

Decree #IoRestoaCasa, FAQs about measures taken by the Italian government

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Areas affected by the Decree

1. Are there differences within the country?

No, due to the effect of the DPCM of March 9th the rules are the same in the whole country and are effective from March 10th to April 3rd.

Movement

1. What is meant by 'avoiding any movement by individuals'? Are there bans? Can we go out to work? Can those subject to quarantine move?

One must avoid leaving the house. However, you can leave the house to work, for health reasons or other needs, such as, for example, the purchase of essential goods. You must be able to prove the necessity of your movement through self-declaration forms that have been pre-printed and supplied to state and local police offices. The veracity of the self-declaration will be subject to subsequent checks and the non-veracity constitutes an offense.

In any case, it is recommended to work from home whenever possible or to take holiday leave. Without a valid reason, it is required and necessary to stay at home, for the good of all. There is also an 'absolute ban' on leaving the house for those subject to quarantine or tested positive for the virus.

2. Are there travel restrictions for those with symptoms of respiratory infections and fevers higher than 37.5?

In this case it is strongly recommended to stay at home, to contact your doctor and to limit contact with other people as much as possible.

3. Will there be checkpoints that check the compliance with the measures?

There will be checks but no fixed check points to prevent people from moving. The Municipal police and other police forces will supervise compliance with the rules as part of their ordinary activities to control the territory.

4. Can those away from home or their place of residence re-enter?

Yes, anyone has the right to return to their home or place of residence, as long as it is understood that you can only move for work or important health reasons.

5. Is it possible to go out to buy food? Will food stay available?

Yes, you can always go out to buy food and there is no need to grab all of it now, as it will continue to be available.

6. Is motor activity allowed?

Yes, outdoor motor activity is allowed as long as it is not in a group.

7. Can I go out to buy goods other than food?

Yes, but only in case of strict necessity and to purchase necessary goods, such as light bulbs that burned out in the house.

8. Is access to public parks and gardens allowed?

Yes, public parks and gardens can remain open to ensure that sport and outdoor motor activities can run smoothly, as required by article 1, paragraph 3 of the DPCM, provided that they are not conducted in a group and that the interpersonal distance of one meter is respected.

Transport

1. Are there any restrictions on the transit of goods?

No, no limitations. All the goods, even those that are not considered necessity, can be transported within the country.

2. Are there restrictions for non-scheduled public transport?

No. There are no limitations for non-scheduled public transport. Taxi service have no limitation, as carrying out the activity is considered a working need.

Offices and Public Employees

1. Are public offices open?

Yes, in the whole country. Administrative activity is carried out as normal. In any case, almost all services are available online.

However, the suspension of teaching and training activities in schools, kindergartens, museums and libraries is to be taken into account.

Public Exercises

1. Can bar and restaurants open normally?

The restaurant and bar activity is allowed from 6.00 to 18.00, with the responsibility for preparing conditions to guarantee the interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter by the manager. In case of validation, activities can be completely suspended.

2. Will it still be possible to make home deliveries for food and drinks?

The hourly limit from 6.00 to 18.00 refers only to the opening to the public. The gastronomic activity can continue during closing times through home deliveries. It will be the responsibility of those delivering the food to avoid physical contact during the delivery.

3. What restaurant and bar activities are allowed after 18.00?

Only home delivery of food is allowed.

4. The DPMC provides for the closure of medium and large sale structures, as well as shops present within shopping malls and markets. Closing is not arranged, among other things, for food outlets: Are neighbourhood markets obliged to close, for the sale of food goods?

No, covered and fenced outdoor markets with controlled access are not expected to close in relation to the sale of food.

5. Can beauty salons, hairdresser and barbers continue their activities?

Yes, but only on an appointment basis and guaranteeing the shift of customers, so as to avoid close contact and the presence of waiting customers in the room. The staff will have to wear suitable personal protective equipment, like gloves and masks.

University

1. What does the decree provide for Universities?

In the period up until April 3rd, 2020, higher education, including universities and higher education institutions, professional music and choreography courses, masters and university classes for senior citizens, is suspended. The possibility of carrying out distance learning activities remains, taking into account the specific needs of students with disability. Research activity is not suspended.

2. Can exam sessions and graduation sessions be held?

Yes, they can be carried out by resorting primarily to remote activity or by adopting the hygienic and organizational precautions indicated by the DPCM of March 4th.

In the case of exams and distance degree sessions, the necessary measures are to be guaranteed.

Ceremonies, Events and Recreational Activities

1. What does the decree provide for ceremonies, events and shows?

All organized events are suspended throughout the country, as well as events in public or private places, including those of cultural, recreational, sport, religious and fair character. This is true even when held in closed places open to the public, such as cinemas, theatres, pubs, dance schools, game rooms, betting rooms, bingo rooms, discos and similar places.

2. Can we go to church or to other places of worship? Can masses or other religious rites be celebrated?

Until April 3rd all ceremonies are suspended throughout the country, including funerals. Therefore, the celebration of mass and other religious rites, such as Friday morning prayers for the Islamic religion, are also suspended. Opening access to places of worship is allowed, provided that gatherings are avoided, and it is made sure that the distance between goers exceeds one meter.

3. What is planned for theatres, cinemas, museums, archives, libraries and other cultural places?

They will be closed to the public throughout the country.

Tourism

1. What does the decree stipulate for travel and tourism?

In the whole country, travel for touristic reasons is absolutely to be avoided. Italian and foreign tourists who are already on vacation must limit their movements to places necessary to return home or their place of residence. As airports and railway stations remain open, tourists will be able to go there to take a plane or train and to return to their home. It is recommended to check the status of flights and public transport on the websites of land, seas and air transport companies.