# ­COVID-19: EU27+ Response and Actions

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### International Institutions

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| **Institution** |  |
| United Nations | * [UN to create global coronavirus fund to assist developing countries](https://www.euractiv.com/section/development-policy/news/un-to-create-global-coronavirus-fund-to-assist-developing-countries/) |
| WTO | * [Overview of COVID-related trade restrictions](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/covid19_e/covid_measures_e.pdf) |
| WHO | * [Country response tracker](https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/mainpage.aspx?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=23959700b0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_33&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-23959700b0-190517313) |

### European Union

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| **Institution** | [**OFFICIAL EU COVID-19 WEBSITE WITH ALL INFO (INCLUDING EU MEASURES)**](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response_en) |
| European Commission | * [EU Commission President announces EU unemployment reinsurance scheme](https://twitter.com/vonderleyen/status/1245297406054465541) * [Commission’s guidance on export requirements for personal protective equipment](https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2123) * [Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/403 of 13 March 2020 on conformity assessment and market surveillance procedures within the context of the COVID-19 threat](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=uriserv:OJ.LI.2020.079.01.0001.01.ENG)\* * [Guidelines for border measures to protect health and keep goods and essential services available](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_468) * [Proposal for a Regulation on COVID-19 Response Investment Initiative](https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/proposal-regulation-covid-19-response-investment-initiative_en) * [COVID-19: Commission creates first ever rescEU stockpile of medical equipment](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_476) – [link to decision](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=uriserv:OJ.LI.2020.082.01.0001.01.ENG) * [Temporary Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy during the COVID-19 outbreak](https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/sa_covid19_temporary-framework.pdf) & [extension](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_570) * [European Commission makes standards for medical gear available](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_502?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=7a5b9626b6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_22_09_18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-7a5b9626b6-190517313) * [Communication on the on the activation of the general escape clause of the Stability and Growth Pact](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/economy-finance/2_en_act_part1_v3-adopted_text.pdf) * [Communication concerning foreign direct investment and the protection of Europe’s strategic assets](https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2020/march/tradoc_158676.pdf) * [Communication on guidelines facilitating Air Cargo Operations during COVID-19 outbreak](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/legislation/c20202010_en.pdf) * [List of Member State state aid measures approved by the EU](https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/State_aid_decisions_TF_and_107_2_b.pdf) * [Full package of legislative proposals Emergency Support Instrument for the Healthcare Sector](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/activation-emergency-support-instrument-esi_en) * [Proposal](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2020/EN/COM-2020-139-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF) [for a Council Regulation on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2020/EN/COM-2020-139-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF) * [Draft Amending Budget No.2 to the General Budget 2020 - Providing emergency support to Member States and further reinforcement of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2020/EN/COM-2020-170-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF) * [Proposal](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2020/EN/COM-2020-138-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF) [for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 as regards specific measures to provide exceptional flexibility for the use of the European Structural and Investments Funds in response to the COVID-19 outbreak](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2020/EN/COM-2020-138-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF) * [Commission Decision on temporary relief from import duties and VAT exemption on certain medical equipment](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=uriserv:OJ.LI.2020.103.01.0001.01.ENG) * [Commission and European Investment Fund (part of EIB Group) unlock €8 billion in finance for 100,000 small and medium-sized businesses -](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_569)[IP/20/569](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_569) * [Commission Communication on a temporary framework for assessing antitrust issues related to business cooperation in response to COVID-19](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/framework_communication_antitrust_issues_related_to_cooperation_between_competitors_in_covid-19.pdf) * [Commission communication on COVID-19 in vitro diagnostic tests and their performance](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/testing_kits_communication.pdf) * [Joint European Roadmap towards lifting COVID-19 containment measures](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication_-_a_european_roadmap_to_lifting_coronavirus_containment_measures_0.pdf) * [Commission narrows down export authorisation requirements to protective masks only](https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2132) * [Commission launches data sharing platform for researchers](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_680) * [First RescEU masks delivered to Spain, Croatia and Italy](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_785) |
| European Parliament | * [EP’s official News Page](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en) * S&D proposes EU-wide action plan against COVID-19 * [EP resolution on the Corona Response Investment Initiative](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2020-0042_EN.html) |
| Council of the European Union | * [COVID-19 - Council gives go-ahead to support from EU budget](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/03/18/covid-19-council-gives-go-ahead-to-support-from-eu-budget/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=COVID-19+-+Council+gives+go-ahead+to+support+from+EU+budget) * [Statement on COVID-19 economic policy response](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/03/16/statement-on-covid-19-economic-policy-response/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Statement+on+COVID-19+economic+policy+response) * [Council adopts Corona Response Investment Initiative](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/03/30/covid-19-council-adopts-measures-for-immediate-release-of-funds/) * [Latest Decision](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/03/12/continuation-of-decision-making-in-the-council-and-the-european-council/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Continuation+of+decision-making+in+the+Council+and+the+European+Council) on continuation of decision-making in the Council and the European Council * [Decision on a temporary derogation from Rules of Procedure](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/43030/st06891-en20.pdf) * [Council adopts amended EU budget for 2020](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/04/14/tackling-covid-19-council-adopts-amended-eu-budget-for-2020/) * [Council regulation activating the emergency support taking into account the COVID-19 outbreak](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2020.117.01.0003.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:117:TOC) |
| European Central Bank | * [European Central Bank announces €750B coronavirus stimulus](https://www.politico.eu/article/ecb-announces-e750b-coronavirus-stimulus/) * [ECB announces package of temporary collateral easing measures](https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2020/html/ecb.pr200407~2472a8ccda.en.html) |

