



Given that a number of questions have been received to clarify some situations related to the measures taken through the Military Ordinances issued so far, the Strategic Communication Group has made a material to cover the questions asked by journalists and citizens with documented answers.

I. Question: *Can commuters go to work during this period? For instance, a person who lives in Ilfov and works in Bucharest?*

Answer: In accordance with the provisions of the Military Ordinance no. 3 of March, 24th 2020 regarding measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, art.1, point a *"The movement of all persons outside the residence/household is prohibited, with the following exceptions: the movement for professional interest, including between the residence/household and the place/places of professional activity and back."* Thus, the normative act stipulates that the movement between the house and the workplace is allowed. It is not mentioned that the place where the professional activity is carried out must be the same as that of the domicile.

According to your example, a citizen living in Ilfov can travel to the workplace in Bucharest, on the condition that he has the documents provided in art. 4 of the aforementioned ordinance, namely the service card (employee ID), a certificate issued by the employer or an affidavit.

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2. **Q:** *How far from home can the doctor's office be located? Can we go for this consultation from Cluj to Bucharest, for example?*

A: There is no distance limit provided for where the medical office should be located, but we recommend that citizens travel for medical purposes, other than major emergencies, only after checking the availability of doctors.

3. **Q:** *At what maximum distance from home can the shop/ supermarket be located? Can we go shopping, for example, from the Berceni neighborhood in a hypermarket in Militari?*

A: The provisions of the Military Ordinance no. 3 of March, 24th 2020 regarding measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 does not mention a quantifiable distance, but the recommendation for citizens is to go to the nearest shops where the necessary products are available. In strict reference to your example, a citizen living in Berceni cannot go shopping for products of strict necessity in Militari since there are several hypermarkets in the home area similar to those in Militari.

4. **Q:** *Could a resident of Bucharest go, for example, to take medicines and food to his parents who live in Vaslui County?*

A: The above-mentioned normative act does not impose a distance limit. Regarding your specific question, yes, a citizen of Bucharest can go to Vaslui to take care of his parents.

5. **Q:** *What does it mean in kilometers, for example, "short commute, near home"? Should joggers run just around the building or the nearby streets as well? What is the maximum distance allowed?*

A: Physical, sporting activities should be carried out around the home or the place where the citizens actually live, around the household, the house, the building and not in parks, playgrounds, sports fields, etc. We also remind that collective physical activities are prohibited.

6. **Q:** *Should pets just be walked around the building or can their owners go to nearby parks? How much are they allowed to move away from home?*

A: The daily walk of the pets should be done around the home or the place where the citizens actually live, around the household, the house, the building and **not** in parks, playgrounds, sports fields, etc.

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7. **Q:** *Can a producer/ farmer in Cluj, for example, come to sell potatoes in Bucharest?*

A: The legislation in Q does not impose a limit in distance limit, but the logic of these restrictions is to avoid the contact between people as much as possible, precisely to limit the spread of infection with the new type of coronavirus. Thus, although no distance limit is set, we recommend that producers/farmers travel as short distances as possible.

8. **Q:** *Is it allowed for people who have not reached the age of 18 to leave the house, for the activities mentioned in points 5 and 6?*

A: As regards the minors between 0 and 16 years old, they can leave the household under the supervision or with the consent of their parents or legal guardian. In the current epidemiological context, we recommend limiting these trips to a minimum.

9. **Q:** *If yes, who must complete the affidavit in the case of minors who have not turned 16 years old and, respectively, in the case of minors between 16-18 years old?*

A: In the case of minors under the age of 16, the affidavit must be completed and signed by one of the parents or by the legal guardian. Minors between the ages of 16 and 18 can complete and sign the affidavit by themselves, indicating that they must respect all the provisions of the document. Also, minors between the ages of 16 and 18 will also have the identity documents on them.

10. **Q:** *Can I drive my wife to/from work?*

A: If you consider that the reason for travelling is a justified one, you can do so by completing the affidavit for the provision in art.1, letter d (moving for justified reasons, such as caring/accompanying the child, assisting the elderly, sick or disabled or death of a family member). The situations included in the norm are examples, but they imply grounds of a certain importance. Such a situation could be justified if there is no means of public transport or if the risk of exposure to infection is higher (commuting to work would mean changing several means of public transport, waiting times in stations, etc.).

If the driver is over 65 years old, it is advisable to avoid such travel outside the indicated interval of 11.00-13.00.

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11. Q: *Can I bring my grandmother, who is over 65 years old, from her home to our home, which is located in another county?*

A: This possibility is provided by art. 1 letter (d) of the Military Ordinance no.3.

If the trip to bring an elderly person (over 65 years old) is done in order to be taken care of or to provide medical treatment, we recommend this trip to be done mostly during the 11-13 interval or trying not to exceed very much this interval. Be careful regarding your driving speed!

12. Q: *Can I go out to pay my utilities bills, bank instalments, or sign contracts by visiting the notary?*

A: If you cannot use a computer platform for the payment of these utilities / invoices / instalments, you can make these trips by preparing the affidavit, mentioning the existence of a justified reason. We recommend that you have the documents that justify the need for these payments (invoices, bills, payment notices, pre-contracts, etc.).

