## Ordinance No 322

## of the Government of Georgia

## 23 May 2020

# Tbilisi

## On the Approval of Isolation and Quarantine Rules

## Article 1

The attached Isolation and Quarantine Rules shall be approved on the basis of Article  $45^3(1)$  of the Law of Georgia on Public Health, Article 5(c) and Article 6(2)(c) of the Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection, the Law of Georgia on Healthcare, the Law of Georgia on Social Assistance, the Law of Georgia on Public Procurement, and Article 6 of the Law of Georgia on Structure, Powers and Rules of Operation of the Government of Georgia.

Ordinance No 122 of 23 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.3.2021

Ordinance No 14 of 17 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.1.2022

## Article 2 (Deleted)

Ordinance No 219 of 17 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.5.2021

## Article 3

Regulations provided for by Decree No 164 of 28 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus in Georgia and an Emergency Response Plan for the Cases of Novel Coronavirus Diseases, which do not contravene rules approved by this Ordinance, shall comprise an integral part of this Ordinance.

## Article 3<sup>1</sup>

The Tbilisi Municipality shall be asked to give consent to the persons specified in Article  $11^2(1)$  of Isolation and Quarantine Rules approved by this Ordinance, in accordance with the procedure provided for by paragraph 2 of the same article.

Ordinance No 469 of 24 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.7.2020

# Article 3<sup>2</sup>

Regulations determined by Decree No 975 of the Government of Georgia of 15 June 2020 on the Approval of the List of Priority Persons Subject to Compulsory Testing for Infection (COVID-19) caused by the Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and of Procedures for Conducting such Testing that do not contravene the procedures determined by this Ordinance, shall represent the part of this Ordinance and shall be binding.

Ordinance No 37 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

# Article 3<sup>3</sup> (Deleted)

Ordinance No 562 of 30 November 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.11.2021

Ordinance No 576 of 8 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.12.2021

Ordinance No 614 of 28 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.12.2021

Ordinance No 53 of 4 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.2.2022

## Article 4

1. This Ordinance shall enter into force from 23 May 2020.

2.(Deleted - 10.7.2020, No 433).

Ordinance No 433 of 10 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.7.2020

**Prime Minister** 

Giorgi Gakharia

Isolation and Quarantine Rules

Chapter I - General Regulations

## Article 1 – General provisions

1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to determine isolation and quarantine rules provided for by the Law of Georgia on Public Health for the prevention of the mass spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), andto determine appropriate measures to minimise the possible threat to the life and health of the country's population and to manage the epidemiological situation.

2. (Deleted - 3.12.2020, No 725).

Ordinance No 566 of 9 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.9.2020

Ordinance No 725 of 3 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.12.2020

# Article 2 – Regulation of movement

- 1. International air, land and maritime movement shall be allowed in accordance with this rule.
- 2. (Deleted 29.1.2021, No40).
- 2<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted 29.1.2021, No40).
- 2<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted 29.1.2021, No40).
- 3. (Deleted 29.1.2021, No40).

4. The restriction provided for by paragraph 1 of this article shall not apply to a seaborne facility of the military-marine unit under the operational subordination of the Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)and under the flag thereof, and/or to the entry of a seaborne facility into the territorial waters and open harbours of Georgia for navigational purposes.

- 5. (Deleted 15.7.2020, No 440).
- 6. (Deleted 28. 5.2020, No 337).
- $6^1$ . (Deleted 22.6.2021. No 294).

6<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted – 22.6.2021. No 294).

6<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted – 22.6.2021. No 294).

7. While providing transportation services by taxi (M1 category), a driver and passengers shall be equipped with a face mask.

7<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted – 24.2.2021, No 73).

 $7^2$ . From 14 August 2021 to 13 September 2021, the operation of public transport within the administrative boundaries of municipalities of the cities Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi, Rustavi and Zugdidi shall be suspended (except for Rustavi-Tbilisi), including in the municipality of the city of Tbilisi, the operation of the metro and ropeway shall be suspended.

7<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted – 29.4.2021, No 198).

8.(Deleted - 20.11.2020, No 697).

 $8^1$ . Procedures for the epidemiological control and quarantine rules during the movement of sailors in Georgia shall be approved by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia in order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

8<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted – 20.11.2020, No 697).

8<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted – 8.10.2021, No 500).

9. For the purpose of preventing the possible spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall process information on the placement of passengers arriving in Georgia from foreign countries; in particular, the Ministry shall collect information on flight numbers, data on motor vehicles, co-passengers, contact details and the date of leaving the infected area, and shall share such information with the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, the LEPL Revenue Service operating within the system of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and the LEPL Georgian National Tourism Administration for the purpose of exercising powers for the prevention of the disease.

Ordinance No 337 of 28 May 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.5.2020 Ordinance No 341 of 29 May 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.5.2020 Ordinance No 345 of 2 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 2.6.2020 Ordinance No 350 of 4 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.6.2020 Ordinance No 355 of 8 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.6.2020 Ordinance No 375 of 19 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.6.2020 Ordinance No 375 of 19 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.6.2020 Ordinance No 433 of 10 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.7.2020 Ordinance No 440 of 15 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.7.2020 Ordinance No 585 of 17 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.9.2020 Ordinance No 634 of 19 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.10.2020 Ordinance No 670 of 9 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.11.2020 Ordinance No 674 of 10 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.11.2020 Ordinance No 685 of 19 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.11.2020 Ordinance No 697 of 20 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 20.11.2020 Ordinance No 699 of 26 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020 Ordinance No 812 of 30 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.12.2020 Ordinance No 32 of 28 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.01.2021 Ordinance No 40 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.1.2021 Ordinance No 49 of 4 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.2.2021 Ordinance No 61 of 9 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.2.2021 Ordinance No 73 of 24 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.2.2021 Ordinance No 122 of 23 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.3.2021 Ordinance No 169 of 13 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.4.2021 Ordinance No 187 of 27 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.4.2021 Ordinance No 198 of 29 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.4.2021 Ordinance No 219 of 17 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.5.2021 Ordinance No 241 of 31 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.5.2021 Ordinance No 248 of 1 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 1.6.2021 Ordinance No 294 of 22 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2021 Ordinance No 410 of 13 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.8.2021 Ordinance No 443 of 31 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2021 Ordinance No 500 of 8 October 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.10.2021 Ordinance No 78 of 17 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.2.2022 Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

## Article $2^1$ – Restriction of entering the territories of cemeteries

1. From 2 May 2021 to 4 May 2021 it shall be prohibited to enter the territory of a cemetery.

2. The prohibition provided for by paragraph 1 of this article shall not apply to entry and movement for the implementation of the measures that are necessary for the burial of a deceased.

Ordinance No 187 of 27 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.4.2021

## Article 3 – Regulation of the educational process

- 1. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).
- 2. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).
- 2<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).
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2 . (Deleted – 29.3.2022, No. 151).

2<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted – 29.3.2022, No. 151).

2<sup>4</sup>. From 4 October 2021, throughout the entire country:

a) in general education institutions, the educational process shall continue in the format of attendance, in a non-distance mode;

b) vocational and higher education institutions shall be authorised to resume the educational process in the format of attendance, in a non-distance mode.

3. Educational institutions shall be authorised, in order to perform its activities remotely in electronic form, to carry out the activities of the collegiate bodies of the educational institution (including the Board of Trustees, the Academic Council, the Board of Representatives, the Faculty Council, students'/pupils' self-government, the Dissertation Council, etc.) remotely, according to the procedures for administrative proceedings established by the legislation of Georgia (determining a quorum to make decisions, casting votes, drawing up minutes, etc.).

4. (Deleted - 29.3.2022, No. 151).

5. (Deleted – 29.3.2022, No. 151).

5<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted – 28.3.2022, No 91).

5<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted – 28.3.2022, No 91).

5<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted – 28.3.2022, No 91).

6. (Deleted - 28.3.2022, No 91).

7. A person registered to participate in the Unified National / Common Master / Subject / Senior Teacher Examinations, Student Grant Competition, and the testing of subject and professional competencies (the Examinee) who has a confirmed COVID-19 infection shall not eligible to take the exam before the expiry of the 7-day period after the confirmation of the diagnosis.

