

COVID-19 update Austria: Extension of entry regulations and further regional restrictions

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Prolongation of entry regulations

The entry regulations currently in effect were prolonged until end of May. OeAD has published a summary of the current entry regulations on their website: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/entry-conditions-covid-19/>

Prolongation of general COVID-19 regulations

This week the government also decided that the current COVID-19 regulations stay in effect. However stricter regulations for regions with a high incidence are considered.

Stricter rules for regions with a high incidence

A lockdown will be imposed in the federal provinces **Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland** from 1 to 6 April. All shops except essential stores will be closed and all-day curfew restrictions will apply. Employed people will have to get tested weekly. The alternative to the weekly tests is to work from home. FFP2 masks have to be worn in all indoor areas and will also be compulsory outdoors in dense crowds.

Summary for all other federal provinces:

Below you will find an overview of all regulations that currently apply in all other federal provinces. These regulations have not changed in the last few weeks:

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.



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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.

As the incidence of infection varies in all nine federal provinces, regional opening steps are possible for regions with a low incidence. Right now, Vorarlberg is the only federal province where some opening steps were possible. Steps in other federal provinces can only be granted once the incidence in the regions drops to a certain point.

Travel restrictions within Austria

Some areas in Austria require a negative COVID-19 test when leaving the area as they deal with a rapid spread of the highly infectious variant B.1.351. 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 about regional measurements \(German\)](#)

[Further information about the current regulations in Austria \(German\)](#)

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