**Covid-19 and Islands**

***Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain***

1. What actions are being taken to protect the island community from Covid 19? In particular, how are travel restrictions being put in place and enforced?

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| Maria Rosario Huesa Vinaixa  Professor of Public Internation Law and International Relations at the Universitat de les Illes Balears.  [xaro.huesa@uib.es](mailto:xaro.huesa@uib.es) | 23 March 2020 | * 14TH March, a Royal Decree established a state of alarm, contemplating the establishment of specific criteria for transport between the Peninsula and non-peninsular territories, and for transport between islands. * The government of the Autonomous Community (CA) requested that the central government confine the archipelago. Maria attached the Ministerial Order of March 17 to her email. |

1. What actions will be taken should people on the island have Covid 19?

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1. What actions are being taken to ensure that essential goods and services are provided to the island community?

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1. What actions are being taken to ensure that people working on the islands, not only in the tourism sector, are sustained financially in the short term and in the long term?

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1. What actions are being taken to ensure the mental well-being of people on the islands?

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1. If you consider it appropriate, feel free to share any data about people who have Covid 19 on your island and of people who, sadly, have passed away because of Covid 19.

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| Maria Rosario Huesa Vinaixa  Professor of Public Internation Law and International Relations at the Universitat de les Illes Balears.  [xaro.huesa@uib.es](mailto:xaro.huesa@uib.es) | 28 May 2020 | * For several days, there have been no deaths from COVID in the Islands, and yesterday there were only two new infections. |

1. If applicable, how are the lockdown measures being relaxed?

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| Maria Rosario Huesa Vinaixa  Professor of Public Internation Law and International Relations at the Universitat de les Illes Balears.  [xaro.huesa@uib.es](mailto:xaro.huesa@uib.es) | 25 May 2020 | * Phase 2 of the de-escalation has started today. Among other things, access to beaches and shopping centers is allowed, but with restrictions. Travel with the mainland is still restricted. |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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