8. LEPL - National Assessment and Examinations Center shall rely on information provided by LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health - in identifying the persons specified in paragraph 7 of this article, for which the LEPL National Assessment and Examinations Center shall be authorised, electronically, in the form of a protected document, to provide information (name, surname, personal number) of the examinees passing the relevant exam on the day before the exam to LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health. During the examination period, the LEPL National Assessment and Examinations Center shall be authorised to accept, on the daily basis, and in the protected form, information from LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, in relation to which examinee COVID-19 infection has been confirmed during 7 days before the relevant exam. The information will be available only to the authorised staff of the LEPL - National Assessment and Examinations Center and will be communicated in a protected form only to the relevant employee of the examination centre where the examinee takes the exam. The information obtained by LEPL National Assessment and Examinations Center on the confirmation of COVID-19 infection for the examinee shall be stored at the LEPL National Assessment and Examinations Center, for a period of 1 year, and after this period it shall be destroyed.

9. (Deleted - 28.03.2022, No 91).

10. (Deleted - 28.03.2022, No 91).

11. (Deleted - 28.03.2022, No 91).

Ordinance No 367 of 15 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.6.2020

Ordinance No 377 of 22 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2020

Ordinance No 393 of 30 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.6.2020

Ordinance No 410 of 3 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.7.2020

Ordinance No 413 of 6 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.7.2020 Ordinance No 546 of 31 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2020 Ordinance No 578 of 16 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.9.2020 Ordinance No 670 of 9 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.11.2020 Ordinance No 699 of 26 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020 Ordinance No 8 of 13 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.1.2021 Ordinance No 20 of 21 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.1.2021 Ordinance No 37 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021 Ordinance No 49 of 4 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.2.2021 Ordinance No 78 of 26 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 26.2.2021 Ordinance No 310 of 29 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.6.2021 Ordinance No 359 of 15 July 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.7.2021 Ordinance No 360 of 17 July 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.7.2021 Ordinance No 371 of 23 July 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.7.2021 Ordinance No 444 of 31 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2021 Ordinance No 459 of 13 September 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.9.2021 Ordinance No 468 of 15 September 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.9.2021 Ordinance No 481 of 30 September 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.9.2021 Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022 Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

#### Article 4 – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 367 of 15 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.6.2020 Ordinance No 374 of 18 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.6.2020 Ordinance No 377 of 22 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2020 Ordinance No 437 of 10 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.7.2020 Ordinance No 439 of 15 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.7.2020 Ordinance No 456 of 22 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.7.2020 Ordinance No 566 of 9 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.9.2020 Ordinance No 579 of 16 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.9.2020

Ordinance No 699 of 26 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020 Ordinance No 78 of 26 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 26.2.2021 Ordinance No 109 of 18 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.3.2021 Ordinance No 119 of 19 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.3.2021 Ordinance No 158 of 7 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 7.4.2021 Ordinance No 359 of 15 July 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.7.2021 Ordinance No 410 of 13 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.8.2021 Ordinance No 422 of 24 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.8.2021 Ordinance No 450 of 7 September 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 7.9.2021 Ordinance No 468 of 15 September 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.9.2021 Ordinance No 511 of 19 October 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.10.2021 Ordinance No 537 of 18 November 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.11.2021 Ordinance No 562 of 30 November 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.11.2021 Ordinance No 645 of 31 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.11.2021 Ordinance No 1 of 6 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.1.2022 Ordinance No 12 of 14 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.1.2022 Ordinance No 53 of 4 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.2.2022 Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022 Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Article 5 - Regulation of assemblies

- 1. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).
- 1<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted 9.9.2020, No 566).
- 1<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 1<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 1<sup>4</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).

2. All persons are obliged to wear face masks in closed public spaces. For the purposes of this article, a public space shall be any indoor area, unless it is a space used by individuals for residential purposes. Cases of exemption from wearing a face mask shall be determined by Ordinance N 368 of the Government of Georgia of 15 June 2020 On the Approval of the Rule of Wearing a Face Mask.

3. The obligation referred to in paragraph 2 of this article shall not apply to the assembly of persons in medical institutions, public institutions, defence forces, special penitentiary institutions, and law enforcement bodies where functions assigned to them are being carried out.

4. The enforcement of restrictions referred to in this article shall be controlled by the respective units of the Ministry of Internal

Affairs of Georgia, the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia. Municipalities may also be requested to participate in enforcement.

Ordinance No 450 of 20 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 20.7.2020 Ordinance No 566 of 9 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.9.2020 Ordinance No 122 of 23 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.3.2021 Ordinance No 158 of 7 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 7.4.2021 Ordinance No 294 of 22 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2021 Ordinance No 407 of 11 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 11.8.2021 Ordinance No 407 of 11 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 11.8.2021 Ordinance No 410 of 13 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.8.2021 Ordinance No 410 of 13 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.8.2021 Ordinance No 417 of 17 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.8.2021 Ordinance No 645 of 31 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.11.2021 Ordinance No 1 of 6 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.1.2022 Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022 Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Article $5^1$ – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 725 of 3 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.12.2020 Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Article 6 – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 337 of 28 May 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.5.2020 Ordinance No 345 of 2 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 2.6.2020 Ordinance No 374 of 18 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.6.2020 Ordinance No 410 of 3 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.7.2020 Ordinance No 414 of 6 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.7.2020 Ordinance No 437 of 10 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.7.2020 Ordinance No 437 of 10 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.7.2020 Ordinance No 439 of 15 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.7.2020 Ordinance No 456 of 22 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.7.2020 Ordinance No 515 of 19 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.7.2020 Ordinance No 537 of 27 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.8.2020 Ordinance No 546 of 31 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2020

Ordinance No 566 of 9 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.9.2020 Ordinance No 579 of 16 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.9.2020 Ordinance No 584 of 17 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.9.2020 Ordinance No 657 of 30 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.10.2020 Ordinance No 659 of 3 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.11.2020 Ordinance No 670 of 9 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.11.2020 Ordinance No 674 of 10 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.11.2020 Ordinance No 699 of 26 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020 Ordinance No 783 of 23 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.12.2020 Ordinance No 812 of 30 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.12.2020 Ordinance No 20 of 21 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.1.2021 Ordinance No 32 of 28 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.01.2021 Ordinance No 37 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021 Ordinance No 38 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021 Ordinance No 49 of 4 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.2.2021 Ordinance No 63 of 16 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.2.2021 Ordinance No 64 of 17 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.2.2021 Ordinance No 73 of 24 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.2.2021 Ordinance No 78 of 26 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 26.2.2021 Ordinance No 109 of 18 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.3.2021 Ordinance No 119 of 19 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.3.2021 Ordinance No 122 of 23 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.3.2021 Ordinance No 176 of 16 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.4.2021 Ordinance No 219 of 17 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.5.2021 Ordinance No 241 of 31 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.5.2021 Ordinance No 294 of 22 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2021 Ordinance No 410 of 13 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.8.2021 Ordinance No 422 of 24 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.8.2021 Ordinance No 499 of 6 October 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.10.2021 Ordinance No 562 of 30 November 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.11.2021

Ordinance No 614 of 28 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.12.2021

Ordinance No 645 of 31 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.11.2021

Ordinance No 1 of 6 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.1.2022

Ordinance No 12 of 14 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.1.2022

Ordinance No 53 of 4 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.2.2022

Ordinance No 65 of 10 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.2.2022

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Article 7 – Temporary rules for activities and administration of public institutions and for the provision of public services

1. The Minister of Justice of Georgia shall be authorised to:

a) determine rules and conditions other than those established by legislation for administering the activities of the Special Penitentiary Service, legal entities under public law operating in the system of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, and of notaries and private bailiffs, as well as for providing services to persons by these entities;

b) regulate the obligation to observe the regime established by law for probationers and parolees, as well as the appearance at a time and place determined by a probation officer in accordance with rules other than those established by legislation.

2. The Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall be authorised to:

a) establish rules other than those provided for by legislation of Georgia regarding the provision of certain services in the system o the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

b) establish rules other than those provided for by legislation in the field of combating illegal migration;

c) establish rules other than those provided for by legislation for international defence procedures.

 $2^1$ . The Minister of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia shall be authorised to establish the rules and conditions for the administration of the activities of the legal entities under public law operating under the governance of the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia, as well as the rules and conditions related to the legal entities under public law other than those established by the legislation.

