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# **MINSA: MOBILITY IS RESTRICTED IN THE PROVINCES OF PANAMA AND WESTERN PANAMA**

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### **Resolution No.492 of June 6, 2020. (O.G. 29041 of June 7, 2020)**

The enactment of Executive Decree No. 644 of May 29, 2020, which decrees the Restriction nationwide, leaving without effect the restrictions of movement according to sex and number of identity card or passport throughout the national territory, and implements instead the Restriction from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. from June 1, 2020, was since its publication subject to the behavior of the health situation.

In accordance with the above and in view of the increase in COVID-19 infections, after the lifting of mobility restrictions the Ministry of Health considers it necessary to re-establish some measures to contain the spread of this disease in the national territory.

We detail below the most relevant aspects of this Resolution:

- ▶ Restrict mobility using as a basis the gender, ID number for nationals and the gender and passport number for foreigners who are within the provinces of Panama or Western Panama.
- ▶ Women may circulate within the hours corresponding to the last number of their identification card or passport on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while men may circulate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. However, on Sundays, no person may circulate, except for health reasons or for the exercise of work activity, provided that they have the necessary documentation, already established in previous provisions. On weekends, during the month of June 2020, both provinces will have a Curfew from Saturday at 5:00 p.m. until Monday at 5:00 a.m.
- ▶ Adults over sixty (60) years of age and persons with disabilities, regardless of their identification number, may travel for the exclusive purpose of obtaining food or medicine, within the hours established for them from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., under the same parameters specified by sex and day of the week. Older adults and people with disabilities may be accompanied by their life assistant, regardless of their gender.
- ▶ The exceptions contained in the Executive Decrees that establish health measures remain in force, as well as the Resolutions issued by the Ministry of Health that reactivate the operation and mobility of economic sectors.
- ▶ It will come into force from Monday, June 8, 2020.

### **Executive Decree No.693 of June 8, 2020. (O.G.29042-C of June 8, 2020)**

In addition to the mobility restrictions implemented for the provinces of Panama and West Panama, the Ministry of Health issued this decree by which it rescinded Article 3 of Executive Decree No. 644 of May 29, 2020, which established the following:

*"Article 3. As of June 8, 2020, the suspension of the terms within the administrative processes followed in the different institutions of the Government, ordered by Article 9 of Executive Decree No. 507 of March 24, 2020, is no longer in effect."*

The suspension of the terms within the administrative processes followed in the different institutions of the Government is established until June 21, 2020 throughout the national territory in accordance with Executive Decree No. 693 of June 8, 2020.

Exceptions to this suspension are the processes involving hiring contractors for works, purchases of hospital supplies and goods, medicines and other goods that have passed the stage of submission of proposals, the Department of Health, the Social Security Fund and any of its agencies when required by reason of their functions.

The actions and management carried out by the various government agencies during June 8, 2020, will be considered valid.

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