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## The National Bank of Moldova encourages the use of cashless payment methods

The National Bank of Moldova (NBM) encourages the citizens to use cashless payment methods, such as internet applications and mobile payments, secure e-commerce payments and the cards for paying the goods and services in commercial points. These methods are more hygienic than the cash use and represent a good practice for preventing the spread of communicable diseases, including the COVID-19 virus.

The avoidance or limitation of the contact with money circulating hand to hand may have significant effects for health protection.

At the same time, the National Bank, as monetary authority, takes special measures for storage and processing of banknotes and coins received from circulation by isolating them for a period of minimum 14 days, before being put back into circulation, to limit the risk of spread of the new virus.

The National Bank of Moldova, licensed banks and non-bank payment service providers operate in normal regime, being ready to provide all financial services.

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