

COVID-19 Update: Stricter measurements by Monday, 21.9.2020

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Today at a press conference the Austrian Government has announced stricter COVID-19 measurements as an answer to the increasing COVID-19 numbers. The new measures will come into effect by Monday, 21 September 2020.

Starting from Monday at midnight, the following regulations come into effect:

Reduction of social contacts – indoor events

The Austrian Chancellor urgently advises to **reduce social contacts**. Private indoor gatherings/events are **limited to 10 people**. Due to legal restraints, this rule does not apply to private homes. Nevertheless, the Austrian chancellor **urgently** advises to follow this rule in private homes as well in order to reduce the spread of the virus and to help preventing further stricter measurements.

For private outdoor gatherings, the maximum number is 100 people – however the minimum distance of one meter has to be kept.

For professional/public events the current regulations remain in force.

Gastronomy

Consuming food and beverages is only permitted when seated. The number of people sitting at a table is limited to 10.

Face Masks

In addition to the current face mask regulations*, face masks have also to be worn **outdoors at markets and fairs**. Face mask must also be worn in **gastronomy venues** – only when seated at the table the mask can be taken off.

*current face mask regulations:

- 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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