**Approved Normative Acts (As of Mar 4, 2020)**

**Georgian Government Decrees:**

* **GG Decree#164, dated January 28, 2020 on** “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Georgia and Approval of an Emergency Response Plan for cases caused by COVID -19”
* **GG Decree#377, dated February 26, 2020 on** “Amendments in GG Decree#164, dated January 28, 2020 on “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Georgia and Approval of an Emergency Response Plan for cases caused by COVID -19”

**Approved Orders**

(Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs;

National Center for Disease Control and Public Health):

* **Ministerial Order#01-18/o, dated January 24, 2020** on” Provision of Measures to Prevent the Possible Import and Spread of Novel Coronavirus”
* **Ministerial Order#01-62/o, dated February 21, 2020 on „**Provision of Measures to Prevent the Spread and Management of COVID-19”

* **(NCDC) General Director’s Order# 06-9/o, dated January 24, 2020** on “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Import and Spread of COVID-19 in Georgia “
* **(NCDC) General Director’s Order# 06-27/o, dated February 7, 2020 on** “Approval of Temporary Recommendations In Terms of the Novel Coronavirus (n-CoV)”
* **(NCDC) General Director’s Order# 06-32/o, dated February 12, 2020 on “**Approval of Temporary Methodological Recommendations for Medical Facilities and Public Health Centers on Necessary Sample Receiving from Possible Case of 2019-nCoV to Lab Testing”.

**GG Decree#164, dated January 28, 2020 on “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Georgia and Approval of an Emergency Response Plan for cases caused by COVID -19”**

**Major Paragraphs refer to:**

1. Approval the attached "Operational Response Plan”
2. Relevant state agencies’ financial commitments to fund the defined measures
3. Simplified procurement procedures
4. Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs defined as an overall coordinator
5. Additional funds allocated to the Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs as needed

**GG Decree#377, dated February 26, 2020 on “Amendments in GG Decree#164, dated January 28, 2020 on “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Georgia and Approval of an Emergency Response Plan for cases caused by COVID -19”**

**Amendments refer to:**

* Each engaged bodies must elaborate own operational plans including financial estimations until March 1, 2020
* To fund the defined measures within their own budget allocations
* If needed the Ministry of Finances will be requested to allocate additional funds for the relevant agencies
* The National Center for Disease Control and Public Health is defined a secretariat agency

**Emergency Operational Plan (summary)**

The Operational Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus 2019-nCov Cases (hereinafter - Coronavirus) defines the commitments and responsibilities of the related structural agencies for national response measures.

The Plan includes the following measures to respond to a case of coronavirus disease: disease detection, identification, validation and risk assessment; laboratory testing; notification of responsible bodies; surveillance / response action; informing the public about the risks associated with coronavirus disease, the elimination / mitigation of the effects and the getting out of the situation.

The purpose of the Plan is to ensure the country preparedness to respond to coronavirus disease, both though preventive measures and disease outbreak.

**Strategic Objectives**:

Country preparedness for expected threats in case the disease is imported;

Measures to prevent or reduce the effects of imported and local transmission;

Support efforts to meet international regulations (WHO) to stop, slow down, restrict and report the outbreak of coronavirus;

Mobilizing health care systems for the treatment and assistance of patients with coronavirus through continuing provision of essential health services to the population;

Continuous provision of public information and media engagement

**Engaged Bodies:**

Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs together with the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC) and the Emergency Situations Coordination and Urgent Medical Assistance Center

Ministry of Internal Affairs / Police

Ministry of Finance / Revenue Service

National Food Agency

Georgian Public Broadcaster

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development / United Airports of Georgia

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports

Obligations and Authority:

**Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs together with the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC) and the Emergency Situations Coordination and Urgent Medical Assistance Center**

* Coordination of the implementation of the Plan with all relevant government agencies in compliance with International Health Regulations
* Development of a case management protocol with the involvement of experts
* Implementation of screening within competences
* Surveillance of cases (including lab diagnostics)
* If needed, send the suspected / confirmed samples to WHO reference lab for further studies
* Quarantine of passengers coming from the areas of the coronavirus spread to further isolate and restrict them
* Identify medical facilities and enact a referral mechanism for the management of suspicious and / or confirmed cases
* Provision of trainings, relevant information to the medical staff, epidemiologists and other target groups in compliance with WHO recommendations
* Enhancement of infection control measures for the prevention of spread of new coronavirus

