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Risks associated with failure to comply with measures taken to combat the epidemic in the Russian Federation

February and March of the calendar year are the months in which a large number of people plan their dream vacations. However, the coronavirus infection, that has seized the world in 2020, and the mainstream panic made the actions and behaviour of people still planning to travel abroad during this dangerous period highly uncertain.

The first phase of COVID-19 distribution was in February. Then all the doctors' recommendations for citizens of the Russian Federation served as guidelines, and many people were indifferent to those precautions. People relied on their strong immunity and went on holidays.

The second phase of the COVID-19 distribution coincided in time with the decree of Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin dated 5 March 2020 No 12-UM, in accordance with which citizens arriving from coronavirus insecure countries, such as China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, France, Germany and Spain shall comply with the isolation regime at home. Other constituent territories of the Russian Federation supported the practice, and on 13 March 2020, a similar government decree No 121 was adopted in St. Petersburg.

Until 18 March 2020, it had not been quite clear regarding those tourists who had arrived from countries not listed as 'dangerous'. Due to the gradually increasing panic around the world and the increase in the number of infected persons, the regulation of the Chief State Sanitary Doctor of the Russian Federation dated 18 March 2020 No 7 established the mandatory isolation of persons arriving from abroad. Within 14 days, these persons are also obliged to inform via hotline about their travelling outside the Russian Federation.

For failure to comply with the mandatory isolation, you may also be held liable. After calling a doctor at home and receiving a certificate of incapacity for work during a 14-day quarantine, the person signs documents on liability for violation of the quarantine.

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