

**Decisions taken by the Communicable Diseases High Committee meeting under the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018**

**WEEKLY COVID-19 DATA TABLES (12.04.2022)**

<b>COMPARISON TABLE</b>			
	<b>5.04.2022</b>	<b>12.04.2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total number of cases	4,670	2,619	-43.92%
Number of local cases	4,670	2,619	-43.92%
Cases from abroad	0	0	0.00%
Number of cases per 100,000	1,222.51	685.60	-43.92%
Local cases per 100,000	1,222.51	685.60	-43.92%
Number of tests	122,616	96,035	-21.68%
Test positivity rate	3.81%	2.72%	-28.53%
Being treated in hospital	46	38	-17.39%
Being treated in intensive care	8	6	-25.00%
Intensive care rate	0.12%	0.15%	25.00%
Number of active cases	6,705	3,939	-41.25%
Number of cases who passed away	6	4	-33.33%

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES PER 100,000 BY DISTRICT</b>			
	<b>5.04.2022</b>	<b>12.04.2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
TRNC GENERAL	174.3	97.7	-43.93%
LEFKOŞA	226.4	146.4	-35.34%
GAZİMAĞUSA	175.6	90.2	-48.66%
GİRNE	122.9	67.7	-44.88%
İSKELE	150.9	39.4	-73.89%
GÜZELYURT	158.4	76.2	-51.89%
LEFKE	118.8	67.0	-43.58%

## DECISIONS

### A. RULES REGARDING ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

1. **People who are vaccinated or who have had the disease** will be able to enter the country without quarantine or tests.

*\* The definition of a person who is vaccinated or who has had the disease is specified below.*

2. **Unvaccinated people** will be able to enter the country with a pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours or negative antigen result from the last 24 hours.

### Definitions:

- People aged 18 and over for whom 14 days have passed and 270 days (9 months) have not passed since their second dose (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) will be considered as vaccinated.
- People aged 18 and over for whom 270 days (9 months) have passed since their second dose (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) will be considered vaccinated if they have had their booster dose.
- People 12-18 inclusive will be considered vaccinated if 14 days have passed since the second dose of vaccine (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) and without a booster dose. Unvaccinated children aged between 12 and 18 will be subject to the rules for unvaccinated people.
- A Covid-19 test will not be sought from children under the age of 12.
- People who have had the disease and at least 10 days but not more than 180 days have passed since their positive PCR test will be subject to the rules for vaccinated people.
- People who have had the Covid-19 disease and received 1 dose of vaccine and not more than 180 days have passed will be considered as vaccinated.
- People will also be considered vaccinated if they receive two different doses of the vaccines specified below.

### **ACCEPTED VACCINES:**

- SINOVAC
- SINOPHARM (VEROCELL)
- COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech)
- VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson
- SPUTNIK V
- MODERNA
- NOVAVAX
- COVISHIELD (Astrazeneca/Oxford)
- COVAXIN
- CANSINOBI
- TURKOVAC

## B. RULES REGARDING INLAND BORDER CROSSINGS

3. **Based on the results of the assessment of the epidemiological situation, it has been decided that people can cross without the requirement for a Covid-19 test by lifting the rules applying to inland crossings.**

## C. RULES REGARDING THE ADA (ISLAND) PASS CHECK

4. The criteria to be accepted as vaccinated under the Adapass system are as follows:

People who have had the:

COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech)

VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford)

their MODERNA

} vaccines and 6 months have passed since  
2nd dose;

CORONAVAC (Sinovac) and TURKOVAC vaccine and 3 months have passed since their 2nd dose;

COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson vaccine and 3 months have passed;

will be regarded as unvaccinated people **within the country** and have their Adapasses cancelled if they do not have their 3rd dose vaccines.

People who have had the disease will continue to be regarded as vaccinated for up to 90 days.

- ✓ **Adapass checks will continue for unvaccinated people, with antigen tests from within the last 24 hours, at the entrances to indoor entertainment centres (bars, clubs, etc.), casinos, cinemas/theatres, the indoor areas of hotels, indoor children's play areas, barber shops/hairdressers/beauty salons, spa centres, tattoo parlours, night clubs, restaurants/cafes, and indoor sports hall activities.**
- ✓ People visiting care homes for the elderly must submit a negative Covid-19 test result from the last 24 hours.
- ✓ In order for the Adapass checks to be carried out actively at the above-mentioned businesses, businesses must have an authorised person.

