



# Corona Regulations

From 8 February 2021

To prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the collapse of the healthcare system in Austria, the following regulations are in place from 8 February 2021:

- A curfew is in place in Austria from 20:00 to 6:00. During this time, you must not leave your home, except for running urgent errands such as grocery shopping, helping others, going to doctor's appointments, exercise outdoors, going to work or school if absolutely necessary, or meeting your life partner or close family members (parents, children, siblings) who do not live in your household.
- From 6:00 to 20:00 people from two households can meet – a maximum of four adults and their children.
- In public space (indoors and outdoors), you must keep a distance of at least 2 metres from people from outside your household. You must wear an FFP2 face mask indoors in public space such as shopping centres and at events, which are currently allowed, such as funerals.
- On public transport and in underground stations, train stations, etc.: Keep a distance of at least 2 metres from people from outside your household and wear an FFP2 face mask.
- Carpooling and taxis: You must wear an FFP2 face mask when you are in a car with people from outside your household.
- All shops reopen with maximum opening hours from 6:00 to 19:00. To support physical distancing, the maximum number of people allowed in shops is one customer per twenty square metres. If a shop is smaller than twenty square metres, only one customer at a time is allowed inside. You must wear an FFP2 face mask in all shops. You cannot linger or hang around in shopping centres outside the shops and you must not eat or drink while there. The 20-square-metre-per-customer rule also applies to shops inside shopping centres but not to any other areas there.
- Personal care facilities such as hairdressers, massage therapists and beauty salons reopen. Customers must present a negative PCR or antibody test result not older than 48 hours. People who have had Covid-19 in the past six months and have recovered do not have to present a test result. Customers must wear an FFP2 face mask. If this is not possible due to the type of service provided, other appropriate protection measures must be applied. To support physical distancing, the maximum number of people allowed in personal care facilities is one customer per twenty square metres.
- Museums, libraries and archives reopen. The maximum number of people allowed is one person per twenty square metres. FFP2 face masks are mandatory. Zoos and botanical gardens reopen, too.
- All events have been cancelled. All cultural facilities such as theatres and cinemas are closed.
- If possible, you should work from home. If you have to go to work, you must keep a distance of at least 2 metres from people from outside your household and wear an FFP2 face mask. Employers and employees can agree on even stricter regulations than these. In addition, teachers and other people working in educational facilities, people

working in logistics, public authorities or other areas with direct customer contact must get tested for coronavirus once a week. If they do not get tested, they need to wear an FFP2 mask.

- Hospitality venues (such as pubs, restaurants, cafes) stay closed. Takeaway is allowed between 06:00 and 19:00. The delivery of food and beverages is allowed too. Eating or drinking takeaway food within 50 metres of hospitality venues is prohibited.
- Hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs, etc. stay closed.
- Sports facilities remain closed. Outdoor sports without physical contact is allowed.
- There is restricted access to nursing homes except for residents and staff. Residents in nursing homes can have a maximum of one visitor per resident per week. Visitors must wear an FFP2 face mask.
- There is restricted access to hospitals except for patients and people working there. Patients staying at hospitals for more than 7 days can have a maximum of one visitor per patient per week. Exceptions are in place for patients if they are children, pregnant women, or vulnerable persons. Visitors must wear an FFP2 face mask.
- Schools reopen after the midterm break (Semesterferien):

Primary schools fully reopen

Secondary schools reopen with classes in a shift system (two days per week at school)

Children from 14 years of age must wear an FFP2 face mask. All pupils and students are tested for coronavirus on a regular basis.

For more information, please visit the website of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education:

<https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/beratung/corona/schulbetrieb20210118.html> (German)

- Funerals can take place and can be attended by a maximum number of 50 people. You must keep a distance of at least 2 metres from people from outside your household and wear an FFP2 mask.
- People can be fined 90 EUR if they fail to keep a safe distance of at least two metres from others and do not wear an FFP2 face mask.

For further information, please visit the website of the [Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection](#) (German)