

Measures starting January 28

The government has set rules to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Follow these rules. This way, you will avoid becoming ill or making others ill. The police might check whether you abide by the rules.

Please note: some cities and municipalities will also have extra rules in place. Check the website of your city or municipality.

What are the new rules?

- Cafés and restaurants can stay open until 24:00.
- Group activities can be organized again, for example through your club or association.
- Many indoor activities have reopened. For example: indoor amusement parks, bowling alleys, recreational areas of swimming pools (e.g. water slides), etc.
- Starting 1 March you must also have a booster vaccine for your Covid Safe Ticket. This applies to anyone over the age of 18.

Covid Safe Ticket (CST)

- In some places you need a Covid Safe Ticket, for example:
 - In cafes or restaurants
 - In fitness centers
 - At gatherings or events with more than 50 people indoors or 100 people outdoors
- The Covid Safe Ticket proves that
 - you have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days.
 - or you have taken a negative corona test (maximum 72 hours old).
 - or you have recently had corona (not more than 180 days ago)
- You can find your Covid Safe Ticket at www.covidsafe.be or via the CovidSafeBE app.

Face masks

- Are you over 6 years old? In that case a face mask is mandatory in public places. For example:
 - In the shops
 - On public transport
 - In healthcare institutions; e.g. hospitals or residential care centers
 - At the hairdresser's or beautician
 - In theatres, concert halls, sports centres, fitness hall, etc.
 - In libraries

- During worship services
- During public events, for example a sports competition or concert
- In cafés or restaurants
- At school

Work

- Work from home. This is mandatory.
 - You may work 1 day per week at your workplace. Make agreements with your boss.
- If you cannot work from home you will receive a certificate from your boss. Follow the rules of your workplace.
- Do you have any questions? Your boss will inform you.

Shops

- Shops are open.
 - You may go shopping in groups of maximum 2 people. Children under 13 years old are exempted from this rule.
- Markets are still going ahead.
- Night shops are open until 24h.
- Hairdressers and other non-medical contact professions are open. For example: pedicurists, beauticians.
- Wear a face mask.

Bars and restaurants

- Bars and restaurants are open until 24h.
 - You need to have a Covid Safe Ticket. You can find your Covid Safe Ticket at www.covidsafe.be or via the CovidSafeBE app.
 - Wear a face mask. When you are seated at the table you may take your face mask off.
 - You may sit at the table in groups of maximum 6 people.

Social contact

- You can have people over at home.
 - Do this preferably outdoors.
 - Take a self-test before inviting people over. You can buy a self-test in the pharmacy.
 - Preferably invite a small number of people.

Leisure

- Events or shows can be organized indoors and outdoors, for example theatre and concerts.
- Organized activities, such as within a club or association, are allowed.
- Religious services are allowed.

What is not allowed?

- Dance clubs and night bars are closed.

Caution:

- Are you going to a public event indoors?
 - You must be seated.
 - You must wear a face mask.
 - Keep a 1.5 meter distance from others.
 - Are there more than 50 people indoors? You must have a Covid Safe Ticket. You can find your Covid Safe Ticket at www.covidsafe.be or via the CovidSafeBE app.
- Are you going to a public event outdoors?
 - You must wear a face mask.
 - Keep a 1.5 meter distance from others.
 - Are there more than 100 people outdoors? You must have a Covid Safe Ticket. You can find your Covid Safe Ticket at www.covidsafe.be or via the CovidSafeBE app.

Daycare and schools

- Daycare is open.
- Children can go to school. Your school will provide you with more information.
 - Children starting 6 years old must wear a face mask

Traveling abroad

- It is recommended to not travel outside the European Union.
- Are you going abroad? There are 3 colour codes.
 - Red: region or country where you have a high risk of contracting corona. You are advised to not travel there.
 - Orange: region or country where you have a moderate risk of contracting corona. You are advised to not travel there.
 - Green: region or country where you have a low risk of contracting corona. You can travel there.
 - Check the website at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/nl/kleurcodes-per-land/>
- Check the rules of the country you are traveling to on the website diplomatie.belgium.be

Upon returning from abroad

- Have you been abroad for more than 48 hours ?
 - Fill in the form via <https://travel.info-coronavirus.be/nl/public-health-passenger-locator-form> before you return to Belgium.
 - Are you returning from a green or orange zone? You do not need to be tested or go into quarantine.
 - Are you returning from a red zone in the European Union?
 - Do you have a vaccination or recovery certificate? You do not need to be tested or go into quarantine.
 - You do not have a vaccination or recovery certificate? Get tested on day 1 or 7 after you get back from your trip.
 - Are any of your tests positive? You must go into isolation for 10 days.
 - Children under the age of 12 do not need to be tested.
 - Are you returning from a red zone outside the European Union?
 - Do you have a vaccination certificate? Get tested on day 1 or 2 after returning from your trip. Is your test negative? You can end your quarantine when you receive your result. Children under the age of 12 do not need to take a test.
 - You don't have a vaccination certificate? You must go into quarantine for 10 days. Get tested on day 1 and 7 after returning from your trip. Is your test on day 7 negative? Then you can leave quarantine.
 - This does not apply to some countries. You can find this list at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/nl/kleurcodes-per-land/>
 - Are you returning from a zone with a very high risk?
 - You can find a list of these zones at <https://info-coronavirus.be/nl/hoog-risico-landen/>
 - Is this a country outside the European Union?
 - You must go into quarantine for 10 days. These rules apply to everyone.
 - Get tested on day 1 and day 7 after you get back to Belgium.
 - Is this a country within the European Union or Schengen zone?
 - You don't have a vaccination certificate?
 - Then get tested on day 1 after you get home. Is your test negative? Then you can leave quarantine. Then get tested again on day 7.
 - Is a test positive? You must go into isolation for 10 days.
 - Please note: you can be fined 250 euros if you do not do respect these rules.

**These rules are important for everyone's health and must be followed.
Thank you for doing so. Together we will stop the spread of coronavirus.**