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**Rules and restrictions¹
regarding the entry into the Republic of Moldova
during the pandemic**

In response to the evolution of the epidemiological situation, the **state of health emergency** has been issued by the National Extraordinary Commission for Public Health on the whole territory of the Republic of Moldova effective from **November 30th 2020 until January 15th 2020**.

Thus, according to **Decision no. 35 of November 27th, 2020**, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection will further establish the list of countries with increased or low epidemiological risk of transmitting COVID-19, classified **in red** and green areas. This list will be updated every 14 days on Friday and will take effect on Monday of the following week.

The entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, is allowed through the state border crossing points, for foreign citizens and stateless persons coming from countries classified as green areas.

Important notice: All countries not specified in the red area list are classified as green area.

The persons who cross the state border on the way to enter the Republic of Moldova and come from the countries classified as green zone, will not complete the Epidemiological File and will not be obliged to respect the 14-day self-isolation regime.

The list of countries that are presently included in the **red area** can be accessed on the [official Facebook page](#) or the home page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration: <https://mfa.gov.md/ro/content/alerte-de-calatorie-covid-19>

Important notice: If the starting point is located in a country classified as a green area, but during the journey a country classified in a red zone was transited, including airport transit, then the person is considered to be from the red zone, thus the person has to complete the epidemiological file and is obliged to comply with the 14-day self-isolation regime.

RED AREA INCOMING & EXCEPTIONS

The entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, through the state border crossing points of foreign citizens and stateless persons coming from countries classified as **red area is forbidden**, with the following exceptions:

¹ Unofficial translation. For detailed explanations, please refer to your country's closest diplomatic mission accredited for the Republic of Moldova or an Embassy of the Republic of Moldova in your country of residence

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1. family members of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova;
2. persons holding a long-stay visa, a residence permit or a document equivalent to a residence permit issued by the authorities;
3. persons traveling in professional interest, proven by visa, residence permit or other confirmatory document, which includes the invitation and / or the contract concluded with a legal person resident in the Republic of Moldova;
4. pupils / students, who are to take admittance or graduation exams, who go to study in educational units / institutions on the territory of the Republic of Moldova or abroad, or who travel for activities related to the completion / organization / development of studies, with the presentation of confirmatory documents. The exception also applies to the legal representative or companion appointed by the legal representative;
5. family members of foreign citizens who have a residence permit in the Republic of Moldova;
6. foreign nationals working as teachers in the Republic of Moldova;
7. holders of diplomatic, service, official and special passports and the like, as well as holders of Laissez Passer travel documents issued by the United Nations, including family members of diplomatic and consular missions and international organizations / missions accredited to the Republic of Moldova and / or personnel involved in providing humanitarian aid;
8. persons in transit, including those repatriated as a result of the granting of consular protection. The transit itinerary will be established by the General Inspectorate of the Border Police;
9. persons traveling for health and humanitarian reasons, including the attendant, depending on the case (with presentation of confirmatory documents);
10. cross-border workers entering the low-traffic regime in the Republic of Moldova from Romania or Ukraine, who prove the contractual relations with economic agents from the Republic of Moldova;
11. drivers and service personnel of transport means, which carry goods and means of transport for people, with a fee, which have more than 9 seats, including the driver's seat, aircraft / ship crews and service personnel, as well as brigades and train service personnel;
12. international observers in the elections for the position of President of the Republic of Moldova, representatives of international organizations, of governments of foreign states, of non-governmental organizations abroad, as well as international experts in the electoral field, accredited by the Central Electoral Commission;

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13. foreign journalists, accredited as permanent correspondents in the Republic of Moldova by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

COMPLIANCE TO THE SELF-ISOLATION REGIME IS MANDATORY

Persons who cross the state border on the way to enter the Republic of Moldova, and come, directly or in transit, from countries classified as red zone, must complete the epidemiological file, and will sign the declaration on their own responsibility to comply with the regime 14-day self-isolation in determined places.

Exception is established for the following categories of persons, if they do not show clinical signs of respiratory infection or fever, then they are not obliged to observe the self-isolation regime of 14 days in the determined places:

1. drivers and service personnel of road haulage vehicles and road passenger transport vehicles for a fee who have more than 9 seats, including the seat of the driver, crews and service personnel of aircraft / ships and brigades and service personnel of train sets;
2. persons traveling for health or humanitarian reasons, including the attendant, as appropriate (with presentation of confirmatory documents);
3. pupils / students, who are to take admittance or graduation exams, who go to study in educational units / institutions on the territory of the Republic of Moldova or abroad, or who travel for activities related to the completion / organization / development of studies, with the presentation of confirmatory documents. The exception also applies to the legal representative or companion appointed by the legal representative;
4. persons traveling in professional interest, proven by visa, residence permit or other confirmatory document, which includes the invitation and / or the contract concluded with a legal person resident in the Republic of Moldova;
5. persons traveling abroad for professional interest and on return to the country present the confirmation of the delegation abroad on behalf of the legal person resident of the Republic of Moldova and the contract concluded with the economic agent abroad or order of delegation issued by public institutions of the Republic of Moldova;
6. cross-border workers entering the Republic of Moldova from Romania or Ukraine, as well as those from the Republic of Moldova employees of economic agents from the mentioned countries, who prove the contractual relations with the respective economic agents;
7. holders of diplomatic, service, official and special passports and the like, as well as holders of Laissez Passer travel documents issued by the United Nations, including family members of diplomatic and consular missions and international organizations / missions accredited to the Republic of Moldova and / or personnel involved in providing humanitarian aid;