 $2^2$ . The Minister of Culture, Sport and Youth of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara shall be authorised to establish the rules and conditions for the administration of the activities of the legal entities under public law operating under the governance of the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara, as well as the rules and conditions related to the legal entities under public law other than those established by the legislation.

3. Public institutions, natural persons and legal persons shall be granted powers to use electronic documents and/or electronic signatures made in accordance with conditions different from those provided for by the Law of Georgia on Electronic Documents and Electronic Trust Services.

4. (Deleted - 29.3.2022, No. 151).

5. (Deleted – 29.3.2022, No. 151).

6. A public institution shall determine the services/employees subordinated to it, to which Ordinance No 175 of 16 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia on Determining Days Off shall not apply, if the fulfilment of their functions is an urgent necessity for the management of the epidemiological situation, the exercise of state power and the normal functioning of society.

7. Ordinance No 175 of 16 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia on Determining Days Off shall not apply to activities related to public procurement under the Law of Georgia on Public Procurement, including those related to procurement under Article

3(1)(a.h) of the same law, and the activities of the Dispute Resolution Board for considering disputes related to public procurement.

Ordinance No 345 of 2 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 2.6.2020

Ordinance No 699 of 26 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020

Ordinance No 812 of 30 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.12.2020

Ordinance No 176 of 16 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.4.2021

Ordinance No 293 of 22 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2021

Ordinance No 402 of 10 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 11.8.2021

Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Article 8 – Operations Headquarters

1. The head of the Operations Headquarters shall be appointed by the Prime Minister.

2. The head of the Operations Headquarters shall be selected from deputy permanent members of the National Security Council, or by the Prime Minister of Georgia.

3. The rules of operation of the Operations Headquarters shall be determined by a legal act of the Prime Minister of Georgia.

4. The Operations Headquarters shall be authorised to create crisis centres under its jurisdiction.

5. The Office of the National Security Council shall be instructed to provide administrative, legal and logistical support to the activities of the Operations Headquarters, among them, to conclude a gratuitous loan agreement for the relevant immovable property in order to allocate the work area required for the activities of the Operations Headquarters, to ensure the maintenance of the mentioned area (cleaning, utility bills and communication expenses) and to provide food and communication means for the persons operating in the Operations Headquarters.

Ordinance No 718 of 30 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.11.2020

Ordinance No 83 of 5 March 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 5.3.2020

## Article 9 - Agencies responsible for the enforcement of the Ordinance and their powers

1. The enforcement of this Ordinance shall be under the responsibility of respective units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, the Ministry of Sinance of Georgia, the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, the LEPL Georgian National Health Agency, and the LEPL Georgian National Tourism Administration. Municipalities may also be requested to participate in enforcement. In addition, from 15 February 2022, the LEPL National Tourism Administration shall be instructed to provide the technical support for the process related to the purchase of goods and services under sub-paragraphs  $a^1-a^4$  of Article 4 of the Emergency Response Plan for the Cases of Novel Coronavirus Disease approved by Decree N 164 of 28 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus in Georgia and the Emergency Response Plan for the Cases of Novel Coronavirus Disease, including to provide market survey and supplier selection activities, drafting of contracts to be concluded with suppliers, monitoring of their implementation, inspection / management and submission of inspection acts to the LEPL - National Health Agency (according to the reporting period), in a mutually agreed form.

- 2. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).
- 2<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 3. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).
- 4. (Deleted 29.3.2022, No. 151).

4<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted – 29.3.2022, No. 151).

5. The LEPL Office of Resource Officers of Educational Institutions operating under the governance of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia, within the framework of existing resources, shall assist the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia regarding the detection of cases of violation of quarantine rules by persons placed in quarantine areas allocated by the State, through controlling the outer perimeter of quarantine areas.

6. In coordination with certain agencies and international partners, the Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality shall provide information on the carrying out of emergency measures for preventing the possible spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to the population living in the occupied territories of Georgia and to ethnic minority groups compactly settled in the territory controlled by Georgia, in an understandable language and through available means of communication. Moreover, in close coordination with the above-mentioned agencies and organisations, the Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality shall support the health care efforts.

7. (Deleted - 26.3.2021, No140).

8. (Deleted - 26.3.2021, No140).

Ordinance No 468 of 24 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.7.2020

Ordinance No 515 of 19 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.8.2020

Ordinance No 20 of 21 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.1.2021

Ordinance No 37 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021

Ordinance No 55 of 5 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 5.2.2021

Ordinance No 61 of 9 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.2.2021

Ordinance No 140 of 26 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.3.2021

Ordinance No 78 of 17 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.2.2022

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Chapter II – Isolation and Quarantine Rules to be Applied in Relation to Natural Persons

## Article 10 - General provisions

1. This Chapter regulates matters and conditions related to isolation and quarantine for the purposes of providing epidemiological control, response to and readiness against the infection (COVID-19) (epidemics, pandemic, epidemic outbreak) caused by the novel coronavirus and shall apply to all persons in the territory of Georgia.

2.For the purpose of epidemiological control, all persons are obliged to:

a) not perform activities which create the risk of spreading contagious diseases and cause or increase health risks;

b) immediately provide information on circumstances necessary to assess the risks of spreading the disease;

c) undergo all medical procedures to prevent exposing other people to healthrisks, upon the request of competent authorities, if there is a threat of developing and spreading contagious diseases;

- d) terminate activities if they pose a threat to public health;
- e) comply with isolation and quarantine measures in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter;

f) comply with sanitary and epidemiological standards.

## Article 11 - Rules for placing natural persons in isolation or quarantine

1. For the purposes of this Chapter, isolation shall be imposed on persons suspected of being infected with coronavirus or being at high risk of coronavirus, in order to prevent the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

2. For the purposes of this Chapter, isolation may take place in a quarantine area (quarantine) allocated by the State or in an area provided by the person himself/herself (self-isolation).

3. Isolation measures shall be applied in relation to natural persons, groups of natural persons, residential houses/blocks of flats, medical institutions, shelters and population clusters/settlements/municipalities.

4. Every natural person having been in contact with a coronavirus case shall, except for the exceptions specified in Decree No 164 of 28 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus in Georgia and an Emergency Response Plan for the Cases of Novel Coronavirus Diseases, and in paragraphs  $4^1$  and  $4^5$  of this article:

a) not be subject to isolation, however, a strong recommendation to wear the face mask shall be given within 10 calendar days after ceasing the high-risk contact (including when being exposed to a low-risk environment):

a.a.) in the case of being vaccinated with booster dose;

a.b.) 15-90 days after receiving the second dose of primary vaccination;

a.c.) within 60 days of being recovered from Covid infection;

b) be subject to strict isolation for 5 days, however, a strong recommendation to use the face mask shall be given for the following 6 - 12 calendar days:

b.a.) in the case of non-vaccinated persons;

b.b.) in the case of persons who are not fully vaccinated;

b.c.) 1-14 days after receiving the second dose of primary vaccination;

b.d.) in the case of duration for more than 90 days of receiving the second dose of primary vaccination and in persons who have not received a booster dose;

b.c.) during the period following 60 days of being recovered from Covid infection.

 $4^{1}$ . Persons arriving from a foreign country shall be subject to isolation (self-isolation / quarantine) according to the following procedures:

a) in the case of international air movement, any person arriving from a foreign country (regardless of citizenship), if he / she submits at the border a document certifying the full course (two doses, and in the case of Johnson&Johnson vaccination – single dose) of any type of covidvaccine, shall not be subject to the restrictions set forth in this Ordinance;

a<sup>1</sup>) (deleted – 8.10.2021, No 500);

 $a^2$ ) in the case of international land and maritime movement, any person arriving from a foreign country (regardless of citizenship), if he / she submits at the border a document certifying the full course (two doses, and in the case of Johnson&Johnson vaccination – single dose) of any type of covidvaccine, shall not be subject to the restrictions set forth in this Ordinance;

a<sup>3</sup>) (deleted – 29.3.2022, No. 151).

b) any citizen of Georgia arriving from a foreign country upon departure from any country, when crossing the border on the territory of Georgia, is exempted from the obligation to submit a document confirming the full course of the COVID vaccine or a negative PCR test performed in the last 72 hours prior to the visit, and from the obligation of self-isolation;

c) persons arriving from a foreign country, who do not belong to persons referred to in sub-paragraphs(a),  $(a^2)$  and (b) of this

paragraph, shall present a document confirming the PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours at the border checkpoints.

d) (deleted – 23.4.2021, No 184);

e) in the case of international air, land and maritime movement, any person under the age of 10 (regardless of nationality) who has arrived from a foreign country shall be exempted from the obligation to submit a negative PCR test performed in the last 72 hours prior to the visit to Georgia.

