

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**DECREE** whereby a strategy for the reopening of the social, educational and economic activities, as well as a traffic light system, by region, to evaluate on a weekly basis the epidemic risk related to the reopening of activities in each state, and, also extraordinary actions, are established.

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In the margin, a stamp with the National Seal, which states: United Mexican States.- HEALTH. Department of Health.

JORGE CARLOS ALCOCCER VARELA, Secretary of Health, in accordance with articles 4<sup>th</sup>, fourth paragraph, and 73, section XVI, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States; 39 of the Organic Law for the Federal Public Administration; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sections I, II, III and XV, 4<sup>th</sup>, section III, 7<sup>th</sup>, sections I and XV, 13, paragraph A, sections V, IX and X, 133, Section IV, 134, sections II and XIV, 135, 141, 147 and 184 of the General Health Law, Second, section V and Third, of the Decree declaring extraordinary actions in the affected regions of the entire national territory in matters of general health, to address the serious disease of priority attention generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19), and

### CONSIDERING

That, on March 27, 2020, the Decree declaring extraordinary actions in the affected regions of the entire national territory in matters of general health, to address the serious disease of priority attention generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19), was published in the Official Journal of the Federation;

That among the indicated extraordinary measures, the need for the Department of Health to implement other measures it deems necessary, in addition to those expressly stated in said Decree, was contemplated;

That on March 30, 2020, the General Health Council published, in the Official Journal of the Federation, the Decree declaring as a health emergency due to force majeure, the epidemic of the disease caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19), indicating that the Department of Health would determine all actions that become necessary to address said emergency;

That the Decree establishing extraordinary actions to address with the health emergency caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus published in the Official Journal of the Federation on March 31, 2020, ordered the immediate suspension of non-essential activities, from March 30 to April 30, 2020, term that was extended until May 30, 2020, by other Decree published on April 21, 2020;

That also, in the Decree mentioned in the preceding paragraph establishes, as one of the extraordinary actions, that upon termination of the validity of the term for the measures established in the same Decree, the Department of Health, in coordination with other departments, would issue the guidelines for the return of labor, economic and social activities in the country, orderly, in phases and by region;

That the Decree published on April 21, 2020 provided that the extraordinary measures shall no longer be implemented commencing on May 18, 2020 in those municipalities in the national territory that, as of such date, show a low or no transmission of the SARS-CoV2 virus;

That the General Health Council, in its third meeting of the 2020 Permanent Session, held on May 12, 2020, approved measures to continue with the mitigation of the epidemic caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus, following the National Social Distancing Period, whose implementation corresponds to the Department of Health; and

That in such regard, it is necessary to have a strategy for the reopening of the social, educational and economic activities, as well as a system that allows for the weekly evaluation of the epidemic risk related to the reopening of the activities in a gradual, orderly and careful manner, as well as to establish additional extraordinary measures to those already established. Therefore, I have proceeded to issue the following:

**DECREE**

**FIRST ARTICLE.-** The purpose of this Decree is the establishment of a strategy for the reopening of the social, educational and economic activities, as well as of a traffic light system, by region, to evaluate, on a weekly basis the epidemic risk related to the reopening of the activities in each state, as well as to establish extraordinary measures.

**SECOND ARTICLE.-** The strategy consists of the reopening of activities gradually, in an orderly fashion and carefully, considering the following phases:

- i) **Phase 1.-** Commences on May 18, 2020, with the reopening of activities in those municipalities where there are no COVID-19 cases and that, in addition, are not adjacent to municipalities with COVID-19 cases;
- ii) **Phase 2.-** Occurring from May 18 to May 31, 2020, and consists of performing general actions intended for the preparation for the reopening of activities in general, such as: the creation of health protocols for the safe restarting of activities, personnel training for safety in the work environment, reconditioning of spaces and productive processes, as well as the implementation of entry, sanitization and hygiene filters in the workplace, among others, as determined by the Department of Health, pursuant to Article Fourth, second paragraph, of this Decree, and
- iii) **Phase 3.-** Commencing on June 1, 2020, in accordance with the traffic light system, by region, for the reopening of social, educational and economic activities.

**THIRD ARTICLE .-** The traffic light system referred to in the First and Second Articles and that is inserted as an Exhibit to this Decree, establishes, by color, the sanitary safety measures appropriate for labor and educational activities and for the use of public spaces, among others.

**FOURTH ARTICLE .-** It is established, as an extraordinary measure, that the construction industry, mining and that related to the manufacturing of transportation equipment shall be deemed essential activities.

The companies that perform the activities referred to in the preceding paragraph may begin working on June 1, 2020.

Likewise, from May 18 to May 31, 2020, such companies shall implement the sanitary safety guidelines in the work environment published by the Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of the Economy and the Department of Labor and Social Welfare, as well as with the Mexican Social Security Institute.

**FIFTH ARTICLE.-** The municipalities where, as of May 18, 2020, no COVID-19 cases exist and that, in addition, are not adjacent to municipalities with COVID-19 cases, may restart school activities, mobility in public spaces, indoor or outdoor, as well as the essential and non-essential labor activities of their population.

The Department of Health, no later than May 17, 2020, by means of a technical communication that will be published in the website [www.salud.gob.mx](http://www.salud.gob.mx), shall inform which are the municipalities referred to in the preceding paragraph. Also, the Department of Health, in coordination with the states' sanitary authorities, will establish the COVID-19 preventive and control measures, specific to these municipalities.

In those municipalities with indigenous populations, in addition activate, the "Guide for the care of indigenous and Afro-Mexican people and communities in the face of the health emergency caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus."

**TRANSITORY**

**FIRST.-** This Decree shall enter into force the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the Federation and shall be in effect until the contingency from which it arises is declared terminated.

In Mexico City on May 13, 2020. The Secretary of Health, **Jorge Carlos Alcocer Varela.-** Initials.

**EXHIBIT**

**TRAFFIC LIGHT BY REGIONS**

**Permitted activities as of June 1, 2020**

Region	Activity	Activity Description
<b>Red</b>	Schools	Suspended
	Public Spaces	Suspended
	Economic activities ONLY ESSENTIAL	Only labor activities deemed essential
<b>Orange</b>	Schools	Suspended
	Public Spaces	Reduced capacity in activities at outdoor public spaces. Indoor spaces, suspended
	General economic activities	Labor activities deemed essential and non-essential activities with reduced operations
<b>Yellow</b>	Schools	Suspended
	Public Spaces	Capacity allowed for activities at outdoor spaces, and indoor spaces with restrictions
	General economic activities	All labor activities
<b>Green</b>	Schools	No restrictions
	Public Spaces	
	General economic activities	