\*Recommendation (EU) 2020/403:

* It recommends that Member States consider giving national derogations to needed medical devices
* It also recommends that Member States ‘enact’ the approach they had come up with 1 year ago for ‘Brexit’ non-compliances, i.e., if a device is not (yet) fully in compliance with the legislation, and if it does not pose ‘serious’ risks, they may authorize the circulation of the Union
* Finally, it ‘suggests’ that Member States consider purchasing of non-CE marked medical devices for the specific purpose of getting needed products to healthcare workers currently battling COVID-19

### Austria

#### Member State actions in relations to medical technology

* **29 June**: Researchers push for nationwide antibody study - [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/wissenschaft/forscher-machen-vorstoss-fuer-bundesweite-antikoerperstudie)
* **22 June**: Vienna region processed the surgery backlog already – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/chronik/wien/2065194-OP-Rueckstau-in-Wiener-Spitaelern-abgearbeitet.html)
* **15 June**: Mask requirement severely restricted from now on – [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesundheitspolitik/maskenpflicht-ab-sofort-stark-eingeschraenkt)
* **10 June**: Austrian antibody test ready in summer – [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/wissenschaft/oesterreichischer-antikoerpertest-im-sommer-einsatzbereit)
* **8 June**: Testing of hospital staff resumed after criticism - [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesundheitspolitik/wiederaufnahme-von-corona-tests-fuer-akh-personal-gefordert)
* **29 May**: Mask obligation reduced from the 15th of June – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2062391-Die-Maske-faellt.html)
* **18 May**: Medical association advises government to take precautions for second wave regarding PPE - [Medinlive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesundheitspolitik/aerztekammer-chef-kann-sich-keinen-zweiten-lockdown-vorstellen)
* **15 May**: A more comprehensive testing strategy gets green light from national council - [MedinLive](https://www.medinlive.at/index.php/wissenschaft/medunis-forschen-validen-antikoerpertests)
* **22 April**: Study with antibody tests to start – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/wissen/forschung/2058220-Studie-mit-Antikoerpertests-in-Oesterreich-gestartet.html)
* **20 April**: Mask requirements for catering after lockdown eases – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2057847-Maskenpflicht-fuer-Gastro-Personal-kommt.html)
* **20 April**: Austrian medical care slowly starting up again - [OTS](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200420_OTS0022/hochfahren-der-medizinischen-versorgung)
* **17 April**: Operations can slowly be planned again – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2057687-Auch-in-kommenden-Wochen-kein-Normalbetrieb-in-Spitaelern.html)
* **15 April**: Austria to test everyone in nursing homes – [Daily Mail](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8226347/Austria-plans-test-retirement-homes-coronavirus.html)
* **9 April**: Uncertainties with Chinese mask orders – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2057005-Unklarheiten-rund-um-chinesische-Maskenlieferungen.html)
* **9 April**: Austrian health insurance company distributes more than 200,000 masks to partners - [OTS](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200409_OTS0207/oesterreichische-gesundheitskasse-bringt-236900-schutzmasken-in-verteilung)
* **8 April:** COVID anti-body tests from the end of April - [ORF](https://orf.at/stories/3161054/)
* **8 April**: Lack of PPE for health sector in Austria - [ORF](https://oesterreich.orf.at/stories/3042939/)
* Austrian Physician Association presents resolution for better conditions (including PPE) - [OTS](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200406_OTS0086/dringendes-handeln-geboten-resolution-der-oeaek-bundeskurie-niedergelassene-aerzte)
* WKÖ-kopf: Heimische Produktion von Schutzprodukten gegen Corona ausweiten - [WKO](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200323_OTS0104/wkoe-kopf-heimische-produktion-von-schutzprodukten-gegen-corona-ausweiten)