## D. RULES REGARDING SECTOR WORKERS

5. There is no test requirement for fully vaccinated people working in the sectors operating in our country. However, fully vaccinated school/special education centre, care home-nursing home and prison staff will not be evaluated in this context, and will continue to have tests once every 7 days.  
Unvaccinated sector workers stated in the table below will repeat their antigen tests once every 72 hours.

**TABLE: TESTS THAT SECTOR WORKERS MUST HAVE**

<b>(FULLY VACCINATED: NO TEST) (UNVACCINATED: ANTIGEN TEST ONCE EVERY 72 HOURS)</b>	
HOTEL STAFF	THOSE WHO STAY IN WORKER ACCOMMODATION / LODGINGS
CASINO STAFF	BARBER/HAIRDRESSER/BEAUTY PARLOUR/TATTOO SHOP STAFF
SCHOOL/SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE STAFF	CARE HOME-NURSING HOME STAFF
PRISON STAFF	RESTAURANT STAFF
MUSICIANS	CAFÉ STAFF
BAR / CLUB STAFF	TAVERN STAFF
CINEMA STAFF	PATISSERIE STAFF
INDOOR SPORTS HALL STAFF	COFFEE SHOP / COFFEE HOUSE STAFF
INDOOR CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA STAFF	PRODUCTION / FACTORY STAFF
ENTERTAINMENT/CONCERTS AND SIMILAR EVENT OFFICIALS	BETTING SHOP STAFF
NIGHT CLUB STAFF	

6. Mask, hygiene and disinfection rules must be adhered in all businesses, both inside the workplace and at entrances and exits. It is the responsibility of workplaces to take and implement these measures. Similarly, mask, hygiene and disinfection rules must be adhered to in public transport. The responsibility belongs to the driver and employer.

#### **E. RULES REGARDING PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTACTS**

7. Those who have been in contact with a Covid-19 person
- a) Fully vaccinated people (two doses for Jansen, three doses for the others) who have been in contact with a Covid-19 positive person will continue with their daily lives by wearing a mask and monitoring their symptoms. These people will have an antigen test done on the 5<sup>th</sup> day if they have no symptoms.
  - b) People whose vaccinations are incomplete or who are unvaccinated will also continue with their daily lives by wearing a mask. These people will have antigen tests done on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day.
  - c) People whose vaccinations are incomplete or who are unvaccinated and who work in special education centres, elderly care homes, prisons, or who stay and provide service in areas where care is provided to high risk people, and who have been in contact with a Covid-19 positive person, will isolate for 7 days and have a PCR test done at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> day. If the result is negative, their isolation will end.
  - d) If a Covid-19 positive person has entered quarantine with a carer because they are a child or in need of care, or for a similar reason, when the patient's test turns negative vaccinated carers can continue with their daily lives by adhering to mask, distancing and hygiene rules if the carer's result is negative. Vaccinated carers will have an antigen test done on the 5<sup>th</sup> day, and unvaccinated carers on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. These people will have a PCR test done earlier if they show symptoms before the specified time periods. If they are positive, the positive patient follow-up processes will begin.
  - e) If in schools a student's test result is positive, the contact students determined by the Contact Tracking Unit will have PCR tests and isolate at home until their test result comes out. During this process, the Ministry of Health's CONTACT TRACKING UNIT decides on people's isolation status and reports it to the school administration or

the school pandemic committee. The rest of the class will continue their education at school by wearing masks and not coming into contact with other classes.

- f) Except for school staff and students, people with symptoms will first have an antigen test and if the antigen is positive, a PCR test will be performed. People who have severe symptoms despite their antigen test being negative will be able to have a PCR test at the request of a doctor.

- **The Attendance Of A Child At School If There Is A Covid-19 Positive Case In The Family:**

	CHILD	THE COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN THE SAME HOME	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
VACCINE	FULLY VACCINATED	FULLY VACCINATED	ATTENDS SCHOOL
	FULLY VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	ATTENDS SCHOOL
	UNVACCINATED	FULLY VACCINATED	ATTENDS SCHOOL
	UNVACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	DOES NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