- f) (deleted 17.1.2022, No 14);
- 4<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 4<sup>3</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 4<sup>4</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 4<sup>5</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 5.(Deleted 26.3.2021, No132).
- 5<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted 26.3.2021, No132).

6.Persons who are contacts shall be identified by the authorised persons (epidemiologists) of public health care services (the relevant services of LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health; municipal public health centres), who make decisions to place such persons in isolation.

- 7. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 7<sup>1</sup>. (Deleted 21.10.2020, No 637).
- 7<sup>2</sup>. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 8. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).

9. Before being placed in isolation (quarantine, self-isolation), a natural person shall sign the information form (Annex No 3). If the person refuses to sign the form, a respective note thereon shall be made and signed by an authorised person.

10. Before being placed in isolation, the person shall be provided with an explanation/appropriate information about his/her rights and duties that he/she is to comply with while in isolation and/or quarantine.

- 11. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 12. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 13. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 14. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).
- 15. (Deleted 28.3.2022, No 91).

16. The relevant units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall ensure the enforcement of decisions to place a person in isolation.

17. Within the scope of its competence, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall be authorised to control the fulfilment of conditions of isolation by persons placed in isolation (self-isolation, quarantine) provided that there are relevant facts and/or information. Such control shall involve, inter alia, control over whether a person concerned is physically in place, by making periodic telephone calls and by other means explicitly provided for by the legislation of Georgia.

Ordinance No 344 of 1 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 1.6.2020

Ordinance No 378 of 22 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.6.2020 Ordinance No 495 of 12 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 12.8.2020 Ordinance No 545 of 27 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.8.2020 Ordinance No 577 of 14 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.9.2020 Ordinance No 607 of 1 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 1.10.2020 Ordinance No 616 of 7 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 7.10.2020 Ordinance No 622 of 8 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.10.2020 Ordinance No 637 of 21 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.10.2020 Ordinance No 697 of 20 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 20.11.2020 Ordinance No 719 of 2 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 2.12.2020 Ordinance No 770 of 21 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.12.2020 Ordinance No 40 of 29 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.1.2021 Ordinance No 61 of 9 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.2.2021 Ordinance No 65 of 17 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.2.2021 Ordinance No 108 of 17 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.3.2021 Ordinance No 132 of 26 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 26.3.2021 Ordinance No 169 of 13 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.4.2021 Ordinance No 170 of 14 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.4.2021 Ordinance No 178 of 16 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.4.2021 Ordinance No 184 of 23 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 23.4.2021 Ordinance No 241 of 31 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.5.2021 Ordinance No 292 of 16 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.6.2021 Ordinance No 407 of 11 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 11.8.2021 Ordinance No 500 of 8 October 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.10.2021 Ordinance No 554 of 29 November 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.11.2021 Ordinance No 555 of 29 November 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.11.2021 Ordinance No 14 of 17 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.1.2022 Ordinance No 65 of 10 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.2.2022 Ordinance No 78 of 17 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.2.2022 Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

# Article $11^1$ – Measures to be taken in relation to members of delegation being on the official visit in Georgia, as well as to members of the governmental and presidential delegations of Georgia

1. When entering Georgia the following persons shall not be subject to isolation/quarantine:

a) members of official delegations of foreign countries/international organisations arriving in Georgia on an official visit;

b) members of the governmental and presidential delegations of Georgia on their return from an official visit to a foreign country.

2. Persons specified in paragraph 1 of this article shall submit to the border checkpoints a document certifying the PCR test conducted within the last 72 hours prior to the official visit.

Ordinance No 391 of 29 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.6.2020

Ordinance No 495 of 12 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 12.8.2020

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

# Article $11^2 - (Deleted)$

Ordinance No 418 of 8 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.7.2020

Ordinance No 469 of 24 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.7.2020

Ordinance No 495 of 12 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 12.8.2020

Ordinance No 538 of 27 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.8.2020

Ordinance No 577 of 14 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.9.2020

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

# Article $11^3$ – Procedures to be implemented in relation to foreign military servants/representatives participating in the international military trainings and exercises planned within the system of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia

1. When entering Georgia, foreign military servants/representatives, who are participating in the below-listed international military trainings and exercises planned within the system of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia, shall not be subject to isolation/quarantine:

a) multinational brigade level command and staff exercise 'NOBLE PARTNER 20';

b) Joint Combined Exchange Training (JCET).

2. Persons determined by paragraph 1 of this article shall submit to the border checkpoints the documents certifying their placement in an8-day quarantine and the PCR test results conducted within the last 72 hours before their official visit to Georgia.

Ordinance No 504 of 14 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.8.2020

Ordinance No 577 of 14 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.9.2020

# Article $11^4$ – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 525 of 21 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.8.2020

Ordinance No 577 of 14 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.9.2020

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

# Article $11^5 - (Deleted)$

Ordinance No 565 of 9 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.9.2020 Ordinance No 622 of 8 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.10.2020 Ordinance No 54 of 5 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 5.2.2020 Ordinance No 169 of 13 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.4.2021 Ordinance No 170 of 14 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 14.4.2021 Ordinance No 407 of 11 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 11.8.2021 Ordinance No 407 of 11 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2021 Ordinance No 444 of 31 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2021 Ordinance No 500 of 8 October 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 8.10.2021

## Article 12 – Rights and obligations of a person placed in isolation

1. Receiving visitors in an isolation (self-isolation, quarantine) area shall be prohibited.

2. The provision of food and personal care items/clothes and, as needed, medicines, through indirect contact to persons placed in isolation shall be permitted.

3. Contact with other persons staying in the same living area shall be minimised. Close contact with other persons within less than 1 metre distance for more than 15 minutes shall be prohibited.

4. During the isolation period, a person shall use individual utensils (cups, plates, spoons, etc.), and towels, bed and disposables.

5. A person placed in isolation may unlimitedly use means of telecommunication (including the internet).

6. During the isolation period, within the scope of its competence, a relevant public health care service shall carry out periodic monitoring of persons placed in isolation. As appropriate, the monitoring may also be carried out, within the scope of their competence, by services authorised by the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

7. If a person placed in isolation needs medical assistance, his/her transportation to/from a hospital shall be carried out by the LEPI Emergency Situations Coordination and Urgent Assistance Centre, in a special vehicle and, as appropriate, with the escort of a relevant service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia. A person subject to isolation shall be placed in the isolation ward of an inpatient facility until the expiry of the isolation period.

8. A person placed in isolation shall be required to refrain from tobacco and alcohol consumption, and shall be prohibited from consuming psychoactive substances without prescription.

9. A person placed in isolation may not leave the place of isolation except when medical care is needed, regarding which a relevan public health care service shall be immediately notified.

10.During the isolation period, a person placed in isolation shall be prohibited to communicate with other persons without personal protective equipment recommended by a public health care service.

## Article 13 - Controlling the rules provided for by this Chapter

Incidences of violation of isolation and quarantine rules and/or any information on the violation of isolation and quarantine rules shall be responded to by a relevant division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia authorised to review an administrative offence case on site and to impose an administrative penalty on an offender on site, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Georgia.

## Article 14 - Exchange of information

1. (Deleted – 26.3.2021, No 132).

2. (Deleted – 28.3.2022, No 91).

3. Information on natural persons subject to isolation (self-isolation, quarantine) shall be sent to the LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health.