#### General Member State actions

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* **15 June**: Government discussing new economic support package – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2064196-Investitionspraemien-fuer-Wirtschaft-geplant.html)
* **12 June**: Austria loosens more measures – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen/sars-cov-2/2064029-Weitreichende-Lockerungen-ab-Montag.html)
* **10 June**: Austria opens borders for 31 countries – [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesundheitspolitik/oesterreich-oeffnet-grenzen-fuer-31-laender)
* **3 June**: Austria opens all borders except with Italy – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2062845-Oesterreich-oeffnet-alle-Grenzen-zu-Nachbarlaendern-ausser-Italien.html)
* **18 May**: More money for short-time work – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/wirtschaft/oesterreich/2061109-Noch-mehr-Geld-fuer-Kurzarbeit.html)
* **12 May**: Germany opens borders with Austria from June 15 – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/europa/2060381-Deutschland-oeffnet-Grenze-zu-Oesterreich-ab-15.-Juni.html)
* **6 May**: Austria extends border controls with Italy - [ANSA](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/topnews/2020/05/06/austria-prolunga-controlli-a-frontiera_81975d04-c10a-4d36-a802-033581822676.html)
* **28 April:** Government announces further exit measures – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/2058723-Ab-Mai-keine-Ausgangsbeschraenkungen-mehr.html)
* **6 April**: Austrian government increases funds for short-time work support to 3 billion - [ORF](https://orf.at/stories/3160789/)
* **6 April**: Austrian government presents new measures and first exit-strategy - [ORF](https://orf.at/stories/3160816/)
* **2 April**: Budget Committee agrees with 30 billion corona aid package - [OTS](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200403_OTS0002/corona-krise-die-beschluesse-des-budgetausschusses-im-detail)
* **1 April**: Social economy agreement with 2020 wage increase and corona bonus - [OTS](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200401_OTS0031/sozialwirtschaft-kollektivvertrag-verhandler-einigen-sich-auf-gehaltsplus-von-27-prozent-fuer-2020)

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* **26 March**: Austromed welcomes plan of postponing of MDR in light of SARS-CoV-2 - [OTS](https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20200326_OTS0105/sars-cov-2-medizinprodukte-branche-muss-handlungsfaehig-bleiben)
* AUSTROMED’s [Official statement](https://austromed.org/) on COVID-19: “*With regard to the current situation regarding COVID-19, AUSTROMED is available for the necessary measures and is in regular coordination with the official coordination offices*”.

