

Some of the most important new COVID-related measures in force in October 2020

STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PLACE FROM 5 OCTOBER FOR 30 DAYS (SO FAR)

Restaurants, bistros, catering facilities

- totally closed from 14 October until 3 November 2020
- during this period, the possibility of selling food from an issuing counter is maintained, until 8 p.m.
- hotel restaurants can be open until 8 p.m.

Schools

- from 14 October until 1 November, all schools, including the first grades of primary schools, are closed and switching to remote schooling; kindergartens remain in operation
- employees taking care of children up to 10 years of age are entitled for care leave compensation amounting to 60% of daily reduced salary, changes are expected if “crisis care leave compensation” is adopted by the parliament
- there is an obligation to provide school facilities that will provide the necessary care for children aged from 3 to 10 whose legal representatives are employees of security forces, municipal police, health care providers, public health authorities, social workers, etc.

Restrictions on assembly

- from 14 October, groups of a maximum of 6 people are allowed inside and outside

Face masks indoors, in public transport and at stops/stations

- new, from 13 October, is the obligation to wear face masks at public transport stops
- face masks are also obligatory in all interiors of buildings, including, e.g., all stores (with the exception of one’s place of residence or place of accommodation), and in public transport and taxis
- at the workplace, face masks or similar facial coverage are obligatory, except for people at the same workplace observing a distance of more than 2 metres

Restrictions on shopping centres with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m²

- valid from 12 October until 25 October
- wireless Internet access will not be provided to the public
- instructions for compliance with the relevant measures and a distance of 2 metres, information boards
- the operator shall provide at least 1 person to supervise compliance with the rules and measures related to the coronavirus and to make customers and other persons comply with them
- prevention from crowding, especially in all places where this can be expected

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Entrance to stores

- from 12 October until 25 October
- shopping centres, shops and service establishments, with the exception of catering establishments, can be entered and stayed in in groups of 2 people at most and so that the spacing between groups is at least 2 metres. This restriction does not apply to persons younger than 15 years of age accompanying an adult person from the same household.

Mass events

- from 12 October until 25 October
- a maximum of 10 people indoors, 20 outdoors, with the exception of, for example, employees performing work for the same employer or persons jointly performing business, or other similar activities

Culture, sport

- from 12 October until 25 October
- a ban on concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances, museums, cinemas, and galleries
- music, dance, games and other social clubs and discos are closed
- prohibition of operation and use of sports grounds in indoor areas and of indoor areas of outdoor sports grounds, gyms, fitness centres, etc.

Offices, public administration

- from 12 October till 25 October
- restriction of personal contact between civil servants, employees and other officials and users of the public administration system
- limiting the office hours of the institutions to two days a week to five hours on a given day

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The document reflects the status as of October 14, 2020.

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