

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

EXECUTIVE DECREE No. 1686
December 28, 2020

THAT ESTABLISHES SANITARY MEASURES FOR THE RESTRICTION OF CITIZEN MOBILIZATION IN THE PROVINCES OF PANAMA AND WEST PANAMA, DUE TO SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND HIGH INDEX OF COVID-19 SPREAD AND OTHER PROVISIONS

DECREES:

Article 1: Establishes in the provinces of Panama and West Panama, as of 5:01 a.m. Monday January 4, 2021 until 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021, measures to restrict mobility of the population, exempting acquisition of essential goods such as food, medic or fuel, for health reasons, using as a basis gender and personal identification (ID) number in case of Panamanian nationals or passport number for non-nationals, as detailed in tables below:

By gender:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
January 4, 2021	January 5, 2021	January 6, 2021	January 7, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 11, 2021	January 12, 2021	January 13, 2021
Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Women	Men	Women

By last number of ID or passport:

For ID number or Passport ending in:	Food, medication or fuel may be purchased according to the following schedule:
Seven	7:00 a.m. (from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.)
Eight	8:00 a.m. (from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.)
Nine	9:00 a.m. (from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.)
Zero	10:00 a.m. (from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.)
One	1:00 p.m. (from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.)
Two	2:00 p.m. (from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.)
Three	3:00 p.m. (from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.)
Four	4:00 p.m. (from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.)
Five	5:00 p.m. (from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.)
Six	6:00 p.m. (from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.)

Article 2: Adults older than sixty (60) years of age and people with disabilities, regardless of ID or passport number, may mobilize with the exclusive purpose of purchasing food or

medication, within the schedule that has been established for them from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., under the same specific parameters established by gender and day of the week. Older adults and people with disabilities may be accompanied by their life assistant, regardless of their gender.

Article 3: A total quarantine is established for Saturday 9 and Sunday 10, 2021, throughout the entire national territory.

Article 4: In commemoration of January 9, 1964, one person per family and if necessary, a companion, may mobilize exclusively on January 9 2021 to the cemeteries where remains of Martyrs lie, to pay homage to those who served their patriotic duty, observing measures of biosecurity and avoiding crowds.

Article 5: A curfew is established for the provinces of Panama and West Panama from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., starting Monday January 4 until Thursday January 14, 2021, with the exception of days with total quarantine. After that date, both provinces will return to the curfew established in Executive Decree No. 1683 dated December 18, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.

Article 6: For the rest of the national territory, the curfew established in Executive Decree No. 1683 dated December 18, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., remains in place.

Article 7: During the mobility restriction, curfew and total quarantine established in this Executive Decree, the following institutions, persons, activities and businesses are exempted: [summarized from original]

1. Members of the Public Force;
2. Public employees dedicated to attending to the national emergency, high level government officials, personnel from the Ministry of Health, Fire Department, National Protection, utility services, immigration services, consumer protection services, personnel from the Panama Maritime Authority, transit authorities, bank staff, public notaries and other non-discretionary personnel with prior approval from the Ministry of Health;
3. Health workers, doctors, hospital administrative personnel, emergency medics, centers for medical attention, clinics and laboratories, public or private;
4. Accredited lawyers attending to people arrested during the period of restricted mobility, or working for public offices;
5. Clinics and veterinary services;
6. Metro de Panamá and MiBus, administrative and operative personnel and service providers;
7. Public transportation and transport for exempted personnel;
8. Panama Canal Authority personnel;
9. Toll highway personnel (ENA and Madden-Colon S.A.);
10. Tocumen International Airport personnel;

11. Marcos A. Gelabert national airport personnel;
12. Airline staff and related personnel;
13. Passengers entering or leaving Panama, showing valid air ticket and passport;
14. Passengers traveling within Panama, showing valid air ticket and passport;
15. Pharmaceutical industry and pharmacies;
16. Cleaning services;
17. Restaurants with drive through facilities;
18. Restaurants with delivery services;
19. Supermarkets and grocery stores;
20. Hotels, hostels and others providing accommodations and food service;
21. Agriculture industry and food transportation;
22. Food and water distribution services;
23. Food processing and packaging services;
24. Security and monetary transport services;
25. Energy distribution services;
26. Fuel service stations;
27. Maritime transportation and services;
28. Airline and air travel support personnel;
29. Car rental personnel, for companies providing service to government agencies;
30. Companies that manage air, terrestrial or maritime cargo;
31. Telecommunication companies and services;
32. Media personnel – radio, TV, cable operators, newspapers;
33. Private security services;
34. Banks and financial management institutions;
35. Companies providing the following public services:
 - a. Call centers
 - b. Funeral homes and cremation services
 - c. Businesses that provide labels for food, medication, cleaning items, etc.
 - d. Laundry services
 - e. Waste management
 - f. Delivery services
 - g. Technology support services
36. Businesses dedicated to sales and distribution of medical equipment
37. Elevator maintenance companies
38. Work activities fulfilled through teleworking
39. Businesses and specific activities whose operation and mobilization has been approved by the Ministry of Health
40. Domestic, industrial or maritime plague control services
41. Hardware stores

Food and medication delivery services are allowed to operate until 10:00 p.m.

Establishments that operate during the mobility restriction period, curfew and total quarantine, must meet biosecurity guidance described in Resolution No. 405 dated May 11, 2020, and Sanitary guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health.

Article 8: A sanitary barrier will be established around the provinces of Panama and West Panama as of January 4 until January 14, 2021.

To ensure compliance with this measure, sanitary authorities, with help from security forces, will establish control posts or others that they may consider necessary to ensure compliance with the dispositions established in this Executive Decree:

- a. Province of Panama: National Police checkpoint, in the Chepo District
- b. Province of West Panama: At “Balneario El Lago”, in the Capira District

Article 9: During the mobility restriction period, curfew and total quarantine, construction of public works will continue.

Article 10: Access and use of parks, plazas, stadiums, gymnasiums, the Cinta Costera, Amador Causeway, beaches, rivers and public pools are forbidden during total quarantine.

Article 11: During total quarantine open and closed social areas, gymnasiums and pools belonging to apartment buildings, neighborhoods and hotels cannot be used. Meetings or celebrations that include people not living in the same household are forbidden.

Article 12: The Ministry of Health, in conjunction with offices of public safety will ensure compliance with the measures established in this Executive Decree.

Article 13: Violations to this Executive Decree are punishable by the corresponding authorities.

Article 14: This Executive Decree is in immediate effect (as of December 28, 2020).