13. Q: *Can I transport more than 3 people in the car?*

A: The provision of art.3 of the Military Ordinance no.3 concerns only the pedestrian displacement and not the public transport. However, it is important to comply with the general measures to prevent the spread of COVID 19, including by keeping a free seat between passengers.

The explanation is also valid for the transport organized by the economic operators for transporting the employees to/from the workplace.

14. Q: *My periodical technical inspection of the car expires soon. Is its validity extended or should I go to the car service?*

A: The validity of the inspection will not be extended, according to the decision of the Romanian Auto Registry. The journey to carry out the technical inspection can be done, being considered an activity to cover the basic needs of the people, situation provided in point 2 of the affidavit.

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- 15.** **Q:** *If I have a friend who comes by plane from another country can I pick-up him/ her from the airport?*
- A:** This reason is not provided as an exception in the text of the Military Ordinance no. 3. But, if the person does not have another mean to go from the airport to the place of domicile or to the place where he/she is going to live, then the travel is allowed, completing the affidavit and ticking box no. 4. It should be considered that the citizens arriving from the red areas will be placed in institutional quarantine, so they cannot be taken from the airport by relatives or friends, and those coming from the yellow areas will be in self-isolation. This implies that the person coming into contact with them must follow the same self-isolation procedure.
- 16.** **Q:** *My RCA insurance expired. Is its validity extended? If not, is it allowed to leave the house to extend my insurance?*
- A:** The validity of RCA insurance is not extended. It can also be purchased online. For this reason, traveling to pick up the RCA policy can NOT be considered an emergency and or to ensure the basic needs of the person.
- 17.** **Q:** *Can I go to a city other than my home town, where I have the opportunity to stay in a house, which is not personal property, but offers me better conditions for the family (two children of 7years old, respectively 4 years old and my wife, to stay in self-isolation?)*
- A:** In the Military Ordinance no 3, it is not provided that the citizens must remain at their home address, but at a location indicated by them, in compliance with the legal provisions and restrictions imposed. Thus, we mention that it is allowed even to travel with the family in the rural area, if the people own a house there, to stay in the respective locality.
- 18.** **Q:** *Can I travel to another town to provide food and medicine to some animals I care for, without being mine?*
- A:** No. This reason is not provided as an exception in the text of the Military Ordinance no. 3, except for the provision of this activity in a professional context, including the agricultural activities.
- 19.** **Q:** *Can I go to get my wife and minor child from the hospital?*
- A:** Yes. Based on the statement on the affidavit, you state that your travel is for a justified reason. A similar statement will also need to be completed by the wife.

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- 20.** **Q:** *Can I go to a house that is being built to supervise the work done by the workers?*
- A:** No. This reason is not provided as an exception in the text of the Military Ordinance no. 3.
- 21.** **Q:** *The suspension of the retail business activity in the shopping centers also applies to the Commercial Parks as defined in the GO no. 99/2000? (commercial park - perimeter that groups two or more buildings for sale structures with medium or large areas, in which retail activities of products, market services and public food, using a common infrastructure are carried out, including common parking and circulation spaces, as well as adequate utilities. The surface of a commercial park is the result of the sum of the built surfaces of the buildings for sale with medium or large surfaces that are part of it, to which are added the surfaces of the parking spaces and common circulation, as well as the surfaces of other common infrastructure elements;)*
- A:** Yes.
- 22.** **Q:** *Is the commercialization of non-food products by courier allowed in commercial parks (the products are picked up from the commercial park by couriers and delivered to customers based on the online orders)?*
- A:** Yes.
- 23.** **Q:** *Is a parent allowed to travel in order to exercise his right to visit his child who is in the care of the other parent?*
- A:** This is not stipulated as an exception in the Military Ordinance No. 3, but the rights stipulated in a notarial or court decision regarding parental rights after a divorce can be exercised. More accurate, the minor child can stay at the home of the parent who does not have him in care, for the time-frame allowed in the divorce settlement.
- 24.** **Q:** *Does the person who is traveling to work have to fill in the affidavit form?*
- A:** The Military Ordinance no. 3/2020 provides clearly that "employees will present their working badges **OR** the certificate issued by the employer", so it is only needed to present one of them.

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25. **Q:** *Is it needed to complete the affidavit regardless of the reason of why we need to go out of the house? Even if we are going to the shop or market near the house?*

A: The military ordinances stipulate clearly the reasons and modalities in which people can travel outside their house/household, as well as the movement of people aged 65 and above.

In the provision which regulates the travel for the provision of supplies to cover the base necessities, there is no exception conditioned by the proximity of the food unit, thus the ordinance applies unitarily regardless of the distance the store is located.

26. **Q:** *If we go to the pharmacy, to buy medicine, or to the local shop, for sugar, and we cannot find the products that we are looking for, are we allowed to try to find them in another pharmacy/shop nearby? Or do we need to go back home and fill in another affidavit?*

A: The affidavit has a section where the place/places of destination need to be completed, in this regard all the places where the person will travel will be mentioned in the order in which the person will travel. Thereby more places can be mentioned.