### Belgium

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* [Overview of government recommendations on resumption of healthcare services (regularly updated)](https://www.health.belgium.be/nl/covid-19-aanbevelingen-met-betrekking-tot-het-opstarten-van-de-zorgen-alle-veiligheid#tableau)
* **30 June**: First Flemish city makes masks mandatory in shops and supermarkets in anticipation of second wave – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/119447/first-flemish-city-makes-masks-mandatory-in-supermarkets/)
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* **10 June**: Belgium’s 15 million face masks do not meet safety standards – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/116016/belgiums-15-million-face-masks-do-not-meet-safety-standards/)
* **7 June**: Belgian government present financial injection for hospitals – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/115590/health-minister-announces-one-billion-euro-injection-for-hospitals/)
* **4 June**: Every Belgian resident will receive mask by next week, according to PM – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/health/115044/every-belgian-will-receive-face-mask-by-next-week-pm-says/)
* **3 June**: Belgium not confident over company providing 15 million masks - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200602_04978834)
* **2 June**: New strategy includes to test contacts of those infected twice – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/health/114796/coronavirus-belgium-may-test-contacts-of-infected-citizens-twice/)
* **19 May**: Belgium’s face mask filter order will arrive late – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/112368/belgiums-face-mask-orders-will-not-be-delivered-on-time/)
* **13 May**: Belgium expects first million masks on Friday – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/111489/belgium-expects-first-million-ordered-masks-on-friday/)
* **11 May**: Belgium invests 20 million in vaccine testing centre – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/health/110773/belgian-government-invests-in-vaccine-testing-centre/)
* **7 May**: Belgium orders 6 million extra face masks - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200506_04948317)
* **5 May**: Brussels government orders 3 million face masks – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/brussels/109807/brussels-government-orders-3-million-face-masks/)
* **3 May**: Supermarkets can sell face masks as of May 5th – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/109408/supermarkets-can-sell-face-masks-as-of-tuesday/)
* **30 April**: Belgian doctor’s association scrutinizes Belgian test capacity - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200430_04940413)
* **29 April**: 40% of masks turns out not suitable for medical personnel - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200429_04938632)
* **29 April**: After mouth masks now also threatening shortage of hair masks - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200429_04938678)
* **28 April**: Coordination is lacking to make masks reach Belgian citizens – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/brussels/108433/in-race-to-deliver-face-masks-to-citizens-brussels-mayors-go-solo/)
* **27 April**: Sending all Belgians a mask not manageable by 4 May – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/108371/sending-all-belgians-a-mask-not-manageable-by-4-may-minister-confirms/)
* **25 April**: Non-urgent consultations and elective surgeries resumes from 4th of May - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200425_04934652)
* **24 April**: Brussels region to provide masks for residents if necessary – [Brussels TImes](https://www.brusselstimes.com/brussels/107804/brussels-region-will-provide-at-least-one-face-mask-per-resident/)
* **23 April**: No mask supply for general public yet – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/107611/coronavirus-no-fabric-mask-supply-for-general-population-yet/)
* **22 April**: Belgian municipalities urging for more clarity around face masks in public – [VVSG](https://www.vvsg.be/nieuws/gemeenten-willen-federale-strategie-rond-de-comfortmaskers)
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* **17 April**: ‘Corona container’ possibility in mass testing strategy – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/106720/corona-container-mass-testing-to-get-belgium-back-to-normal-coronavirus/)
* **16 April**: Belgium does not use full testing capacity - [Nieuwsblad](https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20200416_04924170)
* **9 April**: 3 million mouth masks don’t meet quality standards – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/105704/coronavirus-3-million-mouth-masks-dont-meet-quality-standards/)
* Federal government has created taskforce shortages with 5 working groups
  + WG 1: Test capacity, diagnostica & reagentia
  + WG 2: Medicines
  + WG 3: Personal protection equipment
  + WG 4: Medical devices
  + WG 5: Distribution & Logistics
* Ministerial Decree concerning the limitation of the distribution of critical medical devices, personal protective equipment and biocides has been published in the Belgian Official Gazette – [Belgisch Staatsblad](https://crisiscentrum.be/sites/default/files/content/mb_-_23-maart.pdf)
* The Federal Government has confirmed that a public procurement scheme has been awarded for the purchase of surgical masks and FFP2. A plan to distribute these masks between the different entities in the country is being developed by the Risk Management Group.

