

COVID-Update Austria: Friendly reminder concerning present regulations

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This is a reminder about the active regulations concerning the present COVID-19 situation in Austria. Below you find a summary of all regulations and important details:

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).

Exit restrictions and social gatherings

Between 20:00 and 6:00 exit restrictions are in effect. During this time, you may only leave your own apartment/home for the following reasons:

- Averting a danger to body and soul, life and property
- Care for relatives and people who need help
- Basic needs of life
- Professional activities and educational purposes
- Physical and mental recovery

To people not living in the same household a distance of two meters must be kept in all public indoor and outdoor places.

Between 6:00 and 20:00 it is allowed for 2 households to meet (max. 4 adults).

Open sectors

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 or antigen test not older than 48 hours. The test must be taken either at a doctor's office/pharmacy or in a test center and must be shown on demand. A test taken at home is not sufficient proof.

Museums, galleries, libraries and zoos are open again but also here a FFP2 mask has to be worn.

Gastronomy & hotels

Gastronomy and hotels stay closed for leisure purposes.

However, food and drinks may be picked up between 06:00 and 19:00. Alcoholic beverages may only be sold for collection in commercially sealed containers. Delivery via delivery services is also possible outside these times.

Since the incidence of infection differs in all nine federal provinces, regionally graduated opening steps were agreed upon (Vorarlberg is the only federal province where earlier opening steps might be possible). The Government plans to step by step open the gastronomy and tourism sector in all other federal provinces starting with March 27. First planned opening step: Restaurants/coffee shops could open their outside area for guests with a negative COVID-19 test. The feasibility of the planned steps however is highly depending on the development of the COVID-19 numbers. The government will monitor and evaluate the situation and planned steps in the upcoming weeks.



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Travel Restrictions within Austria

Some areas in Austria (currently Tyrol and some region(s) of Salzburg and Carinthia) require a negative COVID test when leaving the area as they deal with a rapid spread of the highly infectious variant B1.351. It is strongly recommended NOT to travel to these areas. Right now, unnecessary travel should be avoided and postponed to a later date.

[Further information \(in German\)](#)

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