COVID-19 update Austria: Re-opening steps as of May 19th

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Below you will find an overview of all regulations that currently apply in all Austrian federal provinces unless increased COVID-19 cases are reported in individual regions. Then regional measures will be taken.

These regulations are still valid:
Wearing a FFP2 mask is compulsory in all public indoor places, during events (e.g. funerals), in public transport, carpooling, ski lifts, shops and at markets (indoor and outdoor).

   No exit restrictions
As of May 19 no general exit restrictions at night.
- For the period from **5:00 to 22:00** outside the private living area: Outdoors meetings of max. 10 people are possible, indoor of maximum 4 adults (+ children). For meetings of 11 persons or more the event regulations apply.
- In the time between **10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.** meetings of max. 4 adults (plus associated children) are allowed.

   Access tests
For attending certain locations, it is obligatory to have a negative COVID-19 test result. Validity periods vary depending on the type of test:

   **Test validity of:**
   - Self-test with digital solution: 24h
   - Antigen test: 48h
   - PCR test: 72h

Test exceptions for recovered and vaccinated individuals:
- Individuals who were infected with Sars-Cov-2 and recovered are exempt from testing for six months.
- As soon as the appropriate legal basis is created, vaccinated people will also be exempt from mandatory testing. This will apply for one year from day 22 after the first vaccination.

   Stores & service providers
All stores and service providers are open again (max. opening hours: 6:00 – 19:00). In stores customers must wear FFP2 mask. Only one person is allowed in a store on 20 square meters.

Body-related services (e.g. hairdressing) are open again but customers need to have a negative PCR, antigen test or self-test with digital solution. The test must be taken either at a doctor's office/pharmacy or in a test center and must be shown on demand.

   Gastronomy & hotels
Gastronomy and hotels are opening again as of May 19. You need to wear a FFP2 mask, provide an access test (see test validity mentioned above) and have a registration obligation.

A group of guests may include a maximum of 4 adults (+ associated children) indoors and outdoors max. 10 persons. Between the persons of other tables, a minimum distance of 2 meters must be observed.
Cultural scene, events & sports
Cultural scene, events and indoor sports activities are allowed again as of May 19. You need to wear a FFP2 mask, provide an access test (see test validity mentioned above) and have a registration obligation.

High Incidence Areas within Austria
For high incidence areas (incidence > 300), there is an exit testing requirement.

Entry Regulations
The current entry regulations stay in effect until at least end of May. OeAD has published a summary of the current entry regulations on their website: https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/entry-conditions-covid-19/

Further information about the current regulations in Austria (German)
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