COVID 19 – Hungarian Government Decree

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1. The temporary restoration of control on Hungary’s borders with Slovenia and Austria

2. Epidemiological isolation, monitoring, quarantine, and control measures*
   - Trains, buses, or aeroplanes coming from Italy, China, South Korea and Iran cannot enter Hungary (unless they leave the country without stopping)
   - Non-Hungarian citizens coming from any of the four above-mentioned countries are not allowed to enter Hungary

3. Hungarian citizens coming from any of the four above-mentioned countries
   - Must go through a medical examination at the time they enter the country
   - If, based on the examination, there is a suspicion of COVID-19 infection, they get transferred to a designated quarantine
   - If, based on the examination, there is no suspicion of COVID-19 infection, they must enter a 14-day home quarantine, acknowledging that
     o they are registered by the epidemiological authority
     o keeping the rules of home quarantine is monitored by the police
   - If, based on the examination, there is no suspicion of COVID-19 infection, but they don’t have a temporary or permanent Hungarian place of residence,
     o they may leave Hungary in line with the regulations of the authority, or
     o they get transferred to a designated quarantine

Taking care of those in home quarantines is the responsibility of the mayor of the respective municipality.

4. From this decree’s entering into force,
   - expiring documents (ID cards, driving licenses, passports, etc.) remain valid for 15 days after the state of emergency is revoked
   - institutions of higher education are closed for students
   - neither the director, nor the notary, nor the Educational Office can order an extraordinary break in any institution of public education

* HOME ISOLATION is a voluntary precautionary measure one might take in order to protect their environment from infection. Home isolation might be recommended by institutes of higher education to their students, or employers to their employees, for instance, but it is not enforced by any authority.

HOME QUARANTINE is a mandatory measure imposed on Hungarian citizens and EEA citizens with a right to permanent residence in Hungary arriving in Hungary from any of the following four countries: China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea, according to the recently issued State of Emergency regulations. Home quarantine lasts 14 days, and keeping its rules is enforced by law enforcement authorities. In general, one – regardless of nationality – can only be quarantined by health authorities.

QUARANTINE is a mandatory measure imposed on Hungarian citizens and EEA citizens with a right to permanent residence in Hungary arriving in Hungary from any of the following four countries: China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea, according to the recently issued State of Emergency regulations who do not have a temporary or permanent Hungarian place of residence (where they could be home quarantined). Quarantine lasts 14 days, spent in a designated area of a hospital, and keeping its rules is enforced by law enforcement authorities. In general, one – regardless of nationality – can only be quarantined by health authorities.
- Indoor events with an attendance above 100, and outdoor events with an attendance above 500 are banned
- the Foreign Language Study Programme (a programme as a part of which Hungarian student would travel abroad for two weeks to study languages) is suspended
- school trips to foreign countries are banned, trips already booked must be cancelled

5. Non-Hungarian citizens violating the rules of epidemiological isolation, monitoring, quarantine, and control will be expelled and deported from Hungary

6. From this decree’s entering into force,
- medical professionals
- contracted professional soldiers, and voluntary reservists
- all military personnel
- police and related personnel
- employees of the National Tax and Customs Authority (NAV)
- and government officials

can only leave Hungary with a specific ministerial permission from the respective Minister.

7. - the Hungarian army cooperates with the police and the disaster management agency in conducting the law enforcement measures in connection with the state of emergency
- the relevant body of the Hungarian Army Medical Center in cooperation with NATO’s Centre of Excellence for Military Medicine regularly informs the head of the Operative Unit responsible for dealing with the coronavirus epidemic of its proposals for measures

8. EEA citizens with a right to permanent residence in Hungary, and a permanent residence card to prove that right are equated to Hungarian citizens.