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January 2021 Lockdown in the State of Israel

The Israeli government approved on 05 January 2021 the implementation of a tight lockdown following the fast spread of the new strain of corona virus in the country. An average of 5,000 cases per day has been reached amidst the mass vaccination of the population. The strict lockdown will start on 12:00 MN of 07 January 2021 until 12:00 MN of 21 January 2021.

The following activities will be restricted:

1. Restriction of gatherings of up to 5 people in a closed area and up to 10 people in an open area. However, weddings, circumcisions and funerals will remain to be allowed according to the existing rule - 10 people in a closed space and 20 in an open space.
2. Restriction of permission to fly from Israel to those who purchased flight tickets, except for reasons detailed in the regulations or with approval from the Transportation Ministry Director General.
3. Cancellation of permission to leave a residence for activity to counter isolation for senior citizens (except for essential social work activity).
4. Prohibition on opening educational institutions to learners and employees except for special education and exceptions determined by law.
5. Closure of public and commercial places except for essential stores: food, hygiene, optical, pharmacies, and electric products and products that are necessary for essential home repairs.

New caregivers and returning workers, however, will be allowed entry in Israel subject to health protocols, based on PIBA Notice dated 22 December 2020.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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