

The Government has decided to proceed with the gradual and targeted lifting of the general lockdown declared on March 22nd, 2020 to deal with the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

This note describes the broad outlines of those measures.

We remain committed to providing you with all the necessary assistance during this exceptional period.

Targeted sectors

As of May 4th, 2020, the following sectors are targeted by the gradual lifting of the general lockdown:

- Public administration (including the judicial sector) at a rate of 50% of the workforce,
- Industrial sector at the rate of 50% of the workforce,
- Services at a rate of 50% of the workforce in work rotation (100% of the workforce for businesses with less than 10 employees),
- Construction and public works sector at a rate of 50% of the workforce,
- The liberal professions in their entirety,
- Retail businesses (except hairdressing and beauty salons for which lockdown will be lifted starting from May 11th, 2020), and
- Shops (except clothing, footwear and large commercial stores, for which lockdown will be lifted starting from May 11th, 2020).

As of May 24th, 2020, the following sectors are targeted:

- Gradually, cultural activities, tourism, mosques, restaurants and cafes, sports and leisure,
- Weekly markets and cattle markets, and
- Schools for the baccalaureate exams.

The sectors that partially resumed on May 4th, 2020 can extend their activity to a rate of 75% of their workforce.

As of June 4th, 2020, the following sectors are targeted:

- Daycares and kindergartens, and
- Universities.

The sectors that partially resumed on May 4th, 2020 can extend their activity to a rate of 100% of their workforce.

The Government reserves the right to update this timetable depending on how the pandemic situation in the country evolves.

Targeted individuals

Individuals targeted by the partial lockdown lifting are:

- Public servants upon authorization of their manager, and
- Private sector employees and self-employed individuals upon application.

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Individuals who should remain on complete lockdown (except for extreme need of service or in case remote work is not possible) are:

- Retirees over the age of 65,
- Pregnant women,
- Disabled persons, and
- Persons suffering from chronic conditions.

Children under 15 should remain on complete lockdown.

(Government Decree n° 2020-208 dated May 2nd, 2020, Art. 10)

Preventive measures to be taken

Private sector employers are required to take the following preventive measures to ensure employees' health and safety:

- Provide protection and safety measures in the workplace (hand hygiene requirements, respiratory hygiene requirements, physical distance rules, disinfection and ventilation of premises).
- Providing individual means of transportation for employees in industrial, construction and public works sectors.

The Government has also set up a [procedure manual](#) to clarify all the preventive measures employers should provide.

(Government Decree n° 2020-208 dated May 2nd, 2020, Art. 11)

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