4.For the purpose of controlling the fulfilment of isolation conditions by a person in self-isolation, the LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health shall send information on a natural person subject to self-isolation (name, surname, personal number, contact details and address of the place of self-isolation/residence address) to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

5. Information on confirmed cases of COVID-19 (a list of new cases statistically registered on the previous reporting day in electronic format, containing full names and contact details) shall be submitted by the LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health under the state control of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, on a daily basis, to the LEPL Public Safety Management Center 112 operating under the governance of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia ('Public Safety Management Center 112') (Public Safety Management Center 112 shall also manage the notifications received during the day, which are not included in the above electronic list), which shall, for the purpose of initial clinical evaluation of patients, submit the information to the outpatient institutions determined by Order No 01-150/m of 4 April 2020 of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia 'On Measures to be Taken for the Identification and Proper Management/Referral of the Cases of Seasonal Influenza and COVID-19.

5<sup>1</sup>. In order to protect public health, notices received by the Public Safety Management Center '112' regarding Coronavirus (name, surname, personal number, contact information and health status of a person) shall be sent through the software to outpatient facilities determined by Order No 01-150/m of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia of 4 April 2020 on the Measures to be Taken to Identify Seasonal Influenza and COVID-19 Cases and to Ensure their Proper Management/Referral.

6. Upon the receipt of a notification of the need of medical assistance due to coronavirus, if requested by a person, in order to timely refer the person to a relevant insurance organisation/a provider medical institution of an insurance organisation, the Public Safety Management Center 112 shall be authorised to check the information about the person on the database of the persons using the insurance services, provided by the LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia. The database of the persons using the insurance services referred to in this paragraph shall include the name, surname, date of birth, personal number, insurance starting date, insurance ending date, date of early termination of insurance, a policy holder (budgetary – a policyholder that provides insurance coverage from the budgetary funds, non-budgetary) and an insurer of a person using the insurance services.

7. The institutions/organisations determined by paragraphs 5 and 6 of this article are obliged to enter into the software of the Public Safety Management Center 112 the information on the actions taken by them in the process of management of the suspected and/or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

8. Relevant state / administrative bodies defined by this Rule, as well as private institutions exercising their powers under this Rule and Decree No 164 of 28 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus in Georgia and an Emergency Response Plan for the Cases of Novel Coronavirus Diseases, shall ensure the processing of personal data for the effective and coordinated management of isolation / quarantine measures and suspected and / or confirmed cases of COVID-19, for which they are authorised to use the various electronic systems in their system and / or to exchange data, including through the connection between the said systems. In addition, data exchange issues may, if necessary, be regulated in accordance with the agreements concluded between the parties.

Ordinance No 635 of 19 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.10.2020

Ordinance No 638 of 21 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.10.2020

Ordinance No 647 of 27 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.10.2020

Ordinance No 750 of 17 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.12.2020

Ordinance No 61 of 9 February 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.2.2021

Ordinance No 132 of 26 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 26.3.2021 http://www.matsne.gov.ge

## Chapter III – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 395 of 1 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 1.7.2020

## Article 15 - (Deleted)

Ordinance No 369 of 15 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 16.6.2020

Ordinance No 395 of 1 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 1.7.2020

## Article 16 – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 351 of 4 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 4.6.2020

# Chapter III<sup>1</sup>– Management of Epidemic Outbreaks

Ordinance No 468 of 24 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.7.2020

# Article $16^1$ – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 468 of 24 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.7.2020 Ordinance No 493 of 10 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.8.2020

# Article $16^2 - (Deleted)$

Ordinance No 493 of 10 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 10.8.2020 Ordinance No 495 of 12 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 12.8.2020 Ordinance No 526 of 21 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.8.2020 Ordinance No 547 of 31 August 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.8.2020

# Article $16^3 - (Deleted)$

Ordinance No 601 of 24 September 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 24.9.2020 Ordinance No 613 of 6 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 6.10.2020 Ordinance No 624 of 15 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.10.2020 Ordinance No 631 of 19 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.10.2020 Ordinance No 659 of 3 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.11.2020 Ordinance No 715 of 27 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020 Article 16<sup>4</sup> – (Deleted)

Ordinance No 624 of 15 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 15.10.2020 Ordinance No 636 of 20October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 20.10.2020 Ordinance No 659 of 3 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 3.11.2020

## Chapter IV – Temporary Measures in the System of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

## Article 17 - Social security

1. For the purpose of ensuring the uninterrupted payment of state cash payments (state pensions, compensation, social packages, etc.) at the transitional stage, the LEPL Social Service Agency ('the Agency') subject to the state control of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia ('the Ministry') shall not suspend the payment of state cash payments until 1 May 2022 even where there are ground(s) for suspending such payments as provided for by the legislation, except for the case where a person is under pre-trial detention. In this case the administration of state cash payments shall be carried out in accordance with procedures for administration of state cash payments provided for by legislation, and state cash payments shall be suspended for persons with disabilities after the lapse of the time frame specified in paragraph 4 of this article.

2. A body administering appropriate state cash payments shall be released from the obligation to administer cash payments where said administration may result in the suspension of a cash payment, except for the case where a person is under pre-trial detention in which case the administration of state cash payments shall be carried out in accordance with procedures provided for by legislation.

 $2^1$ . The Agency shall be authorised to schedule the issue of and renew state cash payments and social assistance and/or conduct other relations related to their administration on the basis of an electronic application submitted and/or an electronic copy of a material document.

3. (Deleted - 1.6.2020, No 344).

4. Extracts of a medical and social examination act (Form IV-50/4) issued in accordance with the requirements of Order No 64/5 of 27 February 2007 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia on the Approval of Forms Required for the Medical and Social Examination, and accordingly the statuses provided for by these extracts, which serve as the basis for determining the date of termination of disability status as 1 December 2020 and the subsequent period, shall retain legal force until 1 May 2022. During the period the continuity of state cash payments shall be ensured, and after the expiry of the said period, the administration of the said state cash payments shall be carried out in accordance with procedures provided for by legislation.

 $4^1$ . If persons receiving state cash payments under paragraph 4 of this article who were not able to submit a new document certifying their disability status (an extract form a medical and social examination act) again are granted a disability status until 31 October 2022 apply within the same period of time to the Agency with an application on state cash payments and required documents (an extract form a medical and social examination act), the state cash payment will be granted from the first day of the month following the month of application, and the amount not received from 1 May 2022 will be reimbursed, in the amount of the state cash payment corresponding to the new disability status.

5. (Deleted - 31.12.2021, No 640).

5<sup>1</sup>. Until 1 April 2022, within the scope of Ordinance No 262 of 31March 2014 of the Government of Georgia 'On the Approval of the Target State Programme for the Facilitation of the Improvement of the Demographic State', the Agency shall not carry out the verification (for the purpose of confirming the fact of actual residence of beneficiary families) of the actual residence of beneficiary families specified in Article 5(1) of the State Programme approved by the same Ordinance, and shall issue the monetary social assistance in accordance with the information provided for in the database administered by the Agency within the scope of the said Programme, except for the exceptions established under the same Programme (in accordance with the database maintained by LEPL Public Services Development Agency: death, termination of citizenship and / or in accordance with the database maintained by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia – the border crossing).

6. (Deleted - 31.12.2021, No 640).

 $6^{1}$ . For registration and / or additional administration of 'the living allowance' in the Unified Database of Socially Vulnerable Families (the Database), until 1 April 2022:

a) repeated verification of the social and economic status of families registered in the Database, regardless of the rating score, shall not be carried out at the initiative of the Agency and / or on the basis of the information received and / or discovered (identified) from various sources within the scope of competence and authority provided for by Ordinance No 126 of 24 April 2010 of the Government of Georgia 'On Measures to Reduce Poverty and Improve Social Protection of the Population in the Country', except for the case where the initial or repeated verification of the social and economic status of the family is requested directly by the family concerned; b) in respect of families with a rating score of less than 120,001 registered in the Database, the Agency shall continue to provide monetary social assistance – the living allowance, regardless of the information received and / or discovered (identified) from various sources within the scope of competence and authority provided for by Ordinance No 126 of 24 April 2010 of the Government of Georgia 'On Measures to Reduce Poverty and Improve Social Protection of the Population in the Country' and Ordinance No145 of 28 July 2006 'On Social Assistance', except for the case where the repeated verification of the social and economic status of the family is requested directly by the family concerned;

c) in the case provided for by sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph (continuous issuance of the living allowance), the amount of living allowance shall be determined in accordance with the data provided for in the database (number of family members and the rating score), except for the death of a family member(s) or placement in a specialised / penitentiary institution or foster care or staying outside the country for more than three consecutive months, in which case, on the basis of information received from the competent authority, the living allowance shall be automatically recalculated with the deduction of the amount belonging to the said family member(s); in the case of the death and placement in a penitentiary institution – in the case of the repeated placement in a specialised institution or foster care after exclusion of the family member – from the month of the receipt of the information by the Agency (if the amount has been transferred from the following month), and in the case of border crossing – from the month following the expiry of the period of three months (the month of border crossing shall be deemed the first month from the start of counting the months) of border crossing;

d) in the cases provided for by sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph (placement in a penitentiary institution, placement in a specialised institution or foster care, the border crossing), in the case of return / addition of the excluded member(s), the Agency, based on the application of the family, shall re-examine the social and economic status of the family, otherwise the living allowance shall continue to be issued as per re-calculated amount, minus the amount belonging to the family member(s).

