

Government Decree 409/2020 (30 August)
on certain rules applicable to epidemiological observation related to the COVID-19 disease

The Government,
on the basis of authorisation under points g) and j) of section 232/D (1) of Act CLIV of 1997 on healthcare,
acting within its function laid down in Article 15 (1) of the Fundamental Law, decrees as follows:

Section 1 For the purposes of this Decree, a contact person means a person under section 65 (1) of Act CLIV of 1997 on healthcare (hereinafter “Eütv.”) who got into contact with a person affected by the COVID-19 disease, does not show the symptoms of the COVID-19 disease and is declared to be a contact person by the authority.

Section 2 (1) The epidemiological authority, in its decision ordering epidemiological observation under section 65 (1) of the Eütv., may, on the basis of section 66 (1) of the Eütv., also restrict the freedom of movement of the contact person by designating for him a home, a fenced area of it or another location not qualifying as a healthcare institution that the contact person is not permitted to leave during the period of epidemiological observation, provided that the conditions set out in paragraph (2) or (4) are not met.

(2) The Chief Medical Officer may establish the conditions and examinations based on which the epidemiological observation under paragraph (1) is to be terminated by the epidemiological authority.

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(4) A decision by the epidemiological authority ordering epidemiological observation under section 65 (1) of the Eütv. shall not form an obstacle to the contact person leaving his designated home, the fenced area of it or other location not qualifying as a healthcare institution for the purpose of undergoing the examinations relating to the epidemiological measure.

Section 3 Section 2 shall not apply to ordering epidemiological quarantine in accordance with section 67 of the Eütv.

Section 4 (1) This Decree shall enter into force on 1 September 2020.

(2) The provisions of this Decree shall apply also to cases pending on the day of the entry into force of this Decree.

Section 5 Section 2 (2) and (4) as introduced by Government Decree 7/2022 (14 January) amending Government Decree 409/2020 (30 August) on certain rules applicable to epidemiological observation related to the COVID-19 disease (hereinafter “Amending Decree 1”) shall apply also to proceedings pending at the time of entry into force of Amending Decree 1.