**Ministry of Internal Affairs / Police**

* Coordination of all preventive and response measures based on the aforementioned Decree and provision of safety and security of medical facilities
* Provision of assistance and safety during the transportation of patients by an ambulance or any other kind of vehicle for the isolation and restriction purposes
* Provision of isolation and safety of Coronavirus foci
* Provision of public order and safety of strategic state facilities
* Distribution of informational leaflets to passengers arriving from the Coronavirus transmission areas
* Registration of passengers arriving at border checkpoints in Georgia from Coronavirus transmission areas (WHO defined high-risk zones)- Registration of Entry Characteristics (eg. Flight Number, Type of Vehicle, co-passengers), contact information and date of exit

**Ministry of Finance / Revenue Service**

* Distribution of informational leaflets to passengers arriving from the Coronavirus transmission areas
* Arrangement of passengers arriving at border checkpoints in Georgia from Coronavirus transmission areas (WHO defined high-risk zones), including the passengers from transit zones, through international airports and major checkpoints (including three ones from Islamic Republic of Iran)
* Collection of detailed travel history according to the information received
* Screening according to International Health Regulations
* Immediate notification of the NCDC
* The National Food Agency and the Revenue Service will enforce prohibition of import of live animals from the People’s Republic of China

**Georgian Public Broadcaster** will be requested to provide the public with correct and relevant information about the Coronavirus outbreak and preventive measures to reduce the risks of exposure.

**Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development / United Airports of Georgia**

* Provision of information to the individuals and legal entities engaged into the touristic industry about the spread of Coronavirus
* Temporary cancellation of international direct flights from:
* People’s Republic of China
* Islamic Republic of Iran (since Feb 23, 2020)

Restrictions do not refer to vacant aircrafts from these countries arriving to Georgia in order to take passengers back. The restrictions can be reconsidered depending on epidemiologic situation and in compliance with the Ministry’s directives.

The United Airports of Georgia will be requested to provide immediate procurement and installation of thermo scanners and other relevant equipment at the international airports of Georgia within their budget allocations and to provide temporary transition of ownership (free of charge) to the Revenue Service for screening purposes of the passengers.

In case the total cost of the procurement exceeds 75, 000 EURO the United Airports of Georgia is authorized to apply to the Ministry of Finances for additional allocations.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

* Informing relevant embassies about the need for health insurance for the citizens of their countries willing to travel to Georgia, about the health conditions of their citizens residing in Georgia and about the preventive measures of coronavirus infection spread
* Informing the relevant bodies and international organizations abroad regarding the morbidity data in the country
* Informing the Government of Georgia about the health condition of Georgian citizens residing in high-risk zone countries and other countries including the coronavirus case diagnosed cases.

Considering the possibility of introducing a temporary visa regime with countries defined as high -risk areas.

**Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports**

* Based on recommendations with the Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Terriotries, Labour, Health and Social Affairs and the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health consider the implementation of preventive measures at schools, professional, higher educational and scientific -research institutions.

**Ministerial Order#01-18/o, dated January 24, 2020 on” Provision of Measures to Prevent the Possible Import and Spread of New Coronavirus”**

In regards of possible import and transmission of New Coronaviruses into the country for the purpose of prevention, case definition, epidemiologic monitoring, immediate and adequate response, on the basis of the Ministry of IDPs from Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs it was established a Coordinating Commission composed under the lead of the First Deputy Minister (later replaced by Minister) including the members: Representatives of the Ministry of IDPs from Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs; LEPL - National Center for Disease Control and Public Health and LEPL Emergency Management Center. Heads of WHO (country office) and Scientific-Practical Center for Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology were requested to participate at the meetings.

**•Ministerial Order#01-62/o, dated February 21, 2020 on „Provision of Measures to Prevent the Spread and Management of COVID-19”**

-Temporary Methodological Recommendations for individuals being in contact with COVID-19 (Appendix 1)

-Temporary recommendations of infection prevention and control (guideline) to be provided to the Emergency Services (Appendix 2)

- Passenger’s questionnaire (Appendix 3)

- Informed Consent (for individuals departing from transmission countries and arriving at the Georgian border (Appendix 4)

**Appendix 1 (sub-paragraphs)**

* Isolation of contacted individuals
* Case Definition
* New Case Definition
* Testing
* Isolation, Restriction and Surveillance of Contacted Individuals
* Other Case Definition
* Medical personnel
* Isolation
* Self-Isolation
* Isolation in allocated space
* Measures for quarantine

**Appendix 2 (sub-paragraphs)**

* Cleaning and disinfection of an ambulance car, devices and equipment
* Vaccination of emergency service personnel
* Recommendations for infection prevention and control for emergency service personnel during the transportation of patient
* Patient’s isolation standards in an ambulance car
* Prevention and control of infection during transportation

**(NCDC) General Director’s Order# 06-9/o, dated January 24, 2020 on “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Import and Spread of COVID-19 in Georgia “**

Establishment of a special commission within the scope and competences of the Center