e) if the family obtains the right to receive a living allowance as a result of the study / assessment of the social and economic status the Agency is obliged to carry out the procedure for obtaining the living allowance automatically, without the visit by the authorised person of the Agency to the family;

f) The Agency shall not be authorised to terminate the registration of a family in the Database where there are grounds provided for by Article 8 (7)(e) of the procedures approved by Ordinance No 126 of 24 April 2010 of the Government of Georgia 'On Measures to Reduce Poverty and Improve Social Protection of the Population in the Country'. Accordingly, the rating score shall be assigned in accordance with the data in the Database;

g) The Agency shall not be authorised to terminate the registration of a family in the Database if the family violates the obligations under Article 6 (1) (d) of the procedures approved by Ordinance No 126 of 24 April 2010 of the Government of Georgia 'On Measures to Reduce Poverty and Improve Social Protection of the Population in the Country', also in the cases provided for by Article 14 of the 'Procedures for Assessing the Social and Economic Status of Socially Vulnerable Families and for Registration and Referral of Information on Children Living in These Families', approved by Order No 141 /  $\delta$  of 20 May 2010 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, except for the cases where the family does not allow the authorised person of the Agency to view the property / documents or the family refuses to fill in the declaration / child's declaration and / or registration in the database, or if not all family members have the documents required by law to fill in the declaration, or the family has applied to the Agency for the re-assessment due to the change of address and the social agent's visit(s) to the new address confirms that the family does not reside at the address;

h) The Agency shall be authorised, within the scope of Ordinance No 145 of 28 July 2006 of the Government of Georgia 'On Socia Assistance' and Ordinance No 262 of 31March 2014 of the Government of Georgia 'On the Approval of the Target State Programme for the Facilitation of the Improvement of the Demographic State', for the purposes of Programme administration, the data of the electronic database of LEPL Public Services Development Agency under the state control of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia shall be deemed the document equivalent to the birth certificate of the child(children), which shall be provided to the Agency by the Public Service Development Agency, in a mutually agreed form;

 $6^2$ . After 1 April 2022, the administration of the database and "living allowance" shall be continued in accordance with the general rules established by the applicable legislation, subject to the following conditions:

a) the Agency shall uninterruptedly continue issuing "living allowance" and maintaining the rating points for those families who, during the period of the application of paragraph  $6^1$  of this article, had grounds for the termination of registration in the database and/or suspension/termination of "living allowance", until the social and economic situation of these families is verified in accordance with subparagraph "b" of this paragraph and, based on the results of the verification, carry out further administration, in accordance with the applicable legislation;

b) the Agency shall ensure verification of the social and economic status of the families registered in the database (including families under paragraph  $6^1$ ) in accordance with the schedule approved by the individual administrative act(s) of the Minister of

Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Protection of Georgia;

c) the Agency shall not be authorised to implement any other additional administrative measures, except for the action provided for in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph, in relation to the families registered in the database.

7. The provision of services in institutions providing services within the framework of various sub-programmes of the State Programme of 2020 for Social Rehabilitation and Childcare approved by Ordinance No 670 of 31 December 2019 of the Government of Georgia (except for 24-hour services and sub-programme for providing services by means of supporting equipment) shall be suspended until 1 July 2020.During the mentioned period, organisations providing services shall be remunerated for their services in accordance with the conditions set out by a respective legal act.

8. Taking into consideration the epidemiological situation, in the case of absence of more than 60% of the total number of beneficiaries and/or personnel employed by the services only in the component of day care centres, provided for by the 'State Programme for Social Rehabilitation and Child Care' of the relevant year, the 'Early Childhood Development Support Sub-programme', 'Child Rehabilitation/Habitation Sub-programme', 'Programme for the Provision of Services at Day Care Centres', 'Home Care Sub-programme for Children with Severe and Profound Developmental Delays', and 'Sub-programme for the Provision of Shelters to Street Children', the service may take a decision on the suspension of the provision of services, which shal be notified in writing to the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and/or the LEPL Agency For State Care And Assistance For the (Statutory) Victims of Human trafficking.

9. Before resuming the provision of the services referred to in paragraph 8 of this article, the principles, procedures and amount of their financing shall be determined by an individual administrative act of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

10. State cash payments / social assistance amounts issued under this article shall not be considered overpaid and shall not be subject to refund.

Ordinance No 344 of 1 June 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 1.6.2020

Ordinance No 651 of 29 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.10.2020

Ordinance No 715 of 27 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020

Ordinance No 764 of 21 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.12.2020

Ordinance No 20 of 21 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.1.2021

Ordinance No 37 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021

Ordinance No 193 of 28 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.4.2021

Ordinance No 313 of 30 June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 30.6.2021

Ordinance No 373 of 26 July 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.7.2021

Ordinance No 640 of 31 December 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 31.12.2021

Ordinance No 24 of 18 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 18.1.2022

Ordinance No 54 of 7 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 7.2.2022

Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

# Article 18 – Medical assistance

1.To prevent the spread of possible cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 (epidemics, pandemic, epidemic outbreak) in Georgia and to be ready to respond to suspected and/or confirmed cases, special medical institutions shall be determined by an order of the Minister.

2.With regard to paragraph 1 of this article, in coordination with the Ministry, beds in medical institutions to diagnose and manage suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 in selected institutions shall be mobilised in accordance with the instructions

of the Ministry, including:

a) transferring existing/current patients (mobilisation of beds in an institution) to medical institutions providing relevant medical services; and/or

b) increasing the number of beds at their base (including in the intensive care unit) to the extent possible and, as appropriate, purchasing medical items, materials, apparatus and medications;

c) providing the diagnosis and management of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19;

d) as appropriate, manage COVID-19 positive pregnant women, irrespective of having the level defined by Order No 01-2/6 of 15 January 2015 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Protection of Georgia on the Approval of Regionalisation of Perinatal Services Levels and Patient Referral Criteria;

 $2^1$ . Incomplete uploading and/or uploading by violating the terms, or failure to upload to the electronic system of beds management (mincb.moh.gov.ge) of the LEPL Emergency Situations Coordination and Urgent Assistance Center, of the statistical information determined by paragraph  $2^4$  of Order No 01-467/m of 19 September 2020 of the Minister of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, on the Prevention of the Spread of Possible Cases of Infection (COVID-19) Caused by the Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in Georgia (epidemic, pandemic, epidemic outbreak) and Mobilisation of Medical Facilities to be Prepared to Respond to Suspicious and / or Confirmed Cases, shall entail the imposition of penalty under the acting legislation.

 $2^2$ . Any inpatient institution participating in the state health protection programs shall be obliged to mobilise or allocate the beds of medical institutions for the diagnosis and management of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry.

 $2^3$ . The appeal against the decision of the Ministry specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article shall not stop its execution, unless otherwise provided for by the decision of a court.

 $2^4$ . Failure to comply with the decision adopted under paragraphs 1 and  $2^2$  of this article, regardless of being defined as a permit condition for an activity, shall constitute a violation of the rules of isolation and quarantine.

3. Services provided in medical institutions determined by paragraph 1 of this article shall cover:

a) the provision of primary triage and diagnosis of patients at high risk (persons placed in quarantine or self-isolation areas, and contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19) by institutions mobilised for the management of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (COVID clinics), and the management of confirmed cases of COVID-19, including patients referred from medical institutions;

b) the provision of primary triage and diagnosis of any patient having fever by institutions mobilised for the management of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (COVID clinics), the referral of patients to the nearest COVID clinic after the COVID-19 diagnosis is confirmed, except for severe cases when patients are referred to medical institutions selected on the basis of instructions of the LEPL National Health Agency; if the COVID-19 diagnosis is excluded, the redirection of patients to the nearest medical institution for further examination and treatment.