#### General Member States actions

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### Bulgaria

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **Measures to cope with lack of medtech:**
  + Import from Turkey
  + Textile companies to produce those in emergency
  + Use supplies from the army
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* As of **13 March**:
  + No tax or interest “vacations” for suffering businesses (unlike Italy & Greece)
  + 60% of salaries of impacted business will be covered by government for 1 month
  + 5.00 euro per month for medical staff serving COVID-19

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### Croatia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **20 April**: Everyone with Coronavirus symptoms to be tested in Denmark – [CPH Post](http://cphpost.dk/?p=113357)
* **14 April**: Denmark’s health services gradually opening up again – [CPH Post](http://cphpost.dk/?p=112917)
* **6 April**: Italy asks Denmark for help materially and in healthcare competence regarding COVID-19 – [TV2](https://nyheder.tv2.dk/udland/2020-04-02-italien-beder-danmark-om-hjaelp)
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* **15 June**: Danish aid packages will be phased out – [TV2](https://nyheder.tv2.dk/politik/2020-06-15-politisk-flertal-vil-udfase-hjaelpepakkerne)
* **20 May**: Denmark likely to ease restrictions further- [TV2](https://nyheder.tv2.dk/politik/2020-05-20-ssi-danmark-kan-genaabne-yderligere-men-intet-er-sikkert)
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* **17 April**: Denmark plans next step of easing measures – [TV2](https://nyheder.tv2.dk/samfund/2020-04-17-partierne-er-enige-om-en-yderligere-abning-af-danmark)
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* **14 April**: Denmark to expand gradual reopening of the country – [CPH Post](http://cphpost.dk/?p=112917)
* **9 April**: Denmark comes with new 35 billion package for SMEs (loans) – [TV2](https://nyheder.tv2.dk/samfund/2020-04-09-nyt-tiltag-polstrer-mindre-virksomheder-med-35-milliarder)
* **6 April**: Denmark to ease restrictions next week - [Reuters](https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-denmark/denmark-to-ease-restrictions-next-week-after-coronavirus-lockdown-idUKKBN21O2LD?il=0&utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=f3e18fbed7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_07_05_08&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-f3e18fbed7-190517313)
* A new emergency law came into effect on **17 March**, giving the Health Minister Magnus Heunicke exceptional powers. The emergency law gives authorities the right to force people into quarantine if they are suspected of having the virus, and to coerce vaccination (when a vaccine is available). Infected people can also be banned from visiting public institutions, supermarkets and shops, public and private nursing homes and hospitals, and be restricted from using public transport. The Health Minister can then give the police power to ensure the implementation of the emergency law measures, only requiring consultation with the Minister of Justice. The Health Minister can also unilaterally decide to ban larger gatherings.

