

CORONA MEASURES IN SAXONY FROM 11 JANUARY 2021

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On account of the persistently high number of corona infections in Saxony, the cabinet has passed a new corona protection ordinance. This takes into account the resolutions of the Conference of federal and state leaders on 5 January. These measures aim to lower the number of infections and stem the dynamic spread of the corona pandemic.

The ordinance applies from 11 January until 7 February 2021.

 **Saxon Corona Protection Ordinance** (Official notice of the Saxon Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Cohesion from 8 January 2021)

Mandatory wearing of masks and restrictions on leaving one's home

- » Masks must be worn in enclosed spaces that are publically accessible or open to visitors and customers, as well as in public transport and at general places where people meet.
- » Masks must be worn in front of the entrance area of wholesale and retail stores as well as on car parks.
- » Masks must be worn in front of the entrance area of schools, child daycare facilities and churches.
- » Masks must be worn at places of work and business; this does not apply at the actual workplace if the minimum distance of 1.5 meters can be safely maintained.
- » Restrictions on leaving one's home: you may only leave your home for a good reason (work, shopping, doctor's appointment, school, child daycare facility, visit one's own property/garden).
- » 15 kilometre ruling: the 15 kilometre restriction around your place of abode or work for leisure time activities and shopping remains in force.
- » Curfew as of a Saxony-wide 7-day incidence of 200 cases on five consecutive days: an extended curfew will apply between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am. You may then only leave your own home or accommodation for a good reason (work, deliveries, care, end-of-life care).
- » Ban on alcohol: it is forbidden to serve and consume alcohol in public. Alcoholic beverages may only be sold in take-away closed containers.

Shopping and shops

Wholesale and retail stores remain closed.

The following are still open:

- » Shops selling goods for everyday consumption
- » Shops offering a mixed assortment of goods may open if the main focus (more than 50 percent) of the offer is on goods from the permitted assortment.
- » Beverage stores
- » Animal supplies
- » Post offices and postal services
- » Drugstores, chemists and medical supply stores
- » Banks and financial institutions
- » Opticians, hearing aid audiologists
- » Undertakers
- » Cleaners
- » Laundrettes
- » Collection and delivery services
- » Newsagents
- » Filling stations, recycling depots
- » Motor vehicle and bicycle workshops



Reduce contacts and keep your distance

- » All contacts should be kept to a minimum.
- » **Stricter contact restrictions:** private contacts are only allowed between persons of one household and one other person. Exceptions apply for families or neighbours who help look after each other's children. The children must be under the age of 14 and from no more than two households.
- » **Urgent appeal:** avoid all contacts as well as any private, tourist and business trips that are not absolutely necessary.



Obligatory quarantine

- » If the corona test is positive
- » After direct contact with a positive case
- » If you suspect you are infected



Schools and child daycare facilities

Closure of child daycare and after-school care facilities, schools. Schools, boarding schools and child daycare facilities will remain closed up to and including 7 February 2021.

Only pupils in final-year classes at secondary schools, special schools (taught according to secondary school curricula), grammar schools (grade levels 11 and 12), vocational grammar schools (grade levels 12 and 13), specialist secondary schools, evening schools (grade levels 11 and 12) and colleges (grade levels 11 and 12) can attend school again after 18 January.

Teaching will take place in split classes for reasons of infection protection. All other children and youths will remain in home-schooling. Emergency childcare will still be offered for primary school pupils (primary schools and special schools grade levels 1 – 4) as well as children in daycare and after-school care facilities.

Winter holidays: the winter holidays will be shortened and their time period changed. Accordingly, winter holidays will now start on 31 January and end on 6 February (the last day of the holidays). The Easter holidays will be prolonged in return. They will now start on 27 March and end as planned on 10 April.