Commentary of the Bureau for Reintegration on Tiraspol’s decision to oblige students from the Transnistrian region, who study on the right bank of Nistru, to test for Covid-19



The Bureau for Reintegration considers inadmissible the obligation for students from the Transnistrian region, who are studying on the right bank of Nistru, to present test results for Covid-19, that are to be performed on their own, in order to cross the administrative line.

This practice creates additional financial burden on the citizens of the Republic of Moldova, establishes new artificial barriers to free movement and hinders the inalienable right to education. These are the statements expressed in a letter sent by the Chief-negotiator in the Transnistrian settlement process from Chisinau to the political representative of Tiraspol.

In the message, Chisinau requests to remove as soon as possible the impediments to movement of students and pupils, taking into account that the winter session in universities will begin in the second half of December.

It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova has disposed all the necessary measures for proper training of teachers, pupils and students, prevention and exclusion of risks of spreading infections in educational institutions. Therewith, given the decisions of the Extraordinary National Commission on Public Health and the WHO requirements to comply with epidemiological requirements and individual protection of citizens, rules and regulations have been established, as well as permanent monitoring by the relevant law enforcement agencies.

We urge the studious youth from both banks of the Nistru river to be permanently informed about the recommendations and norms approved and brought to the public's attention by the WHO, the Extraordinary National Commission on Public Health, other national authorities and to responsibly comply with the safety requirements for protection of individual and public health.