### Estonia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **23 June**: Estonian manufacturer start making antiviral protective screens and masks - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1073934/estonian-manufacturer-starts-making-antiviral-protective-screens-and-masks)
* **8 June**: PPE stocks higher than before pandemic – [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1099625/ppe-reserves-significantly-higher-now-than-before-pandemic)
* **26 May**: Health board discussing relaxation of rules around planned treatment - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1094399/health-board-discussing-relaxation-of-rules-around-planned-treatment)
* **18 May**: End of state of emergency also make resuming health care possible - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1091069/end-of-emergency-situation-also-brings-changes-in-health-care)
* **14 May**: Government planning to build two months’ stock of PPE - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1090052/prime-minister-estonia-should-have-crisis-supplies-for-at-least-two-months)
* **13 May**: Spread of coronavirus postpones scheduled treatment in Tallinn hospital - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1089100/spread-of-coronavirus-postpones-scheduled-treatment-in-tallinn-hospital)
* **6 May**: Baltic states to reopen internal borders from May 15 on - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1086369/baltic-states-to-reopen-internal-borders-on-may-15)
* **28 April**: Government approves exit strategy, stage 1 (return of normalisation medical care) already begun - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1083027/government-approves-coronavirus-exit-strategy)
* **28 April**: Government to discuss making masks mandatory - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1083070/aab-government-to-discuss-making-protective-masks-mandatory-on-wednesday)
* **24 April**: Government allocates funds to cover buying hospital equipment - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1081187/government-provides-over-213-million-to-health-fund-amid-pandemic)
* **23 April**: Government to discuss mandatory facemasks in public indoor places - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1081086/minister-aab-wants-people-to-make-wear-masks-in-public-indoor-spaces)
* **21 April**: Health board initiates restoring scheduled treatments, issues guidelines - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1080313/health-board-initiates-restoring-scheduled-treatments-issues-guidelines)
* **15 April**: Estonia installs drive-through testing centers in multiple provinces - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1077698/drive-through-coronavirus-testing-center-to-open-in-five-counties)
* **14 April**: Enterprise Estonia maps out country’s PPE, disinfectant producers - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1077151/enterprise-estonia-maps-out-country-s-ppe-disinfectant-producers)
* **9 April**: Government starts mass testing for corona - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1075473/government-agrees-to-start-mass-testing-for-coronavirus)
* **1 April**: Mass testing is a goal that is set - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1071230/foreign-minister-mass-coronavirus-testing-could-happen)
* **1 April**: First order of surgical masks arrives in Estonia - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1071084/tallinn-receives-shipment-of-300-000-surgical-masks)

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* [Overview of Estonian measures](https://news.err.ee/1074030/government-s-coronavirus-emergency-situation-orders-in-full)
* **18 May**: Some restrictions to hold while state of emergency ends - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1090842/gov-approves-measures-to-remain-in-effect-after-emergency-situation-ends)
* **23 April**: Emergency situation to be extended by a minimum of two weeks - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1081196/ratas-emergency-situation-to-be-extended-by-a-minimum-of-two-weeks)
* **23 April**: Government committee unveils proposal exit strategy - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1080905/government-coronavirus-commission-unveils-exit-strategy-plan)
* **23 April**: Baltic States want to ease mutual border restrictions - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1081036/baltic-states-prime-ministers-want-to-ease-mutual-border-restrictions)
* **22 April**: Estonian exit strategy to be presented early next week - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1080734/prime-minister-coronavirus-exit-strategy-with-cabinet-early-next-week)
* **21 April**: Emergency situation to be extended into May - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1080206/interior-minister-emergency-situation-to-continue-into-may)
* **19 April**: Health Board agrees with easing restrictions soon - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1079471/health-board-we-agree-with-easing-covid-19-restrictions-soon)
* **7 April**: Government is preparing exit strategy - [Valitsus](https://www.valitsus.ee/en/news/government-office-heading-preparation-coping-and-exit-strategy-covid-19-crisis)
* **1 April**: Government to discuss bankruptcy-free period until end of emergency period - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1071530/ministry-wants-bankruptcy-free-period-until-end-of-emergency-situation)
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#### Industry Activities

* Cepheid to facilitate faster tests to Estonian hospitals in the near future - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1072330/hospitals-in-estonia-to-roll-out-faster-coronavirus-tests-in-coming-weeks)