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8. people in transit;
9. international observers in the elections for the position of President of the Republic of Moldova, representatives of international organizations, of governments of foreign states, of non-governmental organizations abroad, as well as international experts in the electoral field, accredited by the Central Electoral Commission;
10. foreign journalists, accredited as permanent correspondents in the Republic of Moldova by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

Important notice:

One of the forms of preventing the spread and combating the epidemic disease is the regime of self-isolation of people for a certain period, including those who come from abroad. Thus, the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova, being invested with endemic prevention and control tasks, verifies the observance of the self-isolation regime by the persons who must respect this regime.

By the **Decision no. 30 of September 11th** of the National Extraordinary Commission for Public Health the provision that prohibited the exit from the Republic of Moldova of persons who did not respect the self-isolation regime was excluded, but the obligation of observance of this regime by persons was not excluded.

Thus, after this date, the person who violates the self-isolation regime and shows up at the state border crossing point is liable to contravention under art. 761 paragraph (1) of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova, subsequently that person is allowed to cross the border without restricting the right to free movement outside the country.

TRANSIT OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The transit of the territory of the Republic of Moldova will be carried out directly, without stopping, through the following lanes established between the state border crossing points:

a) Chişinău International Airport, by air - Leuşeni-Albita, road; b) Chişinău International Airport, by air - Palanca-Maiaki - Udobnoe, by road; c) Chişinău International Airport, air - Tudora - Starokazacie, by road; d) Chişinău International Airport, air - Criva-Mamaliga, by road; e) Giurgiuleşti-Galaţi, by road - Giurgiuleşti-Reni, by road.

The corridors established for the transit of the territory of the Republic of Moldova can be used in both directions.

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PUBLIC PLACES AND SERVICES

National Extraordinary Commission for Public Health of the Republic of Moldova has announced the enforcement of some new coronavirus (COVID-19) measures. The government has taken additional steps to limit the spread of the virus by closing some of the activities.

At the same time social distancing guidelines remain in place and you must wear a mask not only in closed spaces such as supermarkets, restaurants, on public transport etc. but also in open spaces. The mask should cover both the mouth and nose.

From November 28th 2020 the government has adopted the following new measures:

- night clubs and discos will remain closed;
- restaurants, cafes and bars will be open until 10 pm;
- it is banned the organization of scientific conferences as well as sport competitions and Olympiads that require physical presence of individuals;
- it is prohibited to organize activities that require the presence of the audience in such places as theatres, concert halls, cinemas etc.

SOME RESTRICTIVE GENERAL MEASURES

It is forbidden the presence of groups of more than 3 people in open spaces such as forests, parks, alleys, beaches etc.

Moreover, it is mandatory to respect social distancing at 1 m from each other in public spaces.

People that are over 63 years old have restrictions of movement except there is a stringent need. However, there are few exceptions:

1. Going to the work places, unless the activities cannot be carried out from distance
2. The need to go to the supermarkets to supply the groceries
3. Medical appointments which cannot be postponed
4. The necessity of leaving the home due to other justified reasons that also cannot be delayed

Commercial flights are operating to and from the Republic of Moldova (via Chişinău International Airport).

There are no travel restrictions currently in use in the Republic of Moldova.

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USEFUL LINKS:

1. Travel alerts issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration:
<https://mfa.gov.md/ro/content/alerte-de-calatorie-covid-19>
2. List of Moldovan diplomatic missions abroad:
https://mfa.gov.md/sites/default/files/tabel_0.pdf
3. Official information on COVID-2019 in Moldova (in Romanian):
<https://msmps.gov.md/minister/comunicare/covid-19/>
4. All the decisions of the National Extraordinary Commission for Public Health:
<https://gov.md/ro/content/informatii-privind-coronavirus> (available in Romanian and Russian languages)
5. Border Police of the Republic of Moldova: <http://www.border.gov.md/index.php/en/>
6. List of Hospitals authorized to treat COVID-2019 (in Romanian):
<https://msmps.gov.md/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Spitale-cu-profil-COVID-19.pdf>
7. Real-time COVID-2019 Map of the Republic of Moldova:
<http://gismoldova.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/d274da857ed345efa66e1fbc959b021b>