


CORONA MEASURES IN SAXONY FROM 28 JANUARY 2021

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The Free State of Saxony has amended its Corona Protection Ordinance in accordance with the joint resolution of the Minister-Presidents and Federal Chancellor dated 19 January, therefore implementing the resolutions on a state level. The reduction of contacts, wearing of a mouth and nose covering, refraining from travel, visits and shopping trips, compliance with the hygiene and social distancing regulations still apply.

The new ordinance applies from 28 January until 14 February 2021.

 **Saxon Corona Protection Ordinance** (Official notice of the Saxon Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Cohesion from 26 January 2021)

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

- » **Mandatory wearing of masks:** the obligation to wear a mouth and nose covering remains in force wherever people meet each other. A medical mouth and nose mask must be worn when using public transport, in front of the entrance area of and inside wholesale and retail stores as well as in healthcare facilities (e.g. doctors' surgeries) and for meetings in churches and when practising one's religion.
- » **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).
- » **Stricter restrictions on leaving one's home:** between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am. You may then only leave your own home or accommodation for a very important reason (work, to seek medical assistance, take care of animals).
- » **15 kilometre ruling:** the 15 kilometre restriction around your place of abode or work for leisure time activities and shopping remains in force.
- » **Ban on alcohol:** the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in public inner city areas and other outdoor public places at which people congregate in either a confined space or not just temporarily. The specific areas that are affected will be defined in each case by the responsible city which does not belong to a rural district or the responsible rural district.

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.
- » **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 14 February.

Opening of vocational schools for final classes: After the winter holidays, as of 8 February, the pupils of the final-year classes and grades at the different types of vocational schools (Berufsschule, Berufsfachschule and Fachschule) may return to classroom teaching. Teaching will take place in split classes for reasons of infection protection if the minimum distance cannot be maintained.

Since 18 January, pupils in final 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) have been participating in classroom teaching.

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.