

# *El Salvador extends State of Emergency due to COVID-19*

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San Salvador, April 15 (RHC)-- The Salvadorean Legislative Assembly extended the state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic until April 16th, a news report has revealed. During the extension, lawmakers from the Central American country will draw up a new legal project that is in line with the real needs generated by the pandemic.

The legal body will also review fundamental issues to be monitored during the exceptional situation caused by the virus, such as human rights and compliance with codes of ethics. This government decision takes into account the current circumstances of the Central American country, with 137 positive cases and 6 deaths due to COVID.

"From 00:00 hours on Tuesday, April 14, our country will be governed by these health measures. It is basically the same quarantine, with the same sanctions, plus what we announced in the last few days."

As a result of the increase in infections of the coronavirus, the Salvadoran government ordered that as of this Tuesday people can only go out on the streets if they wear a mask. However, it is forbidden to go out if it is not strictly necessary. If people fail to comply with that order, they will be taken to jail.?

President Nayib Bukele announced on his social media account that there are companies that are not complying with the health closure order and this Monday they started working again. "If the government does so, the closure will be permanent and all their permits will be revoked," Bukele added.

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