### Finland

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* All non-essential health care services are placed on hold to mobilise resources for COVID-19 patients.
* **29 June**: Helsinki to trial coronavirus breathalyser - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/helsinki_to_trial_coronavirus_breathalyser/11423684)
* **4 June**: Finnish government not issuing face mask use guidelines - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finnish_govt_not_issuing_specific_face_mask_use_guidelines/11383815)
* **3 June**: Finnish researchers call for mandatory mask use - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finnish_researchers_call_for_widespread_mask_use_in_open_letter/11382168)
* **2 June**: Government appointed expert panel advices for obligatory mask wearing until vaccine available - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/govt-appointed_panel_recommends_mask_use_until_coronavirus_vaccine_available/11380644)
* **25 May**: Ministry requests procurement of 100 million euros of PPE - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/coronavirus_latest_health_ministry_requests_100m_in_ppe_death_toll_slows/11249610)
* **19 May**: Helsinki to increase testing capacity to 4,000 a day by Autumn - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/hus_testing_capacity_to_rise_sharply_by_autumn/11358934)
* **18 May:** Finnair boosting cargo capacity by stripping seats from passenger planes - [YLE](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/news-in-brief/17683-coronavirus-finnair-boosts-cargo-capacity-by-removing-seats-from-unused-passenger-planes.html)
* **12 May**: Private antibody testing numbers increasing - [HS](https://www.hs.fi/kotimaa/art-2000006505584.html)
* **20 April**: Masks recalled after allergic reactions - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/stockpile_boss_payday_lenders_masks_all_unusable/11313536)
* **16 April**: Finnish Health Institute recommends use of masks in public – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17553-head-of-thl-recommends-that-everyone-wear-cloth-masks-in-public-places.html)
* **14 April**: Finland to increase its testing capacity – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17549-synlab-finland-to-start-testing-coronavirus-samples-in-helsinki.html)
* **13 April**: National procurement officials suspended over mask debacle - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/emergency_supply_agency_officials_suspended_over_mask_debacle/11304312)
* **10 April**: Finland ordered masks marketed with fake CE certificates – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17531-hs-finland-s-hvk-has-ordered-masks-marketed-with-fake-ce-certificates.html)
* **10 April**: Finland to increase testing capacity to 10,000 - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/minister_finland_to_significantly_increase_covid-19_testing/11302565)
* **9 April**: Finnish National Emergency Agency struggles to find hospital-grade PPE - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/agency_boss_admits_paying_out_millions_of_euros_without_getting_hospital-grade_ppe/11302278)
* **8 April**: Finland announces spending additional 600 million on PPE - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finland_announces_41bn_in_extra_state_spending/11298630)
* **8 April**: Availability of PPE still a concern for Finnish healthcare districts – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17525-hs-availability-of-protective-equipment-still-a-concern-for-finnish-health-care-districts.html)
* **8 April**: Masks ordered from China unfit for hospital use – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17527-masks-ordered-from-china-prove-unfit-for-hospital-use-finland-disappointed.html)
* **7 April**: Finland pushes for enhanced production of face masks - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/ministry_pushes_to_increase_face_mask_production/11295965)
* **2 April**: Hospitals supplied with face masks 8 years past use-by date - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finnish_hospitals_supplied_with_face_masks_nearly_8_years_past_use-by_dates/11287904)
* **1 April**: Finland to double testing capacity in near future - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finland_to_double_testing_capacity_strengthen_coronavirus_co-ordination/11286120)

