

COVID-19 Update: requirements are tightened

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Extended Mask Requirements

Due to steady rising COVID-19 numbers the Austrian government has decided on **tightened measures in whole Austria** that come into effect with today, 14 September 2020. This includes an **extended face-mask requirement in public spaces** in whole Austria: a mouth – nose protection has to be worn in all closed areas in retail, in the service sector and party traffic.

Also in schools it is mandatory to wear a mask outside of class.

In gastronomy all service staff has to wear mouth nose protection and food and beverages in indoor areas may only be served at seats. Consumption in closed rooms is only possible at the seat, so the bar area remains taboo.

Detailed information where to wear a mouth-nose protection: see below*

Regulations for events

Furthermore stricter regulations for events apply: without assigned seats the maximum number of people inside is 50 people, outside 100 people. With assigned seats it is possible to host up to 1500 people inside and up to 3000 people outside.

COVID-19 Traffic Light Update

There are also updates in the Traffic Light System: right now seven regions in Austria have the colour yellow:

- Vienna
- Graz
- Innsbruck
- District Korneuburg
- City of Wiener Neustadt
- District Kufstein
- District Schwaz

More information about the Traffic Light System in Austria:

- General Information: <https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Coronavirus---Haeufig-gestellte-Fragen/FAQ--Corona-Ampel.html> (in German)
- Current traffic light: <https://corona-ampel.gv.at/>

Due to the colour "yellow" in the City of Graz, also the traffic light for TU Graz is on yellow. Detailed information about the traffic light system at TU Graz and the regulations that apply can be found here: www.tugraz.at/icoe/coronavirus

***Detailed information where to wear a mouth-nose protection**

Right now a mouth-nose mask is obligatory in the following spaces:

- In public transport and cabs
- In all business premises for customers and staff in the customer area in closed rooms (e.g. supermarket, car dealership, banks, insurance companies, hairdressers, etc.)
- In administrative units for party traffic as well as staff in contact with customers in closed rooms
- In indoor pool areas for bathers and personnel in closed rooms (except wet rooms, such as showers and swimming pools)
- In the catering sector (restaurants, bars etc.) for staff in contact with customers in closed rooms
- In accommodation facilities (hotels) for guests and staff in customer contact in generally accessible areas in closed rooms. In restaurants the catering rules apply
- In sports facilities for guests and for staff in contact with customers in closed rooms (except during the activity)
- In museums, exhibitions, libraries, archives and other recreational facilities for guests and staff with customer contact in closed rooms
- For events in closed rooms (except at the assigned seat)
- In cable cars and rack railroads, coaches and in the interior of excursion boats
- In pharmacies, nursing homes, hospitals and spas, as well as in places where health and care services are provided.
- During demonstrations, if the 1-meter distance cannot be maintained.

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