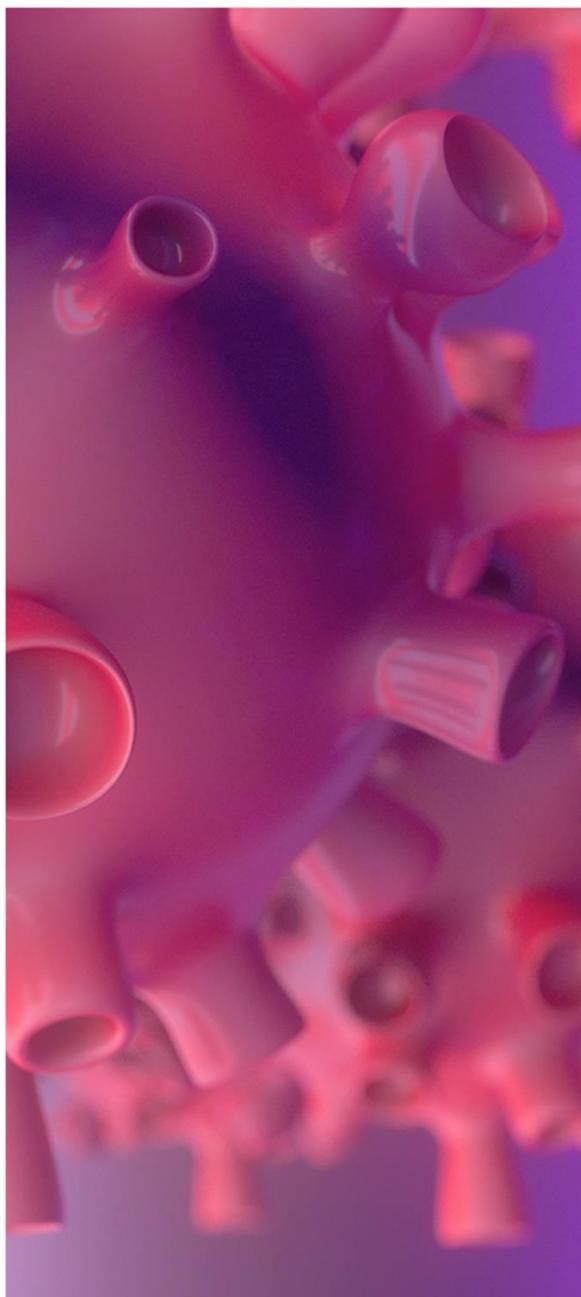

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- **New restrictions announced for the Lisbon Metropolitan Area – Council of Ministers Resolution no. 45-B/2020 dated June 22**



New exceptional restrictions announced for Lisbon Metropolitan Area

The country is experiencing the third extension of the declaration of a situation of calamity, a more advanced stage of deconfinement that has included lifting most of the suspensions and prohibitions ordered during the state of emergency. The aim now is to ensure a return to normal social and economic activity.

However, despite a positive assessment of the state of the epidemic nationally, there has been an increase in infections in the Lisbon and Vale do Tejo regions, leading the authorities to adopt measures to halt the spread of the virus at a local level.

The government has introduced special and exceptional measures for the Lisbon Metropolitan Area on gatherings, commercial and service-offering establishments.

These special restrictions for the Lisbon Metropolitan Area came into force at 12 a.m. on June 23.

To contain the spread of COVID-19, the government has announced that it will also be introducing legislation on a range of sanctions to encourage compliance with these essential measures.

MEASURES AFFECTING PEOPLE

The new Council of Ministers Resolution establishes that, in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area, **public gatherings are to be limited to 10 people, unless they belong to the same family group.**

MEASURES AFFECTING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

In the Lisbon Metropolitan Area, **all retail and service-offering establishments, as well as those located in malls, must close at 8:00 p.m., except for restaurants, exclusively in the case of meals served in the establishments themselves, and restaurants and similar businesses that prepare food for their takeaway or home delivery services,** either directly or through an intermediary.

The following restrictions have also been placed on the consumption and sale of alcoholic drinks:

- Prohibition on the sale of alcoholic drinks by restaurants and similar businesses preparing food for take away and home delivery.



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- Prohibition on the sale of alcoholic drinks in gas station service areas and at refueling stations.
- Prohibition on the consumption of alcoholic drinks in public open spaces, except for the outdoor areas of restaurants and bars that have been licensed for such.



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