

FAQ for “Phase 2”

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Changes since the 26 April Decree

1. What’s new since the 26 April decree?

The 26 April decree introduces, from the 4 May, a few new provisions, including for, example, the possibility of visiting one’s relatives who live in the same region and the reopening of public parks and gardens. However, these things are only possible as long as health measures are respected and people do not congregate (mayors can decide to temporarily shut parks again if it’s not possible to guarantee this). This means no picnics or barbecues! N.B. The Mayor of Rome has decided not to open beaches until after 17 May.

The use of masks in enclosed spaces accessible to the public is mandatory (including on public transport and in shops).

The new decree also establishes the obligation for those with respiratory symptoms and a temperature above 37.5 degrees to stay in their own homes.

From 4 May, it will continue to be possible to engage in individual physical and sports activity, but also further away from one’s home; when conducting sports activities, an interpersonal distance of 2m must be respected. Professional solo sport athletes may also resume their training.

Another important change is the possibility of holding funerals, with a maximum number of attendees set at 15 people, who must nonetheless wear masks. Preferably these should be held outdoors.

From 4 May, take out will be allowed from restaurants, cafes, and similar businesses, in addition to the delivery services which have been allowed thus far.

Several productive and industrial activities are restarting, mainly those geared towards exports; the manufacturing and construction sectors, as well as wholesale activities and related may resume as long as they respect workplace safety rules in force.

Journeys

2. Can I go out to visit someone?

Visits are exclusively allowed to see one’s “*congiunti*” (see question 3) and fall into the category of journeys justified by ‘other needs.’ Nonetheless, it is strongly recommended that visits with people you don’t cohabit with are limited to the maximum extent, since this increases the risk of spreading COVID-19. Whenever such visits are undertaken, the following measures must be respected: avoid gatherings, an interpersonal distance of at least 1 meter must be maintained, and masks must be worn.

3. Who are considered to be “*congiunti*”, with whom we’re allowed to meet, according to Article 1, paragraph A of the 26 April 2020 decree?

The term “*congiunti*” refers to spouses, cohabiting partners, civil partners, people bound by a stable emotional bond (which does NOT include friends!), as well as family members up to the 6th degree (such as the children of cousins) and in-laws up to the 4th degree (such as your spouse’s cousins).

4. Can I go out for a walk?

You can only leave your home to go to work, for health reasons, for other needs (the decree now includes visits to relatives), or for sports/other physical activity outside. Therefore, walks are only allowed when strictly necessary to carry out a journey justified by one of the motives just mentioned. For example, walks are justified to buy groceries, to buy newspapers, to go to the pharmacy, or, in other words, to buy essential goods or go to any open store. Furthermore, outings are justified for outdoor sport/other physical activity. It remains understood that justification for allowed journeys, in the event of checks, can be supplied with a self-certification form. Justification for work reasons can also be proven by showing adequate documentation provided by one’s employer (badges or similar). In any case, all journeys are subject to the general ban on gatherings, and therefore, the requirement to respect the minimum interpersonal distance of 1 meter.

5. Are there limits for persons with symptoms of a respiratory infection and a fever above 37.5 degrees?

Persons with such symptoms are required to stay in their own home, limit social contact as much as possible, and call their doctor.

6. Can I go out to buy goods other than foodstuffs?

Yes, but only to purchase products that fall into the categories of goods that are allowed to be sold according to the 26 April 2020 decree, listed in [Annex 1 and Annex 2 \(Allegato 1 & Allegato 2\)](#).

7. If I’m away from my home or residence, can I return to it?

Yes, the decree ensures that it is always allowed to return to one’s own *primary* home or residence, even if it is in a different region.

8. Once I have returned home as allowed in the 26 April 2020 decree, is it possible to travel to a region different from the one of my home?

The 26 April 2020 decree allows journeys between different regions exclusively where there are proven work needs, urgent need, or for health reasons. Therefore, once you have reached your own home, even if from a different region, journeys beyond the borders of your present region will not be allowed if they don’t fall under one of the above listed legitimate motives.

9. I have an underage child; can I accompany them to a public park, villa, or garden?

Yes. Access to public parks, villas, and gardens is allowed, subject to strict compliance with the ban on all forms of gatherings and an interpersonal distance of at least 1 meter. Playgrounds cannot be used as they remain closed according to the 26 April 2020 decree.

10. Is physical or sports activity allowed?

Outdoor physical or sports activities are allowed only if carried out individually, unless the persons are cohabiting. From 4 May, outdoor physical and sports activities will be allowed also further away from one’s own residence. A person may accompany minors or persons who are otherwise dependent.

An interpersonal distance of 2 meters must be respected when engaging in sports activities, while 1-meter interpersonal distance must be observed for all other physical activity. In any case, gatherings are prohibited.

With the aim of engaging in physical or sports activities, public or private means of transport may be used to reach the location intended for such activity. Sports or other physical activity may not be undertaken outside of one’s own region.

11. We are an athletic team; can we privately train as long as we respect social distancing measures?

No. Training sessions for professional and non-professional athletes are allowed, respecting social distancing measures and without gathering, only for solo sport athletes. Nonetheless, both professional and non-professional athletes – like any other citizen – are allowed to undertake individual exercise activities in both public and private spaces as long as an interpersonal distance of 2 meters is respected and avoiding any type of gathering.

12. Can I ride my bike?

The use of one's bike is allowed to reach work, home, or any stores which remain open. It is also allowed to carry out outdoor physical activity. In any case, the minimum interpersonal distance must be respected.

13. Can I go to the cemetery to pay respect to a deceased loved one outside of the context of a funeral?

Yes, you can visit the cemetery as long as it is within your own region and you respect the minimum interpersonal distance of 1 meter and the ban on gatherings.

Like in parks, the ban on gatherings must be respected in cemeteries; where it's not possible to guarantee that this is respected, the Mayor concerned may temporarily closed these areas.

For the rules concerning funeral services, see question 1.

14. What are the rules governing international travel?

For information regarding international travel, please consult [the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation](#).