

REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNION OF ALBANIA

On 9 March (with the first two cases identified) the Confederation of Trade Unions of Albania proposes to the Government a number of points that will serve as a manual in the fight against Covid 19

1. We propose to the Albanian Government a 100% pay-off to all health personnel in the country that this period will be engaged in the battle against coronavirus. The reward should be given to all employees, ranging from managers, doctors to nurses, to sanitation and to hospital guards from Tropoja to Saranda.
2. Monitor pharmacies to no longer abuse the price of protective equipment such as gloves and disinfectants. In the unlawful event the punishment should be severe under the law.
3. Establish quarantine hospitals in each city of the country to isolate persons suspected of being infected with coronavirus and establish an emergency headquarters.
4. All parents who have children in kindergarten, pre-school, and 9-year education must receive a paid work permit from one of the parents. It makes no sense to close schools and have both parents at work. This is a measure taken in all countries of the European Union in case of pandemics.
5. Increase security controls and measures in companies and enterprises with over 500 employees working indoors as a call-center or front desk. The Labor Inspectorate and the Health Inspectorate control the entry and exit of the employees with thermal cameras.

6. The government should consider temporarily shutting down these businesses if they do not have the capacity to manage and control whether these businesses that have over 500 employees have the capacity to provide security and security to their employees.
7. Public and private employers to be cooperative not only with state law enforcement agencies but also with all those employees who will need permission or financial or financial support to overcome this difficult situation. The CTUA has open doors for any employee seeking to denounce owners who do not respond to their call for help.
8. The municipality shall issue orders to discontinue the operation of urban transport lines or that such lines shall not carry more than half of their capacity. If this rule does not apply, companies will face sanctions until the license is revoked.
9. The Municipality of Tirana should periodically disinfect all public facilities, urban stations, interurban stations in public transport vehicles.
10. The NFA and the City Hall should conduct periodic inspections in the city markets and punish any lawlessness, mainly price abuse by speculative traders. For every case of abuse, legal punishment will apply.
11. The Confederation of Trade Unions of Albania offers all its assistance in the service of the Albanian state to cope with this situation.
12. We have well-known experts in the field of health who are ready to venture alongside institutions in the fight against cancer 19.
13. Today, Albania needs professionals and solidarity!

MEASURES OF THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT

On March 10, the Albanian government announced the first program of measures against coronavirus.

- It was decided to close educational institutions.
- All medical staff will be rewarded for their work with an extra salary. Rama said doctors and nurses would be paid an extra 1000 euros during the Covid-19, while drivers and sanitation would pay an additional 500 euros.
- Schedule leave for one of the foster parents of children who attend / attend kindergartens, pre-school and basic education, who are civil servants and other public administration staff at central and local level, as well as at other institutions state.
- Zero-cost retirement home for the elderly, starting this month until the end of this situation.
- Closing to the public until April 3, all facilities that provide services such as discos, nightclubs, recreational facilities such as social centers, gyms, swimming pools.
- Limitation of contacts in public and non-public residential institutions. For social centers that provide services such as the elderly, people with disabilities, children without parental support, contact with persons outside the structure where they reside will be avoided.
- The postal service authorities should ensure continuity of service and develop a plan of measures to avoid contact with personnel.
- Private employers to take measures to prevent the spread of the virus. Avoid contact with the public if the service can be provided online.
- All processes and procedures for public employment vacancies will be temporarily suspended.

Government measures to stop people from moving and moving have been tightening. The government has stated that economic manufacturing enterprises will continue to operate, and that the economic production chain will not be cut.

The most damaging measure is the ban on public transport across the country and the restriction of private car transport.

The sectors and workers most affected are those in the services sector and tourism hotels.

What is most damaging to the economy, production is the decline in exports in particular to the Fashion sector, due to the impact of countries such as Italy, France, Spain and other countries in which production is exported.

Freemasons and Call center and the largest employers in the country have continued to work but the damages are high not only for exports but also for workers, as many are forced to leave their jobs to take care of the children and fear of spreading disease.

Some of the largest employers in these sectors have stated that they are paying non-working workers for this period, counting them as annual leave.

They have predicted that if prolonged periods will make it impossible to cope. Their maximum payroll capacity is up to 1 month, then they will be forced to sever their employment.

The most disadvantaged in Albania in terms of economic impacts are the poor who have mostly worked in secondary services, trading that even when they have worked hard have provided a living for a living. This category is now out of reach, they have nothing to buy.

The Albanian government has announced through the media that it is preparing a package of measures to help businesses, employers in order to save the economy from bankruptcy, as well as to support the most vulnerable categories.

ACTUAL SITUATION

To date (March 18, 2020), 55 cases of coronavirus have been identified in Albania. Of these: there have been 2 deaths, 25 are hospitalized, and 3 are in critical condition.