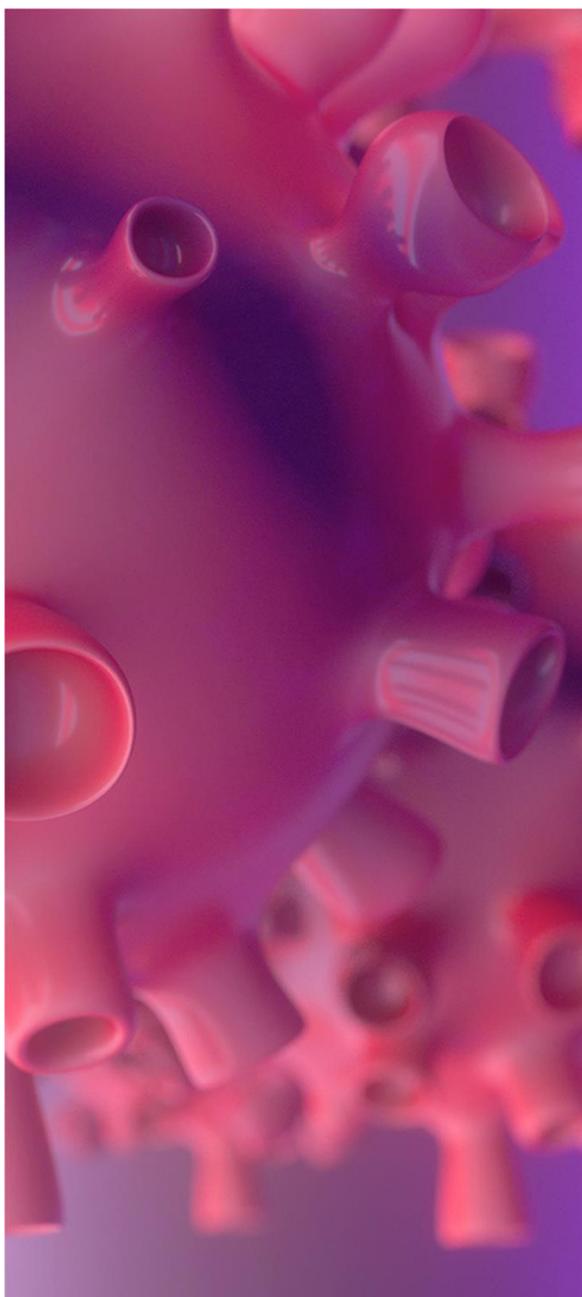

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- > **Presidential Decree n.º 17-A/2020, of April 2, renewing the state of emergency declared on March 18.**



Extension of the state of emergency in Portugal

The Presidential Decree 17-A/2020, of April 2, was published today, renewing the state of emergency declared on March 18, based on the assessment of the public health crisis situation.

The renewal of the state of emergency covers the entire Portuguese territory and will last 15 days, from 0:00 April 3, 2020 until 23:59 April 17, 2020, regardless of possible renewal.

In this new Decree, the President of the Republic reinforces some of the measures previously adopted, namely travel restrictions to prevent the increase of contacts between persons and, consequently, infections during Easter.

The new measures authorized in the Decree include (i) reinforcing the protection of jobs (through limits on dismissals); (ii) reinforcing elderly support in nursing homes or homes; (iii) adjusting school activities to the closing of schools; (iv) fighting speculation and hoarding of certain goods; and (v) introducing adjustments to agreement mechanisms, namely lease agreements, credit agreements and concession agreements.

The possibility of exceptional and urgent measures for the protection of prisoners and prison employees is also provided in the Decree.

Under the Portuguese Constitution, these measures will soon be implemented by the Portuguese Government.

We will give you more details once these measures are approved.



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