São Paulo City Hall announces new measures to prevent the proliferation of Covid-19 and guarantee medical care

The Mayor, who will move to the City Hall for the next weeks, met with Municipal Secretaries for over two hours to define new measures to contain the advance of coronavirus and guarantee medical care to citizens.

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São Paulo City Hall will adopt new measures to prevent the proliferation of coronavirus (Covid-19) in the city. Among the new measures are the authorization for employees over 60-years-old to work from home, the cancelation of public events for an undetermined time, closure of cultural facilities and it allows for the Municipal Health Secretariat to enable new 490 beds in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of public hospitals – 190 with the municipal system reorganization and at least 300 with resources from the Health Ministry – and health professionals' vacations will be delayed for 60 days, among others.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Municipal Justice Secretariat, as that are determinations and actions of administrative nature that extrapolate the sanitary aspect, the Ministerial Order nº 365/2020 must be complemented by municipal normative acts. As the municipal administration eventually will have to do emergency contracts and acquisitions, those and other measures that become necessary depend on the recognition by the local authority of the emergency situation.

“Regarding measures not explicitly addressed by the Health Ministry under administrative rule and which were requested by municipal health authorities, we legally recommend that they should be the subject of a Municipal Decree”, argued
the Municipal Secretary of Justice, Rubens Rizek. See below all the measures that will be taken by São Paulo City Hall starting tomorrow:

**Health**

- Enabling 490 new beds of ICU in the public health network, divided in the following way: reorganization of municipal health network will create 190 new beds up to 20 days and at least another 300 will be financed by the Health Ministry up to 50 days;

- Starting on the 23rd, influenza vaccination for the elderly begins;

- Health professionals will not take vacations for the next 60 days;

**Education**

- City Hall decided to suspend classes in schools beginning March 23rd;

- City Hall is studying possibilities to maintain school feeding.

**Subprefectures**

- New licenses for events will not be issued;

- The issued licenses will be canceled;

- ‘Public Attendance Places’ will only work for services that cannot be requested by the call center ‘156’, and will require previous appointment;

- Wake ceremonies will be allowed with only 10 people per room.

**Management**

- 60-year-old employees and over, pregnant women and people with suspicion of the virus will work from home;
- All interns will be discharged, except those that work in the health and security areas;

- All secretariat will organize their Human Resources framework dividing their employees in two different shifts;

- Employees, except of health and security, can anticipate their vacation time through management approval;

**Innovation and Technology**

- Innovation and Technology Secretariat will release 30 thousand remote access for employees to work from home;

**Transportation**

- Municipal vehicle restrictions by license plate numbers will be suspended;

- Elderly people should not take bus in rush hours;

- Buses will be washed in every end of trip with sanitary water;

- The ‘Transportation Museum’ will be closed;

- The ‘Tourism Line’ will be suspended;

- The ‘Elderly Free Pass’ should be requested by e-mail: atendimento.idoso@sptrans.com.br

**Housing**

- The assistance in ‘Habitation Center’ will only be held through scheduling;
Employment

- Courses and intermediation of labor suspended in the ‘Workers and Entrepreneurs Centers’ (CAT);

Social Assistance

- It will be maintained only shelter services and family visitants for elderly care;
- The service in the ‘Social Assistance Reference Centers’ (CRAS) will be only available through scheduling;
- The teams that approach the Street Population will intensify their work to convince them to accept the services provided in the centers maintained by the municipality;

Human Rights

- Public facilities will be open but without activities;

Culture

- All culture public facilities will be closed;

Environment

- Parks will remain open with restriction for indoor places;
- Events will not be allowed inside the parks;

Sports

- All ‘Sports Centers’ will be closed;
- ‘Communities Centers’ will be opened, but with the recommendation that no events should take place;
- ‘Open Streets Program’ will be suspended for undetermined time;

**Innovation and Technology**

- In the units of ‘Descomplica SP’, from Tuesday, March 17th, the services will occur only through previous scheduling in the ‘Attendance Center SP 156’ or through the website [https://descomplicasp.prefeitura.sp.gov.br/](https://descomplicasp.prefeitura.sp.gov.br);

- The units of the network ‘FAB LAB LIVRE SP’, of ‘Digilabs’ and ‘Telecenters’ will be closed and the workshops previously scheduled will be suspended for undetermined time;

**People with disabilities**

- All events were cancelled.