Immigration Alert

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UPDATE: Decoding Immigration Measures following the COVID-19 outbreak in Cyprus.



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Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in Cyprus, the Cyprus Government, in addition to the initial announcements, decided the following measures:

From 6 p.m. of the 16th of March and for a period until the 30th of April, the prohibition of entry to any citizen -regardless of nationality - who does not fall into the following categories:

- · Cypriot citizens: Holders of Cyprus travel documents.
- Legal residents in the Republic of Cyprus: <u>For all nationals of European Union member states</u>: Holders of MEU 1,2,3 certificate (yellow slip), or utility bill in the name of the person concerned. <u>For third country nationals</u>: Valid residency permit.
- European nationals or third-country nationals working in the Republic For all nationals of European Union member states: Holders of MEU 1,2,3 certificate (yellow slip) and/or documentary evidence of Social Insurances or employer certificate). For third country nationals: Valid residency and work permit.
- Nationals of countries who are in a designated diplomatic service or mission under bilateral or international conventions: Holders of Diplomatic ID or for those who do not hold a diplomatic ID, a non-diplomatic card or certificate of the competent authority regarding the reasons of their presence in the Republic of Cyprus.

- Individual cases of European nationals or third-country nationals for unavoidable professional obligations, provided that the relevant authorization has been obtained from the competent Ministry: Holders of a Certificate issued from the competent Ministry of the Republic of Cyprus on the basis of the scope of the visit.
- European or third country citizens attending educational institutions in the Republic of Cyprus: <u>For nationals of European Union member states</u>: presentation of student ID. <u>For third-country nationals</u>: presentation of student ID and student's residence permit).

Important notice:

All persons falling within the above-mentioned categories should be able to prove that they have been examined by an authorized medical centre/designated authority for the Coronavirus within the last 4 days before their arrival and present a relevant medical certificate for this purpose. A list of approved medical centres can be found here: https://www.pio.gov.cy/assets/pdf/17.03.2020%20list%20of%20COVID%20lab%20CRM.xlsx

It should also be noted that all persons arriving in Cyprus following the above procedures, will be obliged to stay in quarantine for a period of 14 days from arrival in special quarantine places that the Ministry of Health will designate.

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