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OFFICIAL NOTICE THROUGH WHICH THE EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO ATTEND THE SANITARY EMERGENCY GENERATED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS, ARE MODIFIED.

Through the official notice published on the Federal Official Gazette on April 21st, 2020 (the "Official Notice"), the Secretary of Health modified the extraordinary measures declared on March 31st, 2020, to remain as follows:

- a. The suspension of <u>non-essential activities</u> is extended until May 30;
- b. In the municipalities that show low or non-virus transmission, the extraordinary measures may be lifted on May 18th. The Health Ministry will be in charge of defining the criteria to evaluate the transmission of the Covid-19 virus, so it can determine which municipalities will be allowed to lift such measures;
- c. The Health Ministry shall issue the guidelines to reduce mobility within the municipalities with different spread levels, and evaluate the intensity of the transmission of the Covid-19 virus;
- d. The extraordinary measures will remain valid, until further notice, to the people within the risk groups; and
- e. The epidemiological vigilance system will be adjusted to achieve the vigilance of seriously and critically ill patients, as well as the availability of hospitality services.

It is important to mention that the States are obliged to implement and execute the dispositions issued at the Federal level, leaving a certain margin of discretion to the same.

In this sense, the implementation at the state level might vary from State to State and, within the same, from municipality to municipality. Therefore, it will be necessary for the essential activities, to consider in the development of its contingency plans, possible mobility restrictions that might be imposed from one municipality to the other, and between States.

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The obligations imposed to the States of the Federation, are:

- a. To maintain updated the daily occupation, availability and attention report for the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and any other that the Federal Health Ministry considers being necessary;
- b. To implement the prevention and control measures;
- c. To establish and execute the mobility reduction between municipalities;
- d. To guarantee and inform about the adequate and timely implementation of the extraordinary measures; and
- e. To execute and supervise the hospitality reconversion and expansion plans.

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