**F. RULES REGARDING COVID-19 POSITIVE PEOPLE**

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- ✓ The isolation process of a person starts after the message that their Covid-19 PCR test result is positive (Day 0).
  - ✓ If a second test is performed by going to another test centre, the result of the second test will not be taken into account.
  - ✓ The isolation period is 10 days without testing. However, people can have a control PCR test once between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> days (both days included). If the test result is negative then the isolation period ends. School/special education centres, nursing home-care home and prison workers can have their control PCR tests done between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> days (both days included). **However, the isolation period of employees in these sectors is terminated based on an absolutely negative PCR/antigen test result.**
  - ✓ The School Pandemic Boards established in each school and the Ministry of Health contact team will consult with each other to manage the follow-up of Covid-19 positive patients and contacts.
  - ✓ If positive people experience symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain and an increase in symptoms (fever, coughing, fatigue, headache, etc.) at home, they can call the doctor's number given to them from the number 0533 878 1030 and seek help. For home quarantine to be applied to Covid-19 positive people, there must be a separate room in a way that there will be no contact with other individuals in the home (house, dormitory, lodgings, etc). If the same bath and toilet is used in the home then these places are disinfected after each use. Disinfection is done with bleach diluted to a rate of 1%. (1 small tea cup of bleach placed into 10 litres of water.)

A Covid-19 positive person placed in home quarantine cannot leave the home during quarantine (they can only leave in the case of an emergency, with the knowledge of

the quarantine centre) and absolutely no visitors are allowed into the home where they have been placed in quarantine.

Official documents will not be issued by the Ministry of Health to Covid-19 positive people who do not have any records on the Pandemic Information System.

## G. RULES REGARDING EDUCATION

9. In this context each school:

- a) Is responsible for setting up a “School Pandemic Committee”. This committee will work in coordination with the Ministry of Health and will consist of at least 2 people. (2 people for up to 250 students, and +1 person for every 250-plus students.) The contact details of the responsible person of the committee formed should be forwarded to the Ministry of Health.
- b) The Communicable Diseases High Committee will hold meetings with Pandemic Committee representatives determined by the National Education and Culture Ministry to assess the situation as necessary.
- c) **Transportation at Schools**
  - Students, drivers and supervisors will wear masks on school buses.
  - Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance to school buses.
  - Supervisors on school buses will ask students about symptoms. Students with symptoms such as a fever, sore throat, cough, etc., will not be allowed on the bus.
  - School pandemic committees will be responsible for the disinfection of transport vehicles and the follow-up and inspection of other transport-related measures.
  - Students who are taken to school buses will be seated in the same seat every day.
  - Transportation companies and pandemic committees will be responsible for implementing these rules.

### d) Masks

It is mandatory for all school staff (including transport staff) to wear masks.

Students aged 6 and over will be required to wear masks. It is recommended that students aged 2-6 wear masks in the classroom and in indoor areas. If there are Covid-19 positive cases in pre-school classes among ages 4-6 then the contact status will be evaluated by taking into account whether or not the mask rule was applied.

Training on the use of masks will be provided by the School Pandemic Committees.

### e) The classroom

Those who work in the classroom and students aged 6 and over are required to wear a mask. It is recommended that pupils aged between 2-6 wear a mask.

Social distancing must be maintained as much as possible in the classroom (particularly in classes for pupils aged between 2-6).

Classrooms must be ventilated and disinfection rules must be followed.

Classroom teachers will ask students about symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, etc. at the classroom entrance. Students with symptoms will be sent home.

**f) Disinfection**

Training on hand disinfection will be provided by School Pandemic Committees.

Hand sanitiser should be placed in areas deemed appropriate by the school administration (canteen, dining hall, etc.).

The disinfection procedures specified in the booklet prepared by the Ministry of National Education and Culture must be followed.

Disinfection within the school will be inspected by the School Pandemic Committees.

**g) Break times**

Classes should take turns for breaks in order to prevent crowding during break times. The necessary arrangements should be made by the school administration in order to prevent crowding in the canteens.

Classes should rotate their meal times in order to prevent crowding in the dining halls.

**h) Common Use Areas**

Toilets in the school will be disinfected frequently.

Masks will always be worn in the teachers' room, which is used as a common use area, and the social distance rule will be observed.

The teachers' room, which is used as a common area, needs to be ventilated and disinfected frequently.

School Pandemic Committees will be responsible for the supervision of common areas within the school.

**i) Events**

If there is any collective activity in a school, mask and social distance rules will be observed. These activities will be carried out by minimising the interaction between classes.

