



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Precautions against the spread of the novel coronavirus (SARS- CoV-2) for supervisors tasked with beach organisation, provision of beach services and beach inspection

The Public Health Service of the Ministry of Health, in the context of a set of instructions to healthcare professional regarding precaution against the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), encourages supervisors tasked with beach organisation, provision of beach services and beach inspection to apply the following protective measures on beaches. Please note that the category “employees engaging in services and/or enterprises of beach organisation, provision of beach services and beach inspection”, includes all staff members that come in direct contact with the public or with areas visited by the public.

1. Personnel engaging in services/and or enterprises related to beach organisation, provision of beach services and beach inspection.

- The personnel engaging in beach organisation, provision of beach services and inspection of beaches must be properly trained and be given written information regarding the mode of transmission of the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). They must also be aware of the symptoms of the virus and be able to recognize them promptly. The aim is for the personnel to be able to ask for medical assistance and lab tests in order to minimize the risk of infecting both the public and other employees.
- Personnel with symptoms of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) must stop working and immediately call their personal physician.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth to reduce the risk of infection from the virus.
- While coughing or sneezing, cover the nose and mouth with a handkerchief which must then be immediately disposed of in the trash can. If there is no handkerchief available, cover your nose and mouth with the inside of the elbow and then clean with antiseptic.
- Personnel must wear a mask in cases of close contact with the public.

2. Arrangement of equipment and regulation of activities on the beach

- Umbrella poles must be at least 4 meters apart, while a minimum distance of 1 meter must be kept between the perimeter of the shadow of two umbrellas.
- Two sunbeds under different umbrellas must be at least 2 meters apart.
- Each sunbed must be covered by a towel by bathers themselves.
- Sports will be regulated by special guidelines and decrees pertaining to this specific issue.
- Beach personnel must disinfect sunbeds-chairs after each use.
- The sale of lottery tickets, beach toys etc. on the beach is forbidden according to the relevant decrees and any amendment thereof.

- Reduce to the minimum extent possible exchanges in cash and encourage contactless methods of payment instead.
- Until further loosening of the measures, the use of dressing rooms and showers in enclosed spaces is forbidden.

3. Selling food and drinks on the beach

- Apply individual protective measures vis-à-vis staff members based on the decrees and instructions of the Ministry of Health.
- Operating food establishments and installing tables and chairs is governed by the relevant instructions and decrees regulating catering establishments as amended from time to time.
- The minimum distance between clients waiting to be served is set at 2 meters.
- Selling food on the beach is forbidden (e.g. juice, water, sweets etc.) according to the decrees, as amended from time to time.
- Reduce to the minimum extent possible exchanges in cash and encourage contactless methods of payment instead.

4. Provision of Water Sport services

- Apply individual protective measures regarding personnel based on the decrees and instructions of the Ministry of Health.
- Personnel engaging with the provision of water sport services are obliged to regularly clean and disinfect the surfaces touched by clients in the context of their preparation for the use of water sport services (e.g. parts of simulation equipment, dock railings providing support on the way to boats) with common cleaning products, namely liquid soap and water, and household chlorine solution or alcohol-bearing antiseptic according to the instructions and suggestions of the Ministry of Health.
- Please note that cleaning works must be carried out while wearing gloves.
- Personnel engaging with the provision of water sport services are obliged to disinfect the equipment parts with which the client has come in contact after the completion of services/after each client.
- Personnel engaging with the provision of water sport services are obliged to disinfect clothing used by each client after the completion of services with suitable disinfectants or even by washing in high temperatures depending on the nature of the textile.
- Only members of the same family or people keeping a strict 2-metre distance between them may participate in each separate aquatic or aerial means of water sports.
- Reduce to the minimum extent possible exchanges in cash and encourage contactless methods of payment instead.

5. Sanitary Areas (Toilets, Outdoor Showers) – Frequent and proper disinfection based on the decrees and instructions of the Ministry of Health

- Personnel members are obliged to regularly disinfect sanitary areas and post a relevant cleaning schedule to be presented in cases of inspection.

- Thorough and frequent cleaning of items of shared use is required.
- Equip toilets with liquid soap, single-use paper napkins (which will be disposed of in foot-operated dustbins next to the sinks) and antiseptic alcohol-bearing solution (70% alcohol).
- Special care must be taken for the systematic, sufficient and continuous natural ventilation of the toilets.
- Apart from the usual cleaning works in the toilets, frequent cleaning of often-used smooth surfaces is also required (e.g. door handles, switches, faucets etc.) with common cleaning products, namely liquid soap and water or 3% household chlorine solution 3 (1 part household chlorine diluted in 30 parts water) or with alcoholic disinfectant. Please note that cleaning works must be carried out while wearing gloves and working clothes.
- The plastic bags of trash cans, when filled, must be tied securely and removed immediately. After each use, gloves must be immediately disposed of in the plastic bags of trash cans. Do not try to clean single-use gloves for reuse.

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