COVID-19 update Austria: 4th Lockdown in Austria

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The Austrian Government held a press conference today to give information about the upcoming tightened COVID-19 regulations. The ministry in charge is currently working on the corresponding legal regulations. These will be published as soon as they are enacted on their website (in German).

We have summed up the currently available information for you: As of Monday, November 22, a hard lockdown applies in Austria. This will last a maximum of twenty days. After that, the lockdown will only apply to unvaccinated people.

The following rules apply as of November 22nd:

Exit restrictions around the clock

Exceptional reasons for leaving one's own private living area are:

- Averting an immediate danger to life, limb & property.
- Care and assistance for persons in need of support as well as the exercise of family rights and the fulfilment of family duties
- Meeting the necessary basic needs of daily life:
  - Necessary errands of daily living
  - Contact with individual closest relatives, significant others or non-domestic partner(s)
  - Health care including travel to Corona vaccination and testing for COVID-19
  - Meeting basic religious needs
  - Care of animals
- Occupational and educational purposes, if required
- Spending time outdoors for physical and mental recreation
- Attending official or court proceedings that cannot be postponed
- Participation in elections provided for by law
- To enter certain client areas (supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, banks)
- To attend certain gatherings, such as funerals or demonstrations, among others.

Trade and body-related services as well as gastronomy are largely closed

Only stores for daily needs are open, this includes supermarkets, pharmacies as well as gas stations. Hairdressers and body-related services are also closed.

Schools/Universities

Schools (all levels up to high school): Classroom teaching is available for those who need it. Children need to wear a mask during lessons. However, children are allowed to stay at home without a doctor’s certificate and receive learning packages from schools. If possible, children should stay at home.

Universities will decide on their own how they proceed with teaching & studying. Students will receive an e-mail with further information as soon as possible.

General vaccination obligation as of February 1st planned

The Austrian government plans a general vaccination obligation. As soon as more information is available, we will inform you.

Overview of all regulations in English: https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information (it might take some time until the website is up-to-date with the new information).
TU Graz Regulations
All regulations about teaching and studying at TU Graz are can be found on the website: https://www.tugraz.at/icoe/coronavirus/ and will also be sent out via e-mail.

Entry Regulations
Please check the website of OeAD for a summary of the current entry regulations: https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/entry-conditions-covid-19/

Also the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection provides useful information (in German): https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Coronavirus---Haeufig-gestellte-Fragen/FAQ-Einreise-nach-Oesterreich.html

Further information about the current regulations in Austria (German)

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