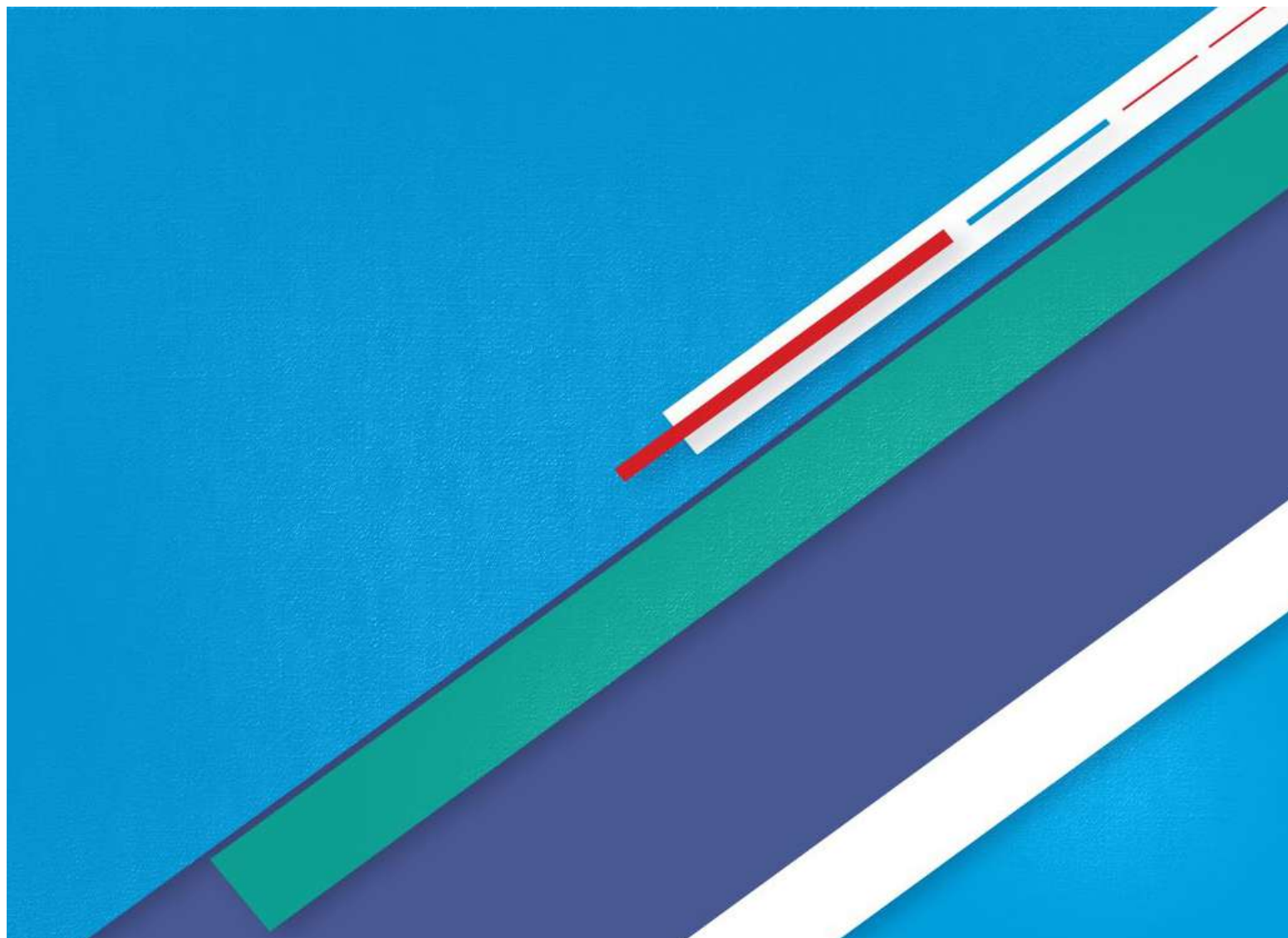


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Introduced new anti-Covid measures for entering and staying in Albania



The Albanian Ministry of Health and Social Protection with the **Order No. 374 dated 30.08.2021** has introduced new measures/requirements for entering Albanian Border and staying in Albania which are as follows:

1. Effective September 6, 2021, all passengers who transit or wants to enter the Republic of Albania, ages six or older must meet one of the following three conditions:

- Submit a vaccination passport where the date of full vaccination is no later than two weeks from the date of entry in Albania, or
- Have a negative PCR test within 72 hours or a rapid antigen test within 48 hours, or
- Alternatively, may provide documentation from a licensed health care provider of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 6 months preceding travel.

