



Press Release

PR 200463

12.03.2020

PRESS RELEASE BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

COVID-19 – Regulations issued by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Whips of both sides of the House, the Clerk of the House and the Health Authorities, has issued the following regulations, effective as of today, in addition to the government's measures to contain the spread of Covid-19.

- 1) The plenary and committee sessions of the House of Representatives will continue to convene with restricted access to the public.
- 2) The issuance of one-time passes for entering the parliamentary premises is suspended – exception is made only for approved participants in the work of the plenary sessions and committees, as well as members of the media.
- 3) Where possible, all travel abroad on official duties is cancelled for members of Parliament and staff.
- 4) All members of Parliament and staff who have been abroad are expected to abide by the quarantine regulations being issued by the Health Authorities.
- 5) All scheduled events on parliamentary premises, including cultural and educational events, conferences, seminars, etc., are suspended.
- 6) Numerous sanitary measures are to be applied throughout the parliamentary premises, which include the provision of sanitizers and the disinfecting, every 2-3 hours, of all keyboards, elevator buttons, telephone sets, door handles, etc.

These measures shall remain in force until further notice.