

The order of the person in charge of the emergency situation regarding restrictions imposed on institutions accessible by the public

Based on the order of the Government of the Republic No 76 of 12.03.2020 on Declaring the emergency situation in the administrative territory of the Republic of Estonia, establishing the emergency situation, the person in charge of the emergency situation decides the following:

1. Pursuant to Art 31, paragraph 1 and 3 of the Emergency Act, restrictions on freedom of movement and prohibition to stay in public sports halls, gymnasiums, saunas, spa's, sports clubs, swimming pools, water parks, day centres and children's play rooms are imposed.
2. The restrictions set out in point 1 shall not apply to the employees of these institutions.
3. The restriction set out in point 1 shall not apply to institutions providing social and health services and soup kitchen services. The restriction also does not apply to institutions offering food assistance, care services, services for disabled children and adults, and treatment and rehabilitation services.
4. These measures are valid until the order is amended, and their necessity shall be assessed every two weeks the latest.
5. Mass media and electronic communications operators shall publish the order without delay, without any alternations and free of charge.
6. The order shall enter into force upon signature.

This Order introduces more precise measures to protect human life and health and the overwhelming public interest, which are essential to prevent the spread of the virus. The reasons and considerations are given in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Order, which will be published on the Government of the Republic website.

In case of the failure to observe the emergency measure, the administrative coercive measures referred to in Art 28 paragraph 2 or 3 of the Law Enforcement Act shall be implemented. In compliance with Art 47 of the Emergency Act the penalty payment is 2000 EUR.

The order can be challenged in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Code of Administrative Procedure.

Person in charge of the emergency situation

(signed digitally)

Jüri Ratas