



Frequently asked questions - State of Alert

Starting with the 15th of May, Romania stopped being in 'State of Emergency' and has now entered 'State of Alert', with more relaxed regulations. Here are some of the questions and answers to clarify the upcoming weeks.

1. How can we define the metropolitan area where citizens can travel without needing an affidavit?

Metropolitan area includes the localities situated on a range of maximum 30 kilometers from the main city (according to article 11 from the Law no. 351/2001, regarding the approval of the National Spatial Planning Act - Section IV - Network Localities).

Simultaneously, Bucharest and the whole Ilfov county is considered metropolitan area.

2. Are there any restrictions to get out of the house for people over 65 years old or is there a specific schedule that they need to respect?

According to the NCSES (National Committee for Special Emergency Situations) decision no. 24 regarding the declaration of the state of alert, there are no travel restrictions for people over 65 years old. They can leave their home at any time they want. However, the recommendation to limit travels and avoid crowded places as much as possible is still in place, especially for persons included in the vulnerable categories in order to reduce the risk of infection with the new Coronavirus.

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3. [The affidavit](#) form needed to justify the travel between localities can also be handwritten?

The affidavit needed to justify the travel between localities can be handwritten as long as the elements of the published format are respected. In case someone needs to travel on the same route again, this can be reused again by cutting the initial date and completing the current one when the person is traveling.

4. Will people who do not wear a mask be sanctioned?

The wearing of a mask to cover the nose and mouth is mandatory starting with 15 May 2020 in commercial spaces, public transportation, at work and in other closed spaces, according to the annex "Preventive measures against infections applicable during the state of alert", attached to the NCSSES Decision no. 24. People who do not respect the obligation of wearing a mask in the spaces aforementioned can be sanctioned under the law no. 55/2020 regarding some measures to prevent and combat the effects of the pandemic COVID, respectively "the failure to comply with individual measures to protect life" sanctionable with a fine between 500 and 2.500 lei.

5. Which option of the affidavit needs to be checked by a person that lives in a rural area and who is traveling to another locality for shopping in a supermarket, pharmacy or for purchasing goods that cannot be found in his village?

In case the citizen is traveling inside the metropolitan area, he does not need to complete the form. If the goods he needs cannot be found inside the metropolitan area, the declaration needs to be completed by checking section 11 "other justified reasons".

6. Will there still be fines for non-compliance with the authorities' decision regarding the state of alert?

Yes, according to the Law no. 55/2020 regarding some of the measures to prevent and combat the COVID-19 pandemic, defined in Chapter III "Responsibilities and sanctions", art. 64-70, contraventions, and the amount of fines for non-compliance with the normative act.

The objective of the authorities is not to fine the citizens, it is to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In the context of the transition to the state of alert, the police will act to guide the citizens in respecting the new rules.

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7. Are libraries and reading rooms going to reopen?

At the moment, the authorities are still analyzing this option, as a new decision will be communicated in the following period. Libraries are still conducting their activities during the state of alert, according to the NCSES Decision no.24 and its annex, as long as the prevention and protection measures are respected according to the INSP recommendations.

8. Will private clinics reopen?

Private clinics will continue to have the same status during the state of alert as any other state owned hospitals/clinics.

9. If a citizen must go to a bank in another locality, what does he need to check on the affidavit?

In the case where the transaction cannot be completed online, the citizen can travel outside the locality by completing the declaration and checking section 11 - "other justified reasons".

10. Is there any interdiction still in place after 10pm?

The interdictions published by the NCSES decision are applicable regardless of the timeframe and are not any different after 10pm.

11. People who live in the same house with someone who arrived from abroad will also have to go into isolation for 14 days?

According to the CNSSU decision no. 24 and the attached annex, every person who arrived from abroad, entering the Romanian territory, will have to go into isolation/quarantine together with their family/caregivers that they live with. There is also an option for institutionalized quarantine for persons traveling alone who do not want to expose their families.

12. How many persons can participate at family events with a restricted number of persons, option that can be found at point number 9 in the affidavit for travelling between localities?

If a family event implies a religious ceremony inside the church (ex: wedding, baptism, funeral), the maximum number of persons that can participate is 16 (point 5 (2), a, from the annex "Measures to prevent and control infections applicable during the state of alert", attached to the NCSES Decision no.24).

If the ceremony is held in the church courtyard, the number of participants is NOT restricted, however the established preventive measures will be respected.

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For private family events (ex: anniversaries, parties, reunions etc.) taking place in closed spaces, the same number of persons (maximum 16 persons) will be respected, together with the hygiene norms and social distancing.

13. In the law approved by the Parliament there is a provision that allows the reopening of terraces. Will terraces be reopened during the state of alert?

Terraces remain closed during the state of alert, according with the CNSSU Decision no. 24 for me moment. There will be a possibility of reopening the terraces, but the decision has not been taken yet.

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