

NEW MEASURES TO CONTAIN COVID-19

By Royal Decree 926/2020, of 25 October, the state government declared a state of alarm throughout the national territory until November 9, 2020, with the aim of curbing the spread of infections caused by Covid-19 (although on October 29, Congress authorised it to extend it until 9 May 2021).

The state government is the competent authority for the purpose of declaring the state of alarm. However, it empowers the competent authority of each Autonomous Community to issue rules, decisions and provisions; for the purposes of implementing the provisions of articles 5 to 11 of the aforementioned Royal Decree.

These Articles establish the following restrictions:

- Limitation of the freedom of movement of persons at night.
- Limitation of entry and exit of the Autonomous Communities (CCAA).
- Limitation of the permanence of groups of persons in public and private spaces.
- Limitation of the permanence of persons in places of worship.

In addition, each Autonomous Community will be competent to establish the criteria for action in these matters, within the framework of action approved by the state government.

In this way, with the adoption of resolution SLT/2700/2020 of 29 October, Catalonia establishes the measures to be implemented in the field of public health, [the full document can be read here](#).

We provide you with a [model of company authorisation](#) in case workers have to move to carry out their work.

Also access to the [self-responsible certificate of travel](#) during the hours of restriction of night mobility of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

We cite some of the main measures:

Limitation of entry and exit of persons

The entry and exit of persons from the territory of Catalonia shall be restricted, except for those movements, which are properly justified, which occur for any of the following reasons:

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assistance to health and social centres, services and facilities.

B) Compliance with labour, professional, business, institutional or legal obligations.

assistance to university, teaching and educational centres, including early childhood education schools.

return to the place of habitual or family residence.

assistance and care for older persons, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities or persons

especially vulnerable.

transfer to financial and insurance institutions or supply stations in neighbouring territories.

required or urgent action before public, judicial or notary bodies.

renewals of official permits and documentation, as well as other non-derogable administrative procedures.

conduct of non-derogable official examinations or tests.

because of force majeure or situation of necessity.

any other activity of a similar nature, duly accredited.

In addition, during the period of validity of the aforementioned restriction measure, from 06.00 a.m. on Friday to 06.00 a.m. on Monday, the entry and departure of persons from each municipal term is limited, with the exceptions provided for in the previous paragraph.

Prevention and hygiene measures in workplaces

The holders of workplaces, both public and private, are obliged to limit to the maximum the labour mobility of working persons, taking the necessary organizational and technical measures to make it possible. To this end, they have to implement remote work or telework, except when it is impossible to carry out remote work or when there is no proven means to do so. In the latter case, staggered entry and exit times, time flexibility or the like have to be established.

Without prejudice to compliance with the rules on the prevention of occupational hazards and the other applicable labour regulations, persons who own workplaces, both public and private, have to take the following measures, inter alia:

- A) To take organizational measures in working conditions so as to ensure that the minimum interpersonal safety distance is maintained. And when this is

not possible, workers must be provided with appropriate protective equipment at the level of risk.

- B) To adopt cleaning and disinfection measures appropriate to the characteristics of the workplaces and intensity of use, as well as to ensure the ventilation of spaces and buildings, in accordance with the protocols established in each case by the health authorities and, in particular, of the common spaces of the workplaces, by restricting or staggering their use in order to avoid agglomerations, by intensifying the cleaning of surfaces, establishing that in the areas of rest, separation between persons and establishing zones is permitted;
- C) To make available to working persons soap and water, or hydroalcoholic or disinfectant gels with authorised viricidal activity, for the cleaning of hands.
- D) The use of the mask is mandatory in the working environment when the work space is for public use or open to the public, in accordance with Resolution SLT/1648/2020 of 8 July, which establishes new measures in the use of masks for the containment of the epidemic outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, or when there are movements within the workplace. In the case of work spaces closed to the public, once the worker is in his/her place of work and performing tasks that do not involve mobility, their use is not mandatory, without prejudice to specific recommendations that may be adopted by companies' prevention services.
- E) To take measures to avoid the mass coincidence of persons, both working persons, customers or users, during the slots in which there is a greater influx.

Services and retail companies

Companies cannot offer services involving close personal contact, unless it is an essential, health, social or social service. Hairdressing services, which can only offer activities related to hair hygiene, are excluded from this provision. The provision of services has to be done, to the extent possible, without physical contact with customers.

The opening to the public of shopping centres and shopping venues is suspended.

Establishments and commercial premises which are located within shopping centres or shopping centres and are exclusively dedicated to the sale of food products, beverages, hygienic products, other essential products, pharmacies, orthopaedics, optics and veterinary centres may remain open.

