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## **Emergency Covid-19 Cross-border informative chart - SLOVENIA**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **MOBILITY OF PRIVATE PERSONS**

**The Slovenian government canceled the epidemic on May 14th as the spread of the virus slowed down. However, the risk of spreading still exists, so physical distance, hand hygiene and coughing must be strictly observed, and covid-19 patients must be isolated. In enclosed public spaces, it is mandatory to disinfect hands and wear a mask or a scarf.**

#### **General rules of behaviour:**

- The national authorities say that all activities with "minimum contact with consumers in accordance with the adopted instructions of the National Institute of Public Health (hereinafter: NIJZ) are allowed",
- obligation to wear masks or other improvised nose and mouth coverage indoors (at stores, gas stations, banks,) and to keep appropriate distance in all places (recommended 1,5-2 meters by national authorities),
- up until the 30th of April, citizens were confined to their own municipality (Slovenia has many very small municipalities, so this measure meant many were confined to a couple of square kilometers), though there were certain exceptions. This measure has now been redacted,
- outdoors leisure activities, especially on private property (jogging, cycling, tennis, badminton, golf,..) are permitted since 30th of April,
- a new Decree stipulates that sports training is allowed to all athletes. This can be carried out outside or in sports facilities and areas for outdoor sports. The implementation of sports competitions is permitted up to and including the state level and in sports branches that have a registered official competition system in accordance with the said law,

#### **Entry in Slovenia (since 16th of March)**

At the latest correspondence session, the government changed the measures at border crossings



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at the external border and at checkpoints at the internal borders of Slovenia. Yesterday, it also abolished the mandatory seven-day quarantine for EU citizens and at the same time introduced a 14-day quarantine for:

\* persons from third countries who do not have a permanent or temporary residence in the countries of the European Union,

\* persons who have permanent or temporary residence in the countries of the European Union and have left the European Union for more than 14 days.

There are also some exceptions. Quarantine will thus not be mandatory for:

\* persons who attend the funeral of a close relative in Slovenia and leave our country on the same day and have proof of the date and time of the funeral.

\* persons transporting goods to or from Slovenia to a third country and for freight transport from third countries in transit

\* persons with a diplomatic passport and

\* persons providing emergency services for which a certificate has been issued by the competent ministry, and the failure to provide these services could result in major social or economic damage due to the quarantine order

\* members of protection and rescue services, health care, police, firefighters and for persons carrying out humanitarian transport for Slovenia who have crossed the border to carry out their tasks.

Strict measures remain in force for foreign citizens who come to the Slovenian border with visible signs of upper respiratory tract infection or with a positive result of infection with a new coronavirus. Such aliens may be denied entry by the state. However, if a person residing in Slovenia states upon entering the country that he or she is infected with a new coronavirus or has obvious signs of illness, he or she will receive instructions from the border police officer to immediately establish telephone contact with a selected personal physician or emergency medical service.

## **Exit from Slovenia**



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Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, Slovenian citizens are advised not to travel. There are however similar rules to exiting as there are to entering; it mostly depends on the neighboring country's law, therefore the rules they imposed. Most of Slovenia's neighboring countries have similar rules to ours, which are described above.

### **Passing Through Slovenia**

- transit of workers is possible in one day. It is recommended that they carry with them a certificate from the employer confirming they are employees of the company and that they have the task of providing the service, which is urgent.

### **Public transport**

- public transport is now allowed, but the passenger number is limited, which also limits the daily capacity of the public transport system. Passengers have to keep the safe distance of at least 1,5 m and wear masks or other nose and mouth protection.

**Crossborder workers/students** – generally allowed, see above under “entry into Slovenia”.

**Taxis** are allowed for urgent transport, but number of passengers is limited.

### **MOBILITY OF GOODS**

**Transport (airports, ports, inland terminals)**- for the purpose of containing the spread of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia has banned passenger air traffic in Slovenia. The ban has just been lifted, but the system has not yet started functioning at full capacity.

**Transport by road**- allowed.

**Transport by rail**- allowed.

**Transport by sea**- allowed.

**In-home delivery**- delivery personel is not allowed to enter private homes, yet delivery itself is allowed. Special preventive measures of course have to be taken.



