

## Summary of Panama Executive Decrees

Last Update: March 26, 2020

### **Executive Decree No. 251**

Tax contributors will have a 120 days term (4 months) for tax obligations that were due during this period (only DGI). Some exceptions apply like ITBMS

### **Executive Decree N° 507 of the 24th of March, 2020**

24h mandatory quarantine nationwide. For most people the only time they will be allowed to transit to retrieve groceries or medicine will be using the last NUMBER of their PASSPORT. 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after that time (total 2h). Older adults or people with special needs should run errands between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m (regardless of Passport No.).

This decree prohibits purchasing alcoholic beverages.

### **Executive Decree N° 506 of the 24th of March, 2020**

Suspension of all construction industry activities for 30 days.

### **Executive Decree N° 504 of March 23, 2020**

Mandates that all nationals and foreigners have to comply with the orders of the Ministry of Health regarding quarantine and isolation.

If someone suspects they have COVID 19 they have to quarantine in your home or any other place indicated by the Ministry of Health and you have to answer to all of their calls or texts.

Fines of 50k-100k are in place for not obeying this orders.

### **Resolution N° DM-131-2020 of March 12th, 2020 by the Ministry of Labor**

The government extends all work permits for 15 days from this date

### **Executive Decree N°71 of March 13, 2020**

Allows companies to modify the job hours and suspend contracts if their operations have been affected and thus making impossible to continue with the employer-employee relationship.

**Executive Decree N° 499 March 19, 2020**

Established sanitary controls in certain areas: Chepo (Panama), La Espiga (Chorrera) Balneario El Lago, Capira, Interoceanic bridge Maria Chiquita (Colon)

**Resolution No. 040-2020-DG-AAC**

Suspends all international flights in accordance to Executive Decree N° 241 of March 14, 2020

**Resolution N° 5893 March 16, 2020**

From March 17, 2020 only citizens and residents (temporary or permanent) are allowed to enter to the country.

All of them have to comply with the norms the Ministry of Health mandates, and quarantine for 14 days.

