COVID-19 update Austria: New measures due to increased numbers of Omicron variant

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Due to the rapid increase of infections caused by the Omicron variant, the following additional measures will go into effect on January 11:

FFP2 mask obligation also outdoors
Wherever the recommended minimum distance of two meters from non-household persons cannot be maintained, FFP2 masks are now mandatory. This does not apply to situations where the minimum distance of two meters is only briefly exceeded, e.g. when simply "walking past" on the sidewalk, etc.

Mandatory 2G control in non-essential trade
The operators have to ensure that the 2G proof of customers is checked when entering the respective business premises - at the latest, however, when paying for the goods. People who are not vaccinated are still in lockdown and only allowed to enter shops to cover their daily needs.

Change of quarantine rules
All contacts of a coronavirus case must be quarantined; free testing is possible from day 5. Anyone who is triple immunized is now no longer considered a contact person. Similarly, if all persons have worn an FFP2 mask, they are not considered as contacts. There are exceptions to the rules for critical infrastructure workers, as well as for children.

Current calls of the health department of Graz
The Graz Health Department regularly issues calls alerting the public where one or more corona-infected persons have been present. In case you have visited one of these places at the indicated period, monitor your own health status, limit social contacts if possible and take a voluntary PCR test. If you experience any symptoms, contact the health line at 1450.

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 can be found on the website: https://www.tugraz.at/icoe/coronavirus/ and are 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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