

COVID-19 Update: 3rd Lockdown in Austria

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The Austrian Government has decided on new measures to contain the COVID-19 infections: Starting December 26, Austria goes into its 3rd lockdown.

Exit restrictions around the clock.

Curfews will apply from December 26 around the clock. 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:
 - Contact with the life partner who does not live in the same household, as well as with individual closest important reference persons
 - Basic supply (e.g.: food shopping)
 - Healthcare service
 - Coverage of a housing need
 - Religious basic needs
 - Supply of animals
- Professional activities and educational purposes
- Physical and mental recovery
- Immediate official channels and court dates

These **exit restrictions** also apply on **New Year's Eve**.

Mandatory wearing of masks now also applies at workplaces in enclosed spaces. School starts on Thursday, January 7 with Distance Learning.

Sports and recreation

Outdoor sports facilities for those sports that do not involve physical contact may open. For example, ice skating, cross-country skiing, golf and athletics are possible, subject to the rules of distance.

End of lock down

The hard lockdown ends on 18 January for those who have a negative test result. By this date it is planned that shops, service providers, bars and restaurants can open again. The schools should also switch to on-site teaching. **But:** For the end of the lockdown, you have to participate at the mass tests on January 15, 16 and 17. Those who do not have a negative test result have to remain under the lockdown conditions for one week longer.

TU Graz sends out information in due time. Check your emails regularly and have a look at the website: <https://www.tugraz.at/icoe/coronavirus/home/>

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