

COVID-19 Update: Dusk-to-dawn curfew and further restrictions starting with November 3rd

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The Austrian Federal Government announced in a press conference on October 31st a dusk-to-dawn curfew (lasting for 10 days, until November 12th) and further restrictions (lasting until November 30th) that will come into effect by November 3rd:

1. **Dusk-to-dawn curfew:** As of November 3rd, Austria has a dusk-to-dawn curfew meaning that you are not allowed to leave your home between 8 pm and 6 am. If you need to leave your house it is to buy something you urgently need, to go to work, to help relatives in need of care or in case of an emergency, for physical and mental regeneration (e.g. to go for a walk, running). You are allowed to use public transport during these hours only close to your house and while doing one of the above-mentioned things. The curfew will last 10 days and after this time it will be discussed again by the National Council.
2. **Outside get-togethers:** In case you meet a person, who does not live with you in the same household, you need to keep a distance of at least 1 meter. In public indoor places you have to wear a mouth-nose protection!
3. **Car-usage:** If people of different households drive in one car, only 2 people are allowed in one row.
4. **Shops and service providers:** Shops and service providers stay open, but only 1 person per 10 square meter is allowed.
5. **Gastronomy:** Restaurants are only open to sell take-away-food (during 6am and 8pm) and food delivery is possible as well without time restrictions.
6. **Hotels:** Hotels are only open to people on business trips or if you have to travel due to educational purposes.
7. **Sports:** Sports facilities will be closed.
8. **Culture & free time facilities:** Basically, everything will be closed and events are not allowed. Exceptions: Funerals, church services, professional meetings, political events.
9. **Educational institutions:** Kindergartens, elementary schools and secondary schools as well as polytechnic schools and special schools remain open, high schools, technical colleges and universities might reduce on-site courses and might be switching to distance learning (*more detailed information about teaching activities at TU Graz will be published online (<https://www.tugraz.at/icoe/coronavirus>) and sent out via e-mail*)

In public spaces a distance of one meter has to be kept to all people not living in the same household and mouth-nose protection has to be worn in all public indoor places.

More detailed information about the restrictions can be found online:

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus> (in German)

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