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New measures announced on May 17 regarding COVID-19

Santo Domingo.- During a speech given by President Danilo Medina on May 17, 2020, the Executive Power of the Dominican Republic announced the following measures regarding the national strategy established to face the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Starting on May 18, the state of emergency will be extended 15 additional days, and the curfew hours will be Monday-Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 5 a.m., and Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The programs “Quédate en Casa” and FASE are extended for an additional month.
- The “Pa’ Ti” support program for informal workers begins.

Transport and mobility starting May 20

- Only state public transportation (Metro, Cable Car and OMSA) will begin to operate from 6:00 a.m. at 6 p.m.
- Public transport will operate at 30% of its usual capacity.
- The use of masks is mandatory at all times.
- Users should remain distant and silent, avoiding socializations.
- The private collective transport units will be activated in the next phase.

First phase of de-escalation starting on May 20

- Micro and small companies will operate with no more than 50% of their employees.
- Medium and large companies must operate with no more than 25% of their employees.
- The public sector will start operating with 50% of the staff.

The closure the following continues: air, land and sea borders; entertainment or recreation activities; caravans, marches and rallies; shopping malls, games of chance, hotel industry; educational centers and institutions of higher education. Restaurants can only operate for pick-up orders and home deliveries.

Separate starting hours: 7 a.m. for supermarkets, pharmacies, construction, industrial free zones, ports, airports for ferry flights, agricultural, industrial and mining activities; 8 am . for the public sector work; 9 a.m. for the operations of hardware stores, vehicle dealers, workshops, the financial industry, furniture and electrical appliance stores, the service sector, textile stores, among others.

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