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**Hygiene and Preventative Measures to be taken during the ensuing period-The Purple Standard**

Despite the negligible morbidity figures in hotels, here are the steps that hotels must take during the ensuing period:

1. Guest registration will be made at the entrance to the hotel and also at the entrance to the dining rooms.
2. Strict enforcement of mask wearing throughout the hotel, including dining rooms, lobby and all public areas.

If the guests do not adhere to the instructions of the hotel staff - police/municipal intervention will be summoned.

1. Only hotel guests will be allowed entry into the hotel. The hotel security guards will enforce this policy at the entrance to the hotel.
2. Maximum distancing between guests and employees. There will be complete distancing between the staff and the guests: at the entrance, check-in, check-out, cleaning of the rooms (only when the rooms are empty of guests) and providing any service to the guests.
3. Closing of bars and nightclubs - All nightclubs and bars in hotels will be closed until further notice.
4. The distances in the lobby between guests will be increased to 2 m between families/small groups
5. The distances between the tables in the dining rooms will be increased - the distance will be increased to 2 m between tables.
6. Limiting the number of diners in the dining room - up to 35% of the allowed occupancy in the dining room.
7. Extension of the operating hours of the dining rooms: Breakfasts 7 am to 12 noon; Dinners 6 pm to 10 pm.
8. Expansion of the seating area during meal times - seating outside the dining rooms, in patios and gardens.
9. Increasing enforcement on wearing masks and keeping distances in line for served food at meal times.

**Hotels status**:

1. The hotels opened on 27/5/2020 (a total of 38 nights from the opening).

2. Currently 261 hotels are open out of 430 hotels.

3. Average occupancy throughout the country 55%. (only the open hotels)

4. Average number of person-nights per guest - 2.5 person-nights.

5. Average number of guests per room - 2.5.

6. Average number of rooms in open hotels - 138 rooms.

7. The data show that about 288,000 guests have stayed in hotels since the day of reopening.

8. Number of infected guests discovered in the hotels - 30 (it is important to note that there is no proof that the hotels are infected).

9. Hence the number of guests positive for COVID-19 is 30/288,000 i.e. 0.01%.

**Employee status:**

1. About 15,000 direct employees were hired.

2. There were about 35 employees infected (some others were isolated due to working alongside employees who fell ill).

3. The employees work in closed groups.

4. There is no contact between employees in one group to employees in other group.

5. There is a minimum of contact between employees and guests.

Hence the number of employees who fell ill is 35/15,000 i.e. 0.23%.

**Maintaining the** **purple standard:**

1. A hotel is in fact a "closed fortress" into which only identified hotel guests can enter.

2. Hotel employees received thorough "Corona Days" training.

3. Each hotel has a "Corona Supervisor" responsible for meeting the new requirements.

4. In public areas hotels will control regulation.

5. Hotels employ security personnel and use technological means that enable the following:

a. Control and documentation 24/7 on guests and employees in public areas.

b. Entrance and exit of guests without touching a person.

c. Enforce the **purple standard** restrictions.

6. The dining rooms - according to the instructions of the **purple standard** (distance between the tables and nuclear families, serving food and/or supplying individually sealed portions).

7. Pools - according to the guidelines of the **purple standard** (closed children's pools, 6 square meters in the water between nuclear families, 7 square meters in the outdoor area between nuclear families).

**Summary**:

1. Hotels are responsible for the economy of cities like Eilat and areas like the Dead Sea. (The economies of the cities of Eilat and Tiberius rely almost entirely on the income provided by hotels - closing the hotels means virtually eliminating these cities).

2. The potential for direct employment in the short term can reach about 30,000 direct workers and another 60,000 indirect workers.

3. The potential for damage to the hotel industry from further limitations and regulations would be extremely high.