



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GEORGIA

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The Prime Minister of Georgia Giorgi Gakharia announced at the emergency briefing today, March 30, that the government of Georgia has been declaring a general quarantine throughout the territory of the country...

“We have decided to significantly tighten measures within the state of emergency. We are actually announcing a nationwide quarantine that will enter into force from tomorrow March 31, 08:00 am” – announced Georgia's Prime Minister Giorgi Gakharia at a briefing after the end of Coordination Council's meeting on Coronavirus.

The meeting was held today in an expanded format and was attended by members of the Council, the Mayor of Tbilisi, members of the Cabinet of Ministers and officials of disease control centers.

This quarantine means the following:

- It is completely banned any kind of public transportation (including metro), both within cities, as well as between cities.
- Private vehicles (as well as taxi) will only be allowed to travel with a maximum of three people, including the driver, and two sitting in the backseat.
- Only people needed at strategically important locations may be transported in groups in an organised manner.
- Gatherings of more than three people throughout the whole territory of the country is not allowed. This measure does not apply to grocery stores and pharmacies where people are required to keep 2 m social distancing.
- Enterprises whose operations are allowed, will continue to work with specific regulations and their own protocol to let economy continue functioning and not to let its huge potential be fully blocked and to help citizens keep their jobs as much as possible.
- Citizens over 70 will be allowed to go out only if they go to the nearest market, pharmacy or hospital.
- If our citizens over 70 solitudes, both the Ministry of Economy and the ministry Health as well as local municipalities are obliged to support and take care.
- The most importantly - citizens will not be allowed to walk out or travel by car from 21:00pm to 6:00am. It means that we are declaring a curfew.
- In an attempt to control the movement and citizens and control their health more effectively, special checkpoints will be set up in Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi, Rustavi, Poti, Zugdidi and Gori where thermal screening and health checkup will be available.
- One of the important point – anytime while going out from home each citizen should have an ID document with them.”, - declared the Prime Minister of Georgia.