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## **BORDER ACTIVITIES**

**Borders opening/controls-** our border control passages are now called “security crossings”. Some have been closed or have a more limited function. Some of our neighbouring countries have also closed some of their border crossings.

**Custom activities-** because of the EU free market rules, radical changes to custom activities are not allowed.

**Other issues:** /

## **ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**

**Food shops-** open, yet have a limited operating time, especially they are limited by number of customers allowed in store at once, with other safety measures, and with special hours being provided for the elderly shoppers or otherwise immunocompromised.

**Pharma & Medical shops-** open, yet face similar restrictions as described above in the “food shops” segment.

**Gas stations, banks, post offices-** open, yet post offices have just reopened according to the pre-covid schedule a couple of days ago.

Most B2C activities are now allowed.

**Repair – maintenance-** open for urgent intervention or sale of spare parts needed for vehicles and domestic appliances. Only urgent works are allowed in private homes, which are inhabited.

**Retail sale** (not food related)- generally allowed, except for the exceptions listed above.

**Wholesale** - allowed

**Restaurants/Pubs/Coffee shops etc.-** at the beginning of epidemic, only delivery was allowed and then also take-away services, and since 4th of May, open space terraces are allowed. Workers however need to wear masks.





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**Personal care** (beauty salons, hairstylists, massages): opened since 4th of May, with the use of all the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for workers and clients.

**Fish/agriculture** - allowed

**Construction and building activities** – generally allowed on uninhabited objects, workers need to follow precautionary rules.

**Other industries (wood, shipbuilding)** – allowed with safety precautions

## Education

Schools/ Universities – with effect from 18 May 2020:

- \* all kindergartens in the country open
- \* primary schools for students from 1st to 3rd grade open
- \* primary schools with a customized program open
- \* secondary schools for final year students of the secondary school and individuals who will take the “matura” or final exam in the 2019/2020 school year, and for students from the 1st to the 3rd year for whom the school organizes additional teaching aids or the acquisition of practical knowledge and skills open

From 18 May onwards, the following may also be reopened:

- \* music schools,
- \* institutions for the upbringing and education of children and adolescents with special needs, and
- \* vocational colleges.

The door also opens for:

- \* universities and higher education institutions,
- \* student dormitories for students returning to school, for those students who are prevented from returning to their place of residence due to the current security situation, unaccompanied minors in student dormitories with the status of an applicant for international protection or recognized



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international protection and for students living in dormitories.

From 25 May 2020, classes will be reopened for:

- \* 9th grade students of primary school and primary school with a customized program,
- \* those students from 4th to 8th grade of primary school and primary school with an adapted program with learning difficulties who need adapted forms and methods of work to achieve minimum standards of knowledge,
- \* pupils and students of special education programs in primary school and primary school with an adapted program.

For all other pupils and students who were not specifically listed, distance education continues.

### **Culture**

**Cultural activities (theaters, museums, concerts, cinema)** - The new decree allows gatherings of up to 50 people, if it is possible to ensure minimal contact between people in accordance with the adopted instructions of the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ). When organizing gatherings of people (eg. public events), the organizer must ensure the measures of the NIJZ and also make sure that people respect these measures.

**Public events (fairs, tradeshow, festivals)**- see above. Nightclubs are closed.

### **Tourism**

**Mobility for tourism** – scarce. Only property owners are allowed to for instance travel to Croatia, tourists in the broader sense aren't.

**Hotel and other accommodation structures** – generally closed. Special instances, such as mandatory quarantine, grant the use of such services. It is predicted that smaller hotels and accommodation structures will open soon.

**Other tourist activities (marinas, mountain huts & alpine farms)** – open.

**Campings**- open space activities are allowed.





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**Seaparks, adventure parks – open space activities are allowed.**

### **Useful local websites**

<https://eng.gzs.si/>

<https://www.slovenia.info/en/plan-your-trip/all-you-need-to-know-about-coronavirus>

<https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/travel-information/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Other local special measures - /**

**Local point covid emergency - /**