**j) Tests**

- People working at schools will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days if they are vaccinated (for screening purposes), and once every 72 hours if they are unvaccinated.
- Screening tests are not mandatory for pre-school students. However, an antigen test will be requested from a parent who lives in the same home as these students once every 7 days if they are vaccinated, and once every 72 hours if they are not vaccinated.
- Primary education (from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade up to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade) students can repeat antigen tests once every 7 days. However, if these students are unable to do so, an antigen test will be requested from a parent who lives in the same home once every 7 days if they are vaccinated, and once every 72 hours if they are not vaccinated.
- Students from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade onwards (6<sup>th</sup> grade included) will repeat their antigen tests once every 7 days.
- Practices relating to higher education are being maintained in communication with the School Pandemic Committees formed within the universities.

**k) Exams**

- It has been deemed appropriate to conduct international exams to be held in our country under the conditions stated below:
- Examinees and invigilators must have negative antigen tests from within the last 7 days if they are vaccinated and from within the last 48 hours if they are unvaccinated.

- Doors and windows must be kept open at all times in order to ventilate the exam area.
- Those entering the exam area must wear masks during the exam.
- Desks in the exam area must be arranged to comply with social distancing rules
- Disinfectant must be placed at the entrance to the exam area.

#### H. GENERAL RULES REGARDING TESTS

10. With the proposal of the Laboratory Committee, the Covid-19 tests used in our country (PCR/antigen tests) must have CE-IVD certificates.
11. People will be able to perform a "Self-Test" antigen test, which they can obtain from chemists. However, these tests will not be entered into the Adapass system and will not be used for Adapass purposes.

#### I. RULES REGARDING VACCINES

12. Following the detection of the Omicron variant in our country, the "Vaccination Scheme" has been reassessed by our Committee and updated as below.

#### COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEME (Age 12 and Above)

1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dose	4 <sup>th</sup> Dose	5 <sup>th</sup> Dose
SINOVAC	SINOVAC (1 month after the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)*	BIONTECH (1-3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose)
SINOVAC	SINOVAC (1 month after the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	SINOVAC (3 months after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose. SINOVAC if there is no Biontech or if the patient does not choose it.	BIONTECH (3 months after the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose)
BIONTECH	BIONTECH (1 month after the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	BIONTECH (3-6 months after the second)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose people aged 65 and over and health workers)	
MODERNA	MODERNA (1 month after the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	MODERNA/BIONTECH H (3-6 months later)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose people aged 65 and over and health workers)	
JOHNSON	BIONTECH (3 months later)	BIONTECH (1-3 months later)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose people aged 65 and over and health workers)	
ASTRAZENECA	ASTRAZENECA (1 month later)	BIONTECH (3-6 months later)	BIONTECH (3 months after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose people aged 65 and over and health workers)	



**THE VACCINATION SCHEME FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD THE COVID-19 DISEASE DESPITE BEING FULLY VACCINATED**

\*\* These people who have had the Covid-19 disease should start vaccinating 3 months after the date they became negative.

<b>VACCINATION BEFORE BECOMING ILL</b>	<b>3rd DOSE</b>	<b>4th DOSE</b>	<b>5th DOSE</b>
2 DOSES SINOVAC	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	BIONTECH (3 months after 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)	--
2 DOSES BIONTECH	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	--	--
1 DOSE JOHNSON & JOHNSON	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	BIONTECH (3 months after 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)	--
2 DOSES MODERNA	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	--	--
2 DOSES ASTRAZENECA	BIONTECH (3 months after becoming negative)	--	--
2 DOSES SINOVAC	SINOVAC (3 months after becoming negative)	SINOVAC (4 months after becoming negative)	SINOVAC (7 months after becoming negative)

**THE VACCINATION SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD THE COVID-19 DISEASE BEFORE COMPLETING THE VACCINATION SCHEME OR BEFORE HAVING ANY VACCINATION**

These people should start vaccinating 1 month after the date they became negative.

<b>1st Dose</b>	<b>2nd Dose</b>	<b>3rd Dose</b>
BIONTECH (1 month after becoming negative)	BIONTECH (2 months after becoming negative)	---
SINOVAC (1 month after becoming negative)	SINOVAC (2 months after becoming negative)	SINOVAC (5 months after becoming negative)
ASTRAZENECA (1 month after becoming negative)	ASTRAZENECA (2 months after becoming negative)	---
MODERNA (1 month after becoming negative)	MODERNA (2 months after becoming negative)	---