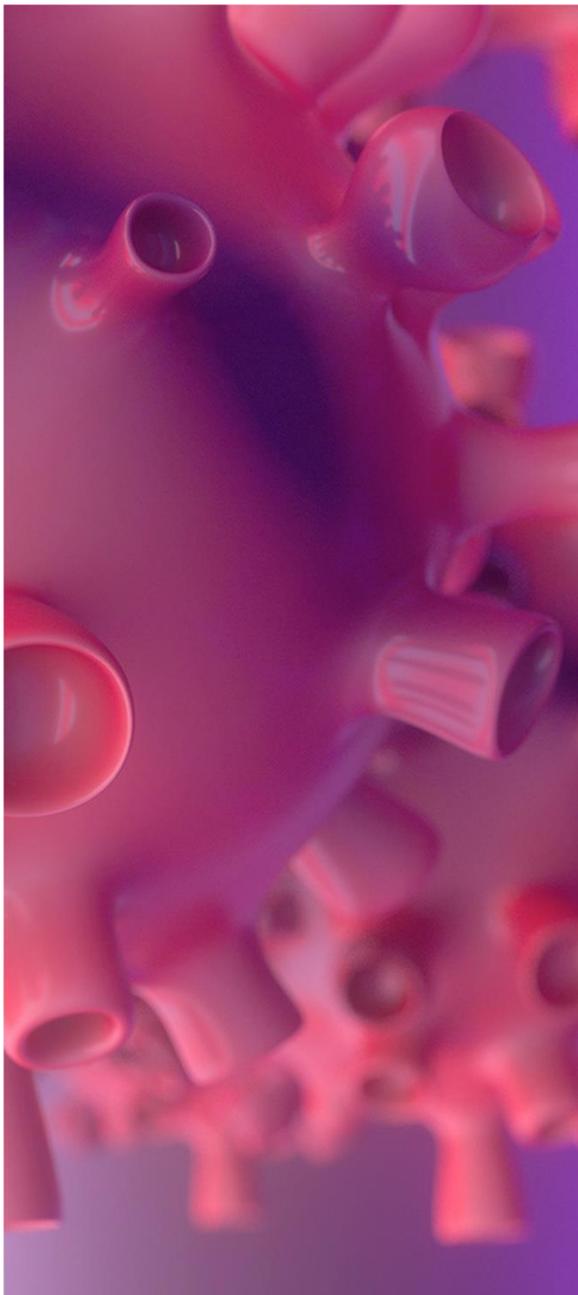

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The data on the epidemiological evolution in Portugal indicate that the number of new COVID-19 cases increased in the past few days. However, as this increase coincided with a period of less testing (during the Christmas and New Year period), the current epidemiological situation in Portugal is still unknown.

The renewal of the state of emergency approved by the Presidential Decree no. 6-A/2021 of January 6 renews the state of emergency for 8 days, rather than the usual 15, so that future measures are based on the current epidemiological situation in Portugal following the holidays, when restrictive measures were “lightened.”

At this time, and until 11.59 p.m. of January 15, the rules previously in force will be maintained (which you can view in our Legal Flash no. 36, available [here](#)), except for the specific precautionary measures that will only apply on January 9 and 10, 2021, with the primary goal of preventing social contact during that weekend.

APPLICABLE MEASURES ON JANUARY 9 AND 10, 2021

On the weekend of January 9 and 10, the rules previously applied to weekends in very high and extreme-risk municipalities will also apply to high-risk municipalities.

The following rules will also apply to high-risk municipalities:

- **General duty to stay at home between 5 a.m. and 1 p.m.**, with the exceptions that already applied under the previous decrees
- **Curfew between 1 p.m. and 5 a.m.**, with the exceptions already applied under the previous decrees
- **Prohibitions of celebrations and other events** involving gatherings of more than **six people**, with the exceptions already applied under the previous decrees
- **Closure of commercial establishments at 1 p.m.**, with the exceptions already applied under the previous decrees

For a more detailed description of these measures, see our Legal Flash no. 36, which is available [here](#).

Only **moderate-risk municipalities** fall outside the scope of these measures, with the rules previously in force continuing to apply. In this new state of emergency, the moderate-risk municipalities are the following: Alcoutim, Aljezur, Almeida, Arronches, Barrancos, Carraceda de Ansiães, Castanheira de Pêra, Castelo de Vide, Coruche, Ferreira do Alentejo, Freixo de Espada à Cinta, Lagoa, Manteigas, Monchique, Odemira, Pampilhosa da Serra, Proença-a-Nova, Resende, Santiago do Cacém, Sardoal, Sernancelhe, Sines, Torre de Moncorvo, Vila de Rei, and Vila do Bispo.



Travelling between municipalities is forbidden across mainland Portugal between 11 p.m. of January 8, 2021, and 5 a.m. of January 11, 2021.

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