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Dear Colleagues and Clients,

Further to our updates dated **February 6, 2020**, **February 24, 2020** and **February 27, 2020** regarding the attempts to contain the spread of the CoronaVirus, we would like to bring to your attention **additional** guidelines issued on the matter earlier today, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, by the Israeli Ministry of Health (this update should be read together with our previous updates, which can be accessed from the links above).

These additional guidelines, which we hereby detail in full, present a new layer of dramatic rules imposed on the public, due to additional diagnosed cases of the CoronaVirus, discovered in Israel and around the world. As you will see, these guidelines, introduce **additional countries**, upon the arrival from which, individuals will be required to be in home quarantine, as well as additional restrictions on travel, and rules restricting gatherings and interpersonal conduct.

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11 new steps introduced by the Ministry of Health to shield against the Coronavirus:

1. Israeli residents returning from France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain and Austria will be required to be in home quarantine for a period of 14 days. This decision is effective retroactively from the date of leaving the destination (this new instruction will not apply to individuals who only board a connecting flight out of these countries; The home quarantine rules do apply to connecting flights out of China, South Korea and Italy).
2. Foreigners arriving from France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain and Austria will not be permitted to enter into Israel, unless they demonstrate a proven ability to be in home quarantine. The implementation of this decision will come into effect in the coming days.
3. There is a general ban on conducting international conferences in Israel.
4. Israeli residents returning from international conferences abroad – will be required to be in home quarantine for 14 days.
5. Employees of the Health Care system – face a comprehensive ban on leaving the country.
6. There is a ban on conducting mass gatherings or events for over 5,000 people.
7. Individuals returning from any place abroad during the past 14 days, are ban from participating in gatherings of over 100 people.
8. The Civil Service Commissioner is recommended to completely ban trips abroad of any employees.
9. Individuals over the age of 60, as well as individuals suffering from chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, respiratory diseases or immunodeficiency, are recommended to avoid gatherings and any physical contact with individuals who returned from any destination abroad as well as individuals with symptoms and/or individuals who are suspected as being ill.
10. Tourists who spent time in Iran, Iraq, Syria or Lebanon in the past 14 days, will not be permitted to enter into Israel.
11. The Ministry of Health recommends that all individuals practice strict and meticulous insistence on hygiene, including avoiding shaking hands".

We will continue to update you on any developments and their significance

Good Health to All,
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