Commercial establishments within the commercial centres or commercial sites, which have a sales area equal to or less than 800 square metres and have direct and independent access from the public road, with a maximum capacity of 30 per cent may also be opened to the public. The opening to the public of retail establishments and commercial premises is conditional on:

have a sales area equal to or less than 800 square metres.

that the capacity allowed by licence or authorisation of the activity should be reduced to 30 per cent.

in the case of commercial establishments and premises with a sales area of more than 800 square metres, which contain the opening space to the public on the said area and reduce to 30 per cent of the total capacity permitted by licence or authorisation of the activity corresponding to this area.

Retail outlets for food, beverages, hygienic products, other necessities, essential services, pharmacies, orthopaedics, optics, veterinary centres, car dealerships and gardening centres may remain open regardless of their surface.

All establishments must rigorously implement the hygienic, preventive and security measures established to deal with COVID-19 in the Sectoral Trade Plan, approved by the governing bodies of the PROCICAT Action Plan.

Collection systems may be set up at the premises of products purchased by telephone or internet, provided that they guarantee a step-by-step collection that avoids crowding within or accessing the premises, as well as delivery systems at home. To the extent possible, delivery must avoid direct contact with the customer by picking up at the door or in the car, including prepared food.

Cultural, public, recreational and sporting activities

The opening to the public of cultural activities of performing and musical arts, such as theatres, cinemas, auditoriums or the like, both in closed and outdoor venues, in spaces specially equipped for the conduct of public performances, of establishments licensed for the exercise of musical recreational activities of coffee theatre, concert cafe and concert halls is suspended.

Archives, museums, exhibition halls, art galleries, creative centres and visual arts remain open and limit capacity to 33 % of the authorised capacity. In no case can

other cultural activities be organised in these spaces with the assistance of the public. Access to libraries is limited to the collection and delivery of documents reserved for the loan.

The opening to the public of sports facilities and equipment is suspended, with the exception of sports technology and performance centres, both publicly owned and privately owned, as well as sports facilities and equipment that have to host professional, state and international training and competition.

It provides for the postponement of all the sports competitions planned to be held in Catalonia during the period of validity of this Resolution, with the exception of official competitions at the state, international and professional levels that must be held without the assistance of the public.

The opening to the public of parks and amusement fairs, including all types of detachable non-permanent structures, is suspended. It also prohibits the opening of establishments of private children's play activities in enclosed spaces.

Public parks and gardens and children's playgrounds can remain open following the use and maintenance guidelines approved by PROCICAT for these spaces. The use of these spaces is not allowed from 20 hours.

Hospitality and catering activities

The opening to the public of catering services in all types of premises and establishments is suspended. Catering services can continue to be provided exclusively through home delivery or pick-up services at the establishment. The following are excluded from this suspension:

- The restaurants of hotels and other tourist accommodations, which may remain open as long as it is for the exclusive use of their customers, without prejudice to the fact that they can also provide home delivery or pick-up services at the establishment.
- Catering services integrated in health centres and services, social and health care, including children and youth leisure activities, school canteens and social dining facilities.
- Other refurbishment services for training centres not included in the preceding paragraph and the restoration services of workplaces intended for working persons.

In the service areas of motorways and other routes, catering activities can be provided exclusively through delivery services in the same establishment.

Educational activities, leisure activities for children and young people; and socio-educational intervention activities.

Educational activities, and socio-educational intervention activities (social-educational intervention services and open centres), including school transport, must be carried out in accordance with the relevant sectoral plans approved by the Steering Committee of the PROCICAT Action Plan and related regulations, rigorously applying preventive and health protection measures.

Educational establishments have to implement the educational measures provided for in their organisation plans for the 2020-2021 academic year in order to reduce the attendance of post-compulsory students, i.e. baccalaureate, middle-grade training courses and higher-grade training courses.

Leisure activities for children and young people, school sport and extracurricular activities carried out outside the regular school hours in or outside the educational centre for educational or training purposes are suspended;

Excluding extracurricular activities organised or promoted by educational establishments, their associations of mothers and fathers of pupils or their sports sections, as well as by school sports associations or similar figures, such as legally provided sports bodies, and which are

provided for in the respective annual general schedules, when these are carried out in the educational centre and the constant groups in which the participants are grouped are coincident with the groups of stable coexistence defined by the educational activity.

For the purposes of this Resolution, they have no consideration of non-formal activity, as they are regulated teachings, the training provided by adult education centres, official language schools and regulated special-regulated teachings. In such cases, the centres have to take measures to reduce the attendance of their pupils.

Congresses, conventions, trade fairs and major parties

The in-person celebration of congresses, conventions, trade fairs and major parties is suspended.

Non-sedentary markets may maintain their activity subject to a 30 per cent reduction in the maximum capacity of the premises and compliance with the measures provided for in the corresponding sectoral plan approved by the Steering Committee of the PROCICAT Action Plan.