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Amendments to the regulamentation of the state of emergency decreed by the President of the Republic

Decree no. 6/2021, dated from April 3rd was published in the Portuguese Official Gazette. It regulates the Presidential Decree no. 31-A/2021, of March 25th, which renewed the state of emergency based on a public calamity situation.

In this context, we highlight the following measures:

- I. Lifting of the suspension of teaching activities of the 2nd and 3rd cycles of basic education, on a face-to-face basis, in public, private and cooperative educational establishments and in the social and solidarity sector, establishing also - for students who resume or have resumed teaching and educational activities - the lifting of the suspension of activities, on a face-to-face basis, of family support and curriculum enrichment, as well as activities provided in free time activity centers and study centers and similar.
- II. Lifting of the suspension of the activities of social equipment in the area of disability, namely in the centers for activities and capacity building for inclusion, and the lifting of the suspension of social support activities developed in day centers.
- III. Lifting of the suspension of activities of retail and service establishments in establishments open to the public with a sales or service provision area of less than 200 square meters and which have an autonomous and independent entrance from the outside. The Decree also provides for the opening of restaurants and similar establishments for service on open terraces, with a limit of four persons per group.
- IV. Gymnasiums and health clubs may start operating again, provided that no group classes are given, and low-risk physical activity and sports are allowed, under the terms of the specific guidelines of the General Directorate for Health.
- V. National, regional and municipal, public or private museums, monuments, palaces and archaeological or similar sites, as well as art galleries and exhibition halls are open.
- VI. Fairs and markets are now allowed to operate - in addition to the sale of food products, which was already allowed under the previous decree.

In addition to the above measures, the limitation on movement between municipalities was also lifted.

As part of the exceptional and temporary measures adopted in the context of COVID-19 pandemic, the requirement to wear a mask when accessing, circulating or remaining in public spaces and on public roads was renewed by Law 13-A/2021, dated from April 5th, which extended this requirement for a period of 70 days.

This Decree entered into force at 00 a.m. on April 5th, 2021.

To access the full text of Decree no. 6/2021, of April 3rd, please click on the following link:

<https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/160801889/details/maximized>

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