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COVID-19, the coronavirus – VOST “VOLYA” (Ukraine)

Under the cover of coronavirus, the power “servants of the people” headed by Zelenskyy have held can lead to establishment of dictatorship and real impoverishment of Ukrainian workers



On the 13th of April 2020, the Verkhovna Rada accepted changes in the state budget, using “servants of the people” and their satellites. These changes don't foresee any essential support of business and citizens (workers) and don't contain any strategy of protecting Ukrainians from coronavirus and the economical crisis. The financing of local budgets (cutting down the program of decentralization), education, as well as vocational education, culture is reduced.

300 % of rise to salaries of medical workers aren't budgeted. The government declared that those payments would be paid by local budgets. However, the financing of law-enforcement authorities (police, Security Service of Ukraine, State Bureau of Investigation, public prosecution office etc.) hasn't been changed. It shows that, in fact, the present authorities are intensifying a repressive apparatus under the cover of coronavirus and are trying to build a police dictatorial state for struggling with dissentients, without worrying about health and economical state of Ukrainians.

At the beginning of 2020, before the coronavirus epidemic, the disastrous policy of the Zelenskyy government led Ukraine to an economical crisis which can cause catastrophic effects for Ukrainian workers and our State in general.

Last year, after the presidential elections, Petro Poroshenko passed Ukraine being economically stable with the 5% growth, the filled treasury and international reserves to Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

“Servants of the people” have being authorities for a year and have already managed to destroy positive achievements in the economical area made during 5 years after the Revolution of Dignity.

The present authorities push the public health to the background. In particular, more people die from cardiovascular diseases, tuberculosis, cancer than from coronavirus every day in Ukraine. VOST “VOLYA” believes that all the sick should be fully medically treated even during the coronavirus epidemic.



To provide with economical stability in Ukraine, including overcoming results of the coronavirus epidemic, preserving the health of Ukrainians and not letting Ukrainian workers become impoverished, VOST “VOLYA” declare the necessity:

- To stop violating the Constitution of Ukraine concerning rights and freedoms of citizens;
- To cancel changes in the state budget made on the 13th April 2020, to accept new balanced changes in favour of people of labor, essentially to increase the financing of the public health, education and science, culture, the overcoming of the coronavirus epidemic results and smoothing over the results at most;
- To finance increasing salaries and provide medical workers with Personal Protective Equipment;
- To provide sick people with the full medical treatment during and after the lockdown;
- To pay compensation to employers and workers of large enterprises, small and medium-sized businesses, self-employed, affected by lockdown;
- To preserve working places;
- To carry out the indexation of pensions foreseen by the government from the 1st March 2020 and pay the announced disposable financial help to seniors and disadvantaged population;
- To accept the Law on banks and bank activity in general.



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Reference. VOST “VOLYA” is an independent democratic trade union association, whose activity is based on the universal principles of Christian morality. Trade union organizations, which formed VOST, have operated since 1989, and Trade union “VOLYA” was the first in Ukraine free interbranch regional trade union. VOST “VOLYA” is a membership organization of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and is affiliated to the World Organization of Workers (WOW) and European Federation of Public Service Employees (EUROFEDOP).

VOST “VOLYA” promotes initiative of the trade union reform in Ukraine and creates the concept “The challenges of 21st century call for new trade unions”. Oleksandr Dzhulyk is the VOST “VOLYA” president. The VOST “VOLYA” and Trade Union “VOLYA” headquarters are located in Lviv.

What restrictions have been imposed to contain the coronavirus?



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Public transport

From March 18 until April 24, it is forbidden to carry more than 10 passengers at a time in public transport.

Metro

There is a ban on transporting passengers by metro in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Dnipro from March 17 until April 24.

Intercity transport

There is a ban on regular and irregular transportation by buses and railway service.

Supermarkets, grocery stores, pharmacies, petrol stations, banks

Domestic trade of food, petrol, hygienic items, and medications is allowed for people to buy and sell. Banking and insurance are permitted.

Cafes, restaurants, sport clubs

Starting March 17, food supply, trade and entertaining enterprises, fitness clubs, and cultural establishments temporarily stop working. Cafes and restaurants are only open for take-out and delivery service only.

Public gatherings

Starting March 17, there is a ban on any public gatherings with more than 10 participants. It is only allowed to hold events necessary to provide the activities of central and local government authorities.

Medical institutions

Medical institutions, hospitals and clinics will temporarily reschedule planned hospitalization and non-essential elective surgeries and procedures and will only deal with urgent and emergency cases. The Ministry of Health has ordered to prepare and reconverse hospitals and clinics to treat severely infected patients.

Educational institutions

From 12 March until April 24, schooling will be stopped at nursery schools, general secondary schools, out-of-school educational institutions, colleges, universities, institutions of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate learning.

<https://covid19.gov.ua/en>



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How does the disease spread?

Now it is known that COVID-19 has airborne and contact transmission routes



Contact transmission route prevails

Virus usually gets on mucous membranes of nose, eyes through hands and other items (napkin, gloves) after touching the objects (animals, meat, fish, handles) contaminated by the discharge from the respiratory system of a person who is sick or infected.



The virus does not circulate in the air, but is transmitted from person to person

The virus cannot travel a long distance. It exists only in the droplets which a person exhales while coughing and sneezing. Distance guarantees protection. It is the factor breaking an epidemic chain. Thus, if you are at a distance of more than 1.5 meters it is impossible to get infected even from a person who is sick.



Can a person get infected from animals?

At the moment there is no official proof that pets, such as dogs and cats, can transmit the novel coronavirus. So, after you contact pets, it is recommended to wash your hands with soap. This will protect you from spreading the bacteria from pets.



Is the virus transmitted through fruit?

Fruit is the environment that cannot provide lasting survival of the virus. There are no data on transmitting the virus through fruit. We remind that it is necessary to wash fruit thoroughly, but that is a standard recommendation.



How long does the virus survive on surfaces? What can kill the virus?

The virus can survive on surfaces from 3 hours to several days. The term depends on a set of conditions. For example, the type of surface, temperature and humidity of the environment. That is why it is necessary to disinfect surfaces, handles, equipment, etc.



Is it true that the virus is transmitted only to old people?

People of any age can be infected, so everyone should follow the virus protection measures. Elderly people and patients with chronic diseases are at increased risk.