibited when it is an optional service. The use of "party bus" or the realization of rolling parties will not be allowed.

**Section 16 - PREFERRED SHIFTS** - All businesses authorized to operate in this Order must, as far as possible, offer preferential shifts to those who work in hospitals, technological laboratories, law enforcement officials, people over 65 years of age and people with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

**Section 17 - PEOPLE AND SERVICES EXCLUDED FROM THE LOCKDOWN** - People who provide assistance, care, food, transportation for the elderly, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or especially vulnerable people who require some type of medical attention or professional; persons duly identified as employees of public or private security agencies, at the state and federal level; health professionals, including mental health professionals, personnel who work in hospitals, pharmacies, bioscience facilities or health centers; personnel who are working in the chain of distribution of goods and food, including those necessary for agricultural activity such as agro-centers; personnel who are working with utilities or critical infrastructure; call center and data center personnel; port and airport personnel; members of the press and media; roadside assistance and locksmith companies; delivery and shipping companies for packages or merchandise; gas stations and their distribution chain, but they will not be able to sell alcoholic beverages after 11:00 p.m.; garbage collection (private or public) and recycling services; services related to any federal agenda, including the Department of Defense; logistics and transportation: customs brokers, consolidation services of maritime or land cargo, warehousing and distribution services to third parties; those people who are attending emergency or health situations; priests, pastors, reverends, bishops, imams, rabbis, chaplains or any main leader of any religious entity in order to attend, within their ministerial responsibilities, an emergency or crisis situation; officials and public servants of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches; legal representatives while they are attending judicial and legal matters; people who have Autism Spectrum Disorder are authorized to make therapeutic outings, short walks in areas near their home, accompanied by a single person and taking precautionary measures of distancing; researchers from the laboratories of university institutions and other administrative personnel; specialized professionals, researchers and their general staff and suppliers of museums, libraries, institutions and foundations that house public and private cultural collections, and anyone who provides services to businesses and service sectors that may operate after closing hours, while carrying out said functions.