27. **Q:** *Can we fill in more places of destination when we leave the house? For instance, can we mention that we go to the store and on the way, can we also stop at the pharmacy?*

A: The affidavit has a section where the place/places of destination need to be completed, in this regard all the places where the person will travel will be mentioned in the order in which the person will travel. Thereby more places can be mentioned.

28. **Q:** *Can we fill in, in affidavit, more reasons for leaving the house? For instance, can we go to assist elderly persons, but on the way can we also stop at a shop or pharmacy?*

A: The affidavit has a section where the place/**places** of destination need to be completed, in this regard all the **places** where the person will travel will be mentioned in the order in which the person will travel.

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- 29.** **Q:** *If we do not have the means to print the form, can we handwrite it? Does the handwritten text need to be in the exact same structure as the printed version?*
A: The affidavit can also be handwritten. It needs to include the full name, date of birth, address, the purpose of traveling, date and signature. Also, the declaration can be completed online at <https://formular.sts.ro/> and can also be shown to the personnel of the authorized authorities by using an electronic device such as a phone or tablet, however the declaration will have to include the holographic signature of the person.
- 30.** **Q:** *If a person owns more properties (apartments, houses, etc) and would like to check them (to travel in the same city or in a different one), can he do that without violating the provisions of the Military Ordinance? If yes, which category should be filled in in the declaration as "the purpose of traveling"?*
A: The reason needs to be a legitimate one, one that cannot be postponed, the situations comprised in the norm are just examples, however they require a high level of importance.
- 31.** **Q:** *If a person is building a house, by using his own means, and is willing to continue to work during this period, would he be able to do so without violating the provisions of the Military Ordinance? If yes, which category should be filled in in the declaration as "the purpose of traveling"?*
A: The reason needs to be a legitimate one, one that cannot be postponed, the situations comprised in the norm are just examples, however they require a high level of importance.
- 32.** **Q:** *The section "sport activities" can also include cycling? If yes, the person practicing this type of activity can travel only around the building or is there another distance limit?*
A: The normative act states "short journeys", near domicile, household, home or flat. The bicycle can be used as an alternative means of transport for short journeys for professional purposes.
- 33.** **Q:** *Are we allowed to go to the notary during this period for notarial acts?*
A: This type of journeys are allowed, in justified situations when a certain activity cannot be effectuated on-line.

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34. Q: *Are journalists, photo-journalists and cameramen, who might be asked to travel for long distances, between cities, for different news reports, allowed to travel inside the country for several days, for professional purposes?*

A: Military Ordinances regulate the circulation of all persons outside their house/household. There is no limit regarding the distance or the timeframe. However, regardless of the time period needed for the professional activity, it is necessary to respect the conditions set by the Military Ordinance regarding the supporting documents (the work badge or employee ID or the certificate issued by the employer).

35. Q: *For liberal professionals, such as writers and artists, who gather at creative houses to perform their works, or for those who have residences in other areas, such as mountainous areas or other isolated areas, how can they travel to these locations and also stay there during the State of emergency?*

A: In accordance with the Military Ordinance no. 3, art. 4 "authorized (physical) persons, individual business owners, members of family businesses, liberal professionals and other persons practicing agricultural activities should present an affidavit completed in advance." In accordance with the legislative framework, travel on duty for the above-mentioned categories, a completed affidavit is required.

36. Q: *In the Military Ordinance No. 4 it is specified the fact that "(3) The Interdiction regarding the circulation of persons in a group larger than three persons is applicable exclusively to the circulation of pedestrians". Legally, this can imply that in the open space of an institution, like a church courtyard, more than three people can sit, respecting the safety measures, because this is not necessarily a space designed for the circulation of pedestrians?*

A: In the Military Ordinance No. 1, art. 2, it is stipulated that "All the activities such as cultural, scientific, artistic, religious, sport, entertainment or gambling, spa treatment or personal care, taking place in closed spaces are suspended." Thus, the religious gatherings where believers participate are suspended.

The Military Ordinance No. 2, art. 9, stipulates that "religious services can be organized in places of worship, by church/religious officials, without public access, religious gatherings can be broadcasted in mass-media or online" and "religious acts of a private nature (baptism, weddings, funerals), where no more than eight persons can participate, as well as religious confessions organized for ill believers at the hospital or at their domicile".

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The Military Ordinance No. 3, art. I, prohibits the circulation of all persons outside their house/household, with certain exceptions. Going to a place of worship for praying is not one of these exceptions.

To conclude and in order to answer your question, the presence of several persons in a church courtyard is not allowed, making an exception for the cases mentioned above (professional purposes, funerals, weddings, etc.).

37. Q: *Those who have to go to the bank for necessary operations - cash withdrawals, etc - what should they write in the affidavit to avoid receiving a fine?*

A: The reason for traveling it is clearly specified. In this regard, the declaration can be completed according to art. I, section (d) from the Military Ordinance no. 3/2020.

As it can be seen, the situations included at art. I, section d, have illustrative character, but imply reasons of an utmost importance. A situation as the one presented above can be justified, considering the amount of money necessary for covering the basic necessities. However, at the same time, we strongly recommend using bank cards for shopping.

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