4.For the purposes of this article, any inpatient institution throughout the country is obliged to provide initial triage of patients having fever, and provide services to patients in an isolated environment in the medical institution, with strict observance of infection control measures by medical personnel.

 $4^1$ . For the purposes of this Article, any inpatient facility across the country in the event of infection of patients and / or medical personnel treated with COVID-19 at the same facility shall be required to provide on-site management of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in an isolated environment by strict adherence to infection control measures by medical personnel.

 $4^2$ . For the purposes set forth in paragraph  $4^1$  of this article, and paragraph 8(b.b) of this article, any inpatient facility in the country shall be temporarily relieved of the obligation to hold an annex to the permit for the treatment of infectious diseases.

 $4^3$ . Given the epidemiological situation, in case of urgency, to manage the increased number of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19, the space of non-medical facilities shall be used together with the medical institutions involved in the mobilisation scheme.

4<sup>4</sup>. Mobilisation of relevant medical personnel and provision of necessary equipment for the management of patients in the space

specified in paragraph  $4^3$  of this article shall be carried out by the relevant mobilised medical institution, non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal person called the Medical Holding of Georgia or an implementer, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry.

5. All institutions determined by paragraph 1 of this article are obliged to assign persons responsible for taking appropriate biological material for COVID-19 testing, performing fast tests and, as appropriate, storing and handling material to be analysed. The material to be analysed shall be handled in accordance with instructions/procedures determined by the General Director of the LEPL L. Sakvarelidze National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health.

5<sup>1</sup>. For the purposes of this article, any inpatient institution throughout the country, which, in accordance with Ordinance No 385 of the Government of Georgia of 17 December 2010 on the Approval of the Regulations on the Rules and Conditions for Issuing a Licence for Medical Activities and a Permit for an Inpatient Institution, holds the licence and permit of the inpatient institution in the resuscitation or emergency medical service (EMERGENCY) service, upon the instruction of the Ministry, is obliged to organise on the basis of the institution, appropriate inoculation cabinets and brigades for COVID-19 vaccination, in accordance with the established rule.

6.During the period of epidemic, medical personnel (doctors, paramedics, hospital attendants) working in medical institutions determined by paragraph 1 of this article who, at the same time, are employed by other medical institutions, are obliged to work only in the institutions determined by paragraph 1 of this article. In addition, the other medical institution is obliged to maintain the work position (if any) for the said medical personnel.

 $6^1$ . For the purposes of this article, taking into account the epidemiological situation the management of COVID-19 as an interim measure (except for intensive care) shall be granted to any subject of independent medical practice, regardless of the specialty and competence permitted by the state certificate.

 $6^2$ . For the purposes of this article, the Ministry shall be authorised to defer the conduct of the Unified Postgraduate Qualification and State Certification Examination for a reasonable period of time as a temporary measure, taking into account the epidemiological situation.

7. Institutions determined by paragraphs 1,  $4^1$  and 8 of this article shall be financed in accordance with terms and conditions determined by Ordinance No 4 of 12 January 2022 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of State Healthcare Programme of 2022.

8. In a matter of urgent necessity, taking into account the epidemiological situation, the Ministry shall be authorised to:

a) make a decision other than provided for by this Ordinance on changing the terms related to the mobilisation, and/or on mobilisation of other inpatient and/or non-medical facilities with proper conditions;

b) make a decision on the exclusion of facilities from the mobilisation scheme, taking into account the number of beds mobilised, the number of beds used, geographical availability, access to specialised services for patients diagnosed with COVID-19, as well as the possibility of consolidating beds. However:

b.a) in clinics that will be subject to exclusion from the mobilisation scheme, except for the cases specified in sub-paragraph "b.b" of the same paragraph, the admission of new patients diagnosed with COVID-19 shall be terminated from the date specified by the Ministry;

b.b) clinics referred to in sub-paragraph (b.a) shall have the right to accept new patients diagnosed with COVID-19 for management if they are able to operate in hybrid mode with appropriate prevention and control measures and prevention of infection.

b.c) in the cases specified in sub-paragraph (b.b) of this paragraph, funding for COVID-19 cases for clinics will be provided in a different manner than for mobilised clinics.

8<sup>1</sup>. In order to prevent the spread (epidemic, pandemic, epidemic outbreak) of possible cases of the novel coronavirus(COVID-19) in Georgia, to manage home care of the persons with suspected and/or confirmed cases of COVID-19, and to control the quality of such management:

a) a central online clinic shall start operating within the organisation under the Ministry system/management, which shall manage and supervise the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, monitor the process and control the quality of such management;

b) for providing the services determined by sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, the central online clinic shall, in order to perform http://www.matsne.gov.ge

administrative, registration, operational support and other appropriate tasks in the working process within its competence, be staffed with family physicians, junior doctors/university students in their final year of studies, and other personnel, after the provision of appropriate training;

c) insurance companies shall provide the persons involved in private insurance schemes and the persons insured from budgetary funds with the management and supervision of suspected and/or confirmed COVID-19 cases, and the telephone consultation with family physicians/paediatricians/internal medicine specialists;

d) insurance companies shall provide to the insured persons the contact information of the medical personnel engaged in the management and supervision of suspected and/or confirmed COVID-19 cases, and other organisational issues;

e) provision of the services determined by this paragraph shall not envisage co-payment by beneficiaries;

f) other issues related to the implementation of the measures determined by this paragraph may be regulated by an individual administrative act of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

 $8^2$ . Vaccination against the novel coronavirus disease – with COVID-19 vaccine shall be carried out in medical institutions that meet the criteria set by the Ministry, however, for the purposes of this paragraph, the right to conducting vaccinations shall be given to nurses and any entity of independent medical practice irrespective of the specialty and the competence permitted by the state certificate.

9. The following institutions shall be assigned the following functions:

a) the LEPL State Regulation Agency for Medical Activities to monitor the readiness of medical institutions in terms of infection control and maintaining the respiratory apparatus in good work order;

b) the LEPL Emergency Situation Coordination and Urgent Assistance Centre:

b.a) to ensure the transportation of patients, as needed;

b.b) (deleted - 28.3.2022, No 91);

c) the LEPL National Healthcare Agency to:

c.a) provide assistance, as appropriate, in the process of distribution of current patients to other medical institutions providing relevant services when the hospital is fully mobilised;

c.b) ensure that the medical institution is informed about this Ordinance.

 $9^1$ . In view of the epidemiological situation, in order to manage the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, the LEPL Emergency Situations Coordination and Urgent Assistance Center shall be allowed to temporarily transfer the ambulance vehicle(s) on its balance to the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal person called the Medical Holding of Georgia for temporary use, as per instructions of the Ministry, for the transportation of COVID-19 suspicious and / or confirmed patients to the clinics under its management.

10. In order to enforce the measures determined by this article, procuring institutions shall be given the right to procure necessary services/goods in the case of urgent necessity and/or in accordance with Article  $10^{1}(3)(d)$  of the Law of Georgia on Public Procurement, under the simplified procurement procedure, with the consent of the LEPL State Procurement Agency.

11. The measures determined by paragraph 2(c) of this article shall be financed in accordance with terms and conditions determined by Ordinance No 4 of 12 January 2022 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of State Healthcare Programme of 2022.

12. Taking into account national and public importance, a different procedure for the issuance of a licence/permit shall be established for medical institutions and, in agreement with the Ministry, the LEPL State Regulation Agency of Medical Activities shall be granted the right to issue a temporary licence/permit for medical activities by a relevant act with terms and conditions other than those established by the legislation.

13. To ensure the execution of this Ordinance, Batumi Republican Clinical Hospital LTD shall be granted the right to perform activities on the basis of the existing licence/permit at the address of property (land (real estate)cadastral code No05.27.09.011)

located at No 2, Tbel Abuseridze Street, the City of Batumi.

