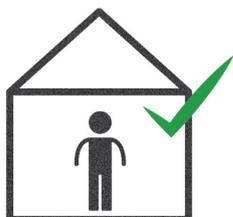


New Curfew Rules in Response to the Second Wave of COVID-19 Infections in Hungary¹

Effective: 2020 November 11 - 2020 December 11



The curfew is in effect **every day** from **8pm (20:00) to 5am (05:00)**. During this period time you need to stay at home apart from a few exceptions. Those on the street during curfew must be able to provide documented proof that they are going to or coming from their place of work. Accepted evidence includes [this form](#) that can be filled in by employers.

People may **walk** their **dogs** during curfew, but only up to a maximum of 500 meters distance from their home. You can leave your home if your health and/or life is in danger.

It is important to carry a picture ID with you at all times.

Shops and businesses must close by 7pm (19:00), however, they are allowed to be open from 5am (05:00). The exceptions are petrol stations and pharmacies which are allowed to stay open during curfew hours.

Restaurants, pubs, bars, clubs, cafés and coffee shops must close and not allow customers or guests to enter. However, restaurants and the like may allow take-away and home delivery. School cafeterias and office cafeterias are allowed to remain open only for students and employees attending those specific schools or working at those businesses.

Hotels may not accept tourists.

Individual outdoor sport activities such as jogging are permitted, however amateur team sports such as football are prohibited.

Recreational areas and sport playing fields such as gyms, swimming pools, museums, libraries, movie cinemas, theatres, zoos and ice skating rings are closed.

Nursery schools, kindergartens and primary schools up to and including grade 8 will remain open. Secondary schools, colleges and university campuses will be closed and education will continue exclusively online from home. Likewise, all halls of residence and dormitories will be closed. Students may only continue to stay in a dormitory under special circumstances (living far away, abroad) and with the specific permission of the rector or school director.

¹ This information material was put together with the purpose of summarizing the new rules based on the government decree [484/2020. \(XI. 10.\) Korm. rendelet](#). For more information, please consult the text of the decree.

It is prohibited to **gather** in public spaces, **organise or attend events and meetings** with the following exceptions:



- **places of worship;**
- **families** may gather (for example to celebrate birthdays), but only with a maximum of 10 people;
- **funerals** may be held, but not more than 50 mourners may attend; and
- **wedding ceremonies** may be held, but only with a strictly limited number of attendees; including the marrying couple, the holder of the ceremony such as a minister or civil registrar, official witnesses, the parents and grandparents of the bride and groom, and any children of the marrying couple. Wedding receptions are prohibited.

Hospital, nursery school, kindergarten, primary school and social institution employees will be **tested** weekly.

Mask wearing:

Masks must be worn properly – this means that they must fully and continuously cover the nose and mouth.

Adults and children aged 6 and older must wear masks in the following situations and places:

- mayors of towns with a population of more than 10000 will indicate public spaces where it is required to wear a mask. In Budapest each district decides, therefore it is advisable to wear a mask everywhere in order to avoid fines.
- riding public transportation (bus, metro, train, trolley, HÉV...) and while waiting for public transport in closed waiting areas such as waiting rooms, metro stations, and bus and train stations;
- shops, post office, reception and waiting areas at government offices and other official institutions, and any other space where there are 5 or more people gathered;
- restaurants while waiting for take-away or while paying for an order; and
- health institutions such as hospitals and clinics.

It is not necessary to wear a mask while enjoying individual sports such as jogging, or in parks;

Those that break the curfew regulations and mask wearing rules face on-the-spot fines between 5000-150000 forint (repeat offenders up to 200000 forint), or pay later by “yellow check.” Fines for businesses may be higher (up to 1 million forint) and not keeping the rules can lead to their closure.

Let's take care of each other!

