

# Restrictions and prohibitions

Here you will find a summary of the restrictions and prohibitions that have been imposed in Sweden due to the coronavirus.

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## **Measures supported by the pandemic law**

Until September 2021, a temporary pandemic law ("Pandemilagen") shall apply. As a result, certain activities that are not covered by other infection control legislation can be closed or restricted.

The government has introduced a number of restrictions in connection with the pandemic law.

Until further notice, no more than eight people may be present at a public gathering or public event. The police has the right to cancel or dissolve an event that has more than eight attendees.

If a private gathering is held at an event venue, in a meeting room and at other rented premises, a maximum of eight people are allowed to attend.

An exception is made for funerals, where up to 20 participants are allowed. If you organise an event in violation of the ban, you may face a fine or prison sentence of up to six months.

Shops, gyms, indoor sports facilities, and swimming facilities must calculate the number of visitors so that each person is given ten square meters of space. The companies must display clear signage that clarifies for visitors how many people may visit the premises at the same time.

The County Administrative Boards of Sweden ("Länsstyrelsen") are assigned to ensure that the rules are followed.

## Gatherings and events

Public gatherings and events may have a maximum of eight participants. The Police can cancel or disband a public gathering or event with more participants. Anyone who organises an event that violates the ban can face a fine or prison sentence of a maximum of six months.

At funerals, 20 participants are allowed.

### Public gatherings include:

- gatherings that constitute demonstrations or which are otherwise held for discussion, expression of opinion or providing information on public or private matters;
- lectures and speeches held for the purposes of teaching or for public or civic education;
- gatherings for religious practice;
- theatrical and cinema performances, concerts and other gatherings for the performance of artistic work, and circus performances.
- other gatherings at which freedom of assembly is exercised.

### Public events include:

- competitions and exhibitions in sports and aviation;
- dance performances;
- fairground amusements and parades;
- markets and fairs
- other events not regarded as public gatherings.
- Schools, public transport, private events and visits to shops are excluded.
- [More information about the ban provided by the Government](#)

## Travel

There are restrictions as regards travel to and from Sweden because of the spread of the coronavirus.

[More information about travel restrictions](#)

## Restaurants, cafés and pubs

- The size of a dining party allowed to sit at one table is limited to four people. If a party is larger than eight people, they must be divided between several tables with at least one metre between them.

Venues serving food and drink must:

- Implement measures to avoid crowding of people in queues, at tables, buffets or bar counters.
- Ensure that guests can keep at least one metre's distance from other people.
- Only serve food and drink to guests who are seated at a table or a bar counter.
- Guests are permitted to order and pick up food and drink, provided that this does not lead to crowding or queues.
- Offer guests the opportunity to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, or offer them hand sanitiser.
- Inform guests about how they can decrease the risk for spreading infection.

The serving of alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverage-like preparations is prohibited between 20.00 and 11.00.

## **Nursing homes and healthcare facilities**

Contact the nursing home in question to find out what applies if you are planning a visit. The facility operator is responsible for preventing contagion among residents and staff. Thus, visits may be limited, especially where nursing homes and healthcare facilities are concerned. For information about visits to healthcare facilities, contact the hospital in question