

COVID-19 Protective Measures Ordinance

Drastic measures are needed now to protect our health system and prevent an emergency situation developing in our hospitals. This is an urgent appeal to every person in Austria: **We can stop the wave of coronavirus infections if we all pull together.** The following applies more than ever: Keep your distance, wear a face mask, wash your hands and install the Stop Corona app. The regulations take effect at 00:00 on 3 November 2020 until the end of the day on 30 November 2020, as things stand.

Social distancing & face masks



- When in outdoor public places, people must stay at least one metre apart from other people who do not live in the same household.
- When in indoor public places, people must stay at least one metre apart and also wear a face mask.

Curfew from 8pm to 6am

Initially in force until 12.11.2020



Exceptions:

- Errands to meet the basic needs of daily life
- Providing support, care and assistance
- Avoiding or escaping immediate danger to life, limb & property
- For work purposes
- Exercising outdoors (e.g. individual sport, walks, walking dogs)

Services & retail



- All shops remain open. Only one customer per 10m².
- Services where close proximity is required can still be offered (e.g. hairdressers, massages, beauty salons)

Restaurants, bars & hotels



- Restaurants may offer food for collection from 6 am to 8 pm. Deliveries can be made 24/7.
- On-site consumption is not permitted (exception: canteens).
- Facilities offering accommodation may only be used in exceptional cases, such as for work purposes.

Universities & schools



- Kindergartens, primary schools, „polytechnische Schulen“, special schools & lower grades remain open.
- Upper grades, colleges and universities are required to switch to distance learning.

Leisure time



Leisure and cultural facilities are closed.

Exception:

- Libraries, 10 m² rule per visitor

Public transport



- Cable cars and climbing aids may not be used for leisure purposes.
- A distance of at least one metre must continue to be observed and a face mask worn when using the underground, trains and buses, as well as when at stations or stops.
- For taxis, taxi-like companies & carpools, the following applies: a face mask must be worn and there may be no more than two passengers per row of seats

Events



No events may take place.

Important exceptions:

- Professional sporting events with professional athletes without spectators
- Funerals remain permitted with a maximum number of 50 persons
- Demonstrations remain permitted. Persons must wear a face mask and keep at least one metre apart.

Sports



- Individual & leisure sports outdoors are still permitted, as long as people can stay one metre apart.
- Contact sports such as football are not permitted (exception: professional sport).
- Indoor sports facilities must close (exception: professional sport).

Retirement & nursing homes



- Visits are only allowed every two days: a maximum of one visitor per resident, i.e. a maximum of two persons can meet.
- Staff must be tested for coronavirus once a week. The costs for these tests shall be covered by the Federal Government. Alternatively, they can wear a suitable mask at all times.
- Visitors are also required to provide a negative test result or wear a suitable mask.

Work



- Wherever possible, civil servants in federal and provincial administration offices are required to switch to working from home.
- The recommendation to work from home also applies to every other area of work, as far as possible.