14. To enforce the measures determined by this article, Academician Nikoloz Kipshidze Central University Hospital LTD (cadastral code: 205165453) shall use the plot of land (including the buildings and structures thereon/attached thereto) registered by cadastre code No 43.10.42.174 of land (real estate) (address: the Village of Rukhi, Zugdidi Municipality), on the basis of the existing licence/permit, to manage infection (COVID-19) caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).For the purposes of this article, Academician Nikoloz Kipshidze Central University Hospital LTD shall be authorised to use fixed and other assets, and other resources on its balance sheet.

15. Institutions providing dental services shall continue functioning in accordance with the recommendations/requirements and the rule of functioning approved by the Order of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

16. As appropriate, those persons responsible for the delivery/supply of medication to beneficiaries during the provision of appropriate services within appropriate state healthcare programmes in the system of the Ministry, in accordance with the terms and conditions provided for by the same state programme, may be released from the obligation to deliver under the prescription form No 3 as a temporary measure.

Ordinance No 451 of 20 July 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 20.7.2020

Ordinance No 647 of 27 October 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.10.2020

Ordinance No 686 of 19 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.11.2020

Ordinance No 764 of 21 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 21.12.2020

Ordinance No 96 of 11 March 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 12.3.2021

Ordinance No 168 of 8 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia - website, 9.4.2021

Ordinance No 169 of 13 April 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 13.4.2021

Ordinance No 268 of 9June 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 9.6.2021

Ordinance No 417 of 17 August 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.8.2021

Ordinance No 78 of 17 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 17.2.2022

Ordinance No 83 of 22 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 22.2.2022

Ordinance No 91 of 28 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.2.2022

Ordinance No 151 of 29 March 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 28.3.2022

## Article 19 – Medical and pharmaceutical activities

1. (Deleted - 7.2.2022, No 55).

2. (Deleted – 7.2.2022, No 55).

3. (Deleted - 7.2.2022, No 55).

4. For the purposes of the National Plan for the Introduction of the Covid-19 Vaccine in Georgia, a pharmaceutical product for preventive vaccination against the infection (COVID-19) caused by the Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) shall be used, which has the authorisation or pre-qualification for use (including emergency use) granted by the World Health Organization or any strict regulatory body (SRA) recognised by it; or on which an application for authorisation (including emergency use) or prequalification has been submitted to the World Health Organization, its dossier is under consideration and, in addition, has already received a positive opinion from the World Health Organization's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE), it also has authorisation for use (including emergency use) granted by national regulatory bodies of at least 20 other countries, and at the same time, the vaccine has been used for vaccination of 10 times more persons than the target population worldwide.

5. In order to prevent the mass spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), to reduce the possible threat to the life and health or the population of the country and to take further measures to manage the epidemiological situation:

a) for non-commercial purposes, in the presence of special state interests, based on the decision of the Clinical Group approved by Order No 01-101/ $\infty$  of the Minister of 16 March 2020 on the Establishment of a Clinical Group for the Management of Infection (COVID-19) Caused by the Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), where requested by the Ministry, the LEPL State Regulation Agency of Medical Activities shall be authorised to issue an Emergency Use Authorisation for a pharmaceutical product (s) intended for the treatment of the infection caused by the Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), which has been granted an Emergency Use Authorisation by the World Health Organization or the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the European Medicines Agency (EMA);

b) the import of a pharmaceutical product(s), for which an Emergency Use Authorisation has already been issued, shall be carried out in accordance with procedures and conditions provided for by the Law of Georgia on Medicines and Pharmaceutical Activities (Article 11<sup>13</sup>(h)), and Order No 327/6 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia of 13 October 2009.

6. The Emergency Use Authorisation issued by the LEPL State Regulation Agency of Medical Activities shall be temporarily suspended or revoked based on the relevant decision (s) / recommendation (s) made by the World Health Organization, FDA and / or EMA.

Ordinance No 715 of 27 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.11.2020

Ordinance No 228 of 19 May 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.5.2020

Ordinance No 476 of 24 September 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 27.9.2021

Ordinance No 55 of 7 February 2022 of the Government of Georgia – website, 7.2.2022

## Article 20 - Enforcement of penalty sanctions

1. Within the framework of Ordinance No 36 of 21 February 2013 of the Government of Georgia on Certain Measures to be Implemented to Transit to Universal Healthcare, the moratorium shall be extended to 1 July 2020 on penalty sanctions (including disputable ones) determined by administrative legal act(s) of the programme administering body (bodies) for supplier institutions, and on the payment of administering measures determined by Article 19<sup>1</sup> of Annex 1 of the same Ordinance and Ordinance No 66 of 13 February 2019 of the Government of Georgia on Additional Measures for Administering State Programme for Universal Healthcare, taking into account paragraph 3 of this article.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article shall also apply to the enforcement of penalty sanctions determined within the framework of state healthcare programmes of the respective year (including the State Programme for the Management of Hepatitis C approved by Ordinance No 169 of 20 April 2015).

3. In the case provided for by Article  $19^{1}(8)$  and (9) of Annex No 1 of Ordinance No 36 of 21 February 2013 of the Government of Georgia on Certain Measures to be Implemented to Transit to Universal Healthcare, the validity of a written agreement on the payment rescheduling of penalty sanctions shall be suspended only if a supplier ensures that the validity period of an appropriate guarantee related to the fulfilment of an obligation (a guarantee corresponding to the amount of the obligation) is postponed for an appropriate period and is submitted to a provider in a written form.

## Article 21 – Measures related to property management and agreements

1. The Ministry and LEPLs subject to its control shall transfer movable state property to an appropriate organisation/institution, within the scope of measures of prevention related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and in accordance with applicable legislation, namely Ordinance No 285 of 20 July 2011 of the Government of Georgia on Transfer of Disposable and Rapidly Wearing Items, Pharmaceutical and Food Products by Institutions of the Executive Authority to be Used by Private and Public Legal Entities and/or Administrative Bodies, and/or Ordinance No 791 of 24 December 2020 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of the Rule for Applying, Discussing and Making a Decision on Transferring State Owned Property for Use to the State, the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia or Ajara, a Local Self-government Body or a Legal Entity under Public Law. However, the deadlines set by the same Ordinances related to the transfer of state property shall not be applied

2. In accordance with Article 36(2) of the Law of Georgia on State Property, the Ministry and LEPLs subject to its control shall be permitted to transfer appropriate movable property free of charge, without auction, by their own decision, within the framework of measures for ensuring readiness for the prevention of coronavirus and appropriate response measures related thereto.

3. The Ministry and LEPLs subject to its control shall be released:

a) from the requirements of Ordinance No 139 of 11 May 2010 of the Government of Georgia on Certain Measures Related to the Conclusion of Agreements with the Participation of Foreign Contracting Parties and Ordinance No 126 of 14 March 2011 of the Government of Georgia on Measures to be Implemented Regarding Grants by Relevant Institutions of the Executive Authority and Legal Entities under Public Law Subject to the State Control;

b) within the scope of preventive measures against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), when making procurement of appropriate goods and services:

b.a) from the requirements determined by Article 21(4) of the Law of Georgia on Public Procurement and taking into account Article 10(8) of the Rule approved by Order No 13 of 17 August 2015 of the Head of the LEPL State Procurement Agency on the Determination of Criteria for Simplified Procurement and on the Approval of the Procedure for Performing Simplified Procurement, and Article 10(2), Article 11(1) and (1<sup>1</sup>), Article 12(1) and (2), also, Article 13(3)of the rule approved by the same Order;

b.b) from the requirements of Ordinance No 6 of 12 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia on Certain Measures to be Taken Regarding Public Procurement.

4. Within the framework of measures of prevention of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), in relation to the Ministry and LEPLs subject to its control, as well as relevant procuring medical institutions as provided for by Article 18 of this Ordinance:

a) the minimum time limits under the Law of Georgia on Public Procurement and the minimum time limits of the agreement with the LEPL Public Procurement Agency, determined on the basis of the said Law, shall not apply;

b) the provisions of Article 18(10) of this Ordinance shall apply, in light of the content thereof.

Ordinance No 37 of 29 January 2021 of the Government of Georgia – website, 29.1.2021

## Annex No 1 (Deleted)

Ordinance No 686 of 19 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.11.2020

## Annex No 2 (Deleted)

Ordinance No 686 of 19 November 2020 of the Government of Georgia – website, 19.11.2020