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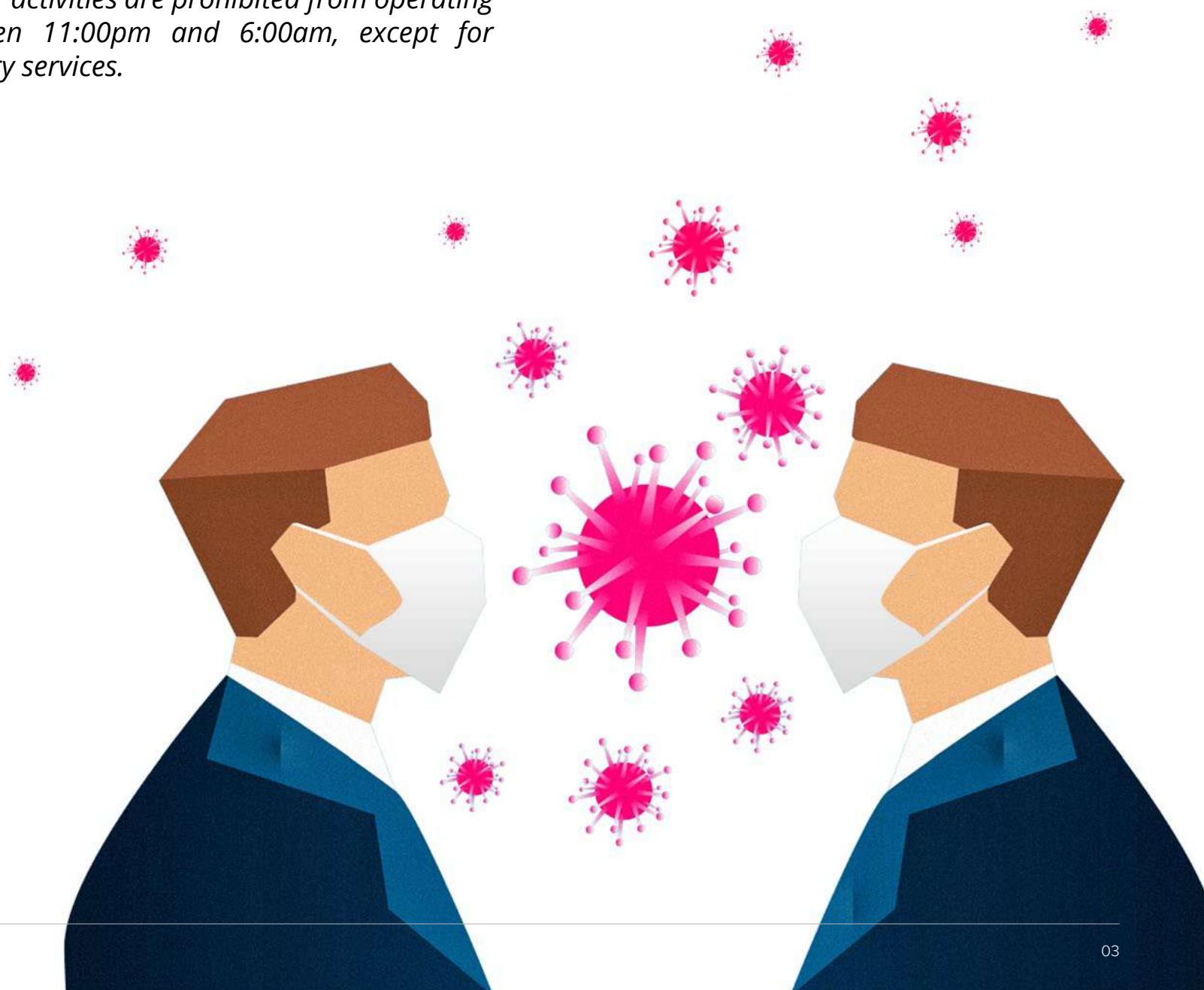
Albanian Nationals and [foreigner citizens](#) residing in Albania who return and do not have one of the above documents must self-isolate themselves for 10 days and inform the health authority to perform a test at the end of the isolation period.

2. *Effective September 1, 2021, the daily curfew will be from 11:00pm to 6:00am, until further notice. Bars, restaurants, fast food, and other similar activities are prohibited from operating between 11:00pm and 6:00am, except for delivery services.*

Non-compliance with this rule may result in a fine up to 700,000 ALL (~ \$7,000.00). Public movement is restricted during these hours except for work reasons, health care emergencies, or urgent needs. The e-Albania.al portal must be used for special permission to move during this time ■

Effective September 1, 2021

wearing a mask indoors is mandatory for any individual 11 years old and above, Wearing a mask outdoors is also mandatory when social distancing is not possible as per the standard **2 meters (~6 feet) distance**. Non-compliance with this rule may result in a fine up to **3,000 ALL**.



Ergisa Hasanbelliu

New Law on Albanian NGOs

A new law on “On registration of non-profit organizations” has recently entered in force. The new has stipulated a shorter, less costly and more efficient procedure related to the registration of NGOs that operate in Albania.

The new law defines the creation of a public electronic register for NGOs. This law will bring innovations in the digitalization of the NGO register.

The current law includes a long procedure with many documents for the [registration](#) of an NGO, which bears a significant cost for the organization. It's designed that the new

changes will streamline the process as well as modernizing and digitalizing it.

Furthermore, it should increase the quality of the information held on each NGO that carries out non-profit activities in the country.

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New amendments to the law "On industrial property"



With the Official Gazette no. 125 of August 2021, new amendments to the law on [industrial property](#) have been approved. With the law 96/2021, "On some additions and amendments to the Law no. 9947, dated 07.07.2008, "On Industrial Property" which aims at the legal improvement of the regulatory framework in this area.

The main changes in this law are related as follows:

- completion of the legal framework related to Trade Secret, as a necessary element that provides security in the industrial and commercial activity of domestic and foreign business;
- developing a computer system for the administration of industrial property in order to increase transparency in the provision of services;
- providing and shortening certain procedure deadlines etc.;

With the entry into force of the new criteria and procedures for [companies](#) that want to protect industrial property, the competent institution will be the "General Directorate of Industrial Property" ■



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