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* **3 June**: Finnish government presents recovery package – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17733-finnish-government-unveils-5-5bn-recovery-package-to-borrow-18-8bn-in-2020.html)
* **13 May**: Finland to introduce new financial package for businesses – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17670-finnish-government-decides-on-new-subsidy-for-coronavirus-hit-businesses.html)
* **11 May**: Finnish government likely to announce new support measures - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/yle_sources_govt_planning_new_business_bailout_package/11346203)
* **4 May**: Finland to ease some restrictions from June, healthcare provision (remains) unchanged - [VNK](https://vnk.fi/en/article/-/asset_publisher/hallitus-linjasi-suunnitelmasta-koronakriisin-hallinnan-hybridistrategiaksi-ja-rajoitusten-vaiheittaisesta-purkamisesta)
* **4 May**: State of emergency to likely remain in effect longer – [Helsinki Times](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17622-state-of-emergency-to-remain-in-effect-in-finland-sources-tell-iltalehti.html)
* **26 April**: No changes to restrictions before 3 May - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/pm_no_changes_to_restrictions_before_3_may/11323955)
* **23 April**: Finnish government adopts new combat strategy (including mass testing) - [YLE](https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/17586-finland-starts-shift-to-composite-coronavirus-strategy-no-decision-on-re-opening-school.html)
* **15 April**: Helsinki transport roads opened on Wednesday - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/uusimaa_regional_border_to_reopen_on_wednesday/11306122)
* **13 April**: Helsinki region border restrictions not extended - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/uusimaa_border_closure_will_not_be_extended_govt_source_tells_yle/11304791)
* **8 April**: Finland announces 4.1 billion extra spending - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finland_announces_41bn_in_extra_state_spending/11298630)
* **7 April**: Finland announces further tightening of border controls - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finland_announces_further_tightening_of_border_controls/11295572)
* **3 April**: Unemployment benefits to now also cover entrepreneurs - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/govt_to_extend_unemployment_benefit_to_cover_entrepreneurs/11289337)
* **3 April**: Finland halves max payday loan interests - [YLE](https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finland_slashes_maximum_payday_loan_interest_to_ease_crisis_fears/11290345)

#### Industry Activities

* Roche devices to help ramp up testing capacity Finland – YLE

### France

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* France has put in place several measures to face the economic impact of COVID-19. Notably the publication of a [decree](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/actualites/A13909) governing the sale prices of hydro-alcoholic gel.
* French authorities will requisite all face mask stocks and production in the coming months and will distribute them to health professionals and to French people infected with the coronavirus.
* [Requisition Decree](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000041679951&categorieLien=id)
* [Order with various measures](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000041697131&categorieLien=id)
* [Order with various measures 2](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000041704203&categorieLien=id)
* [Order with various measures 3](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000041698000&categorieLien=id)
* An economic continuity unit was activated on **March 3** at the Ministry of the Economy. This unit will make it possible to obtain all the necessary information on the economic situation of the country in real time, to better manage the impact of this health crisis on our economy by taking daily decisions that may prove necessary.
* **April 6**: France could move to obligatory face mask wearing if production allows – [Le Monde](https://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2020/04/06/port-du-masque-l-executif-amorce-un-virage-a-180-degres_6035698_823448.html)
* **April 3**: French politicians accuse US of buying PPE meant for France – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200403-french-politicians-accuse-us-of-buying-up-chinese-face-masks-bound-for-france)
* **April 2**: French ambition to ramp up PPE, respiratory production not yet visible – [Le Monde](https://www.lemonde.fr/planete/article/2020/04/02/coronavirus-masques-surblouses-du-materiel-manque-toujours-dans-les-hopitaux_6035257_3244.html)

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* [Official information](https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus) from the government. More can be found under the specific section “**measures taken for the French economy**”.
* **16 June**: Macron pledges 200 million for French medical research to counter Covid-19 – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200616-macron-pledges-%E2%82%AC200-million-for-french-medical-research-to-counter-covid-19)
* **14 June**: France accelerates lifting lockdown – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200614-live-france-s-macron-charts-next-steps-out-of-covid-19-crisis)
* **10 June**: France does not extend state of health emergency beyond 10th of July – [Le Monde](https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2020/06/10/covid-19-l-executif-met-fin-a-l-etat-d-urgence-sanitaire-mais-prolonge-plusieurs-de-ses-mesures_6042314_3224.html)
* **6 June**: France’s Scientific Council sets out four possible future Covid-19 scenario’s – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200606-from-under-control-to-critical-four-potential-scenarios-for-covid-19-in-france)
* **2 June**: France begins phase II of easing lockdown measures – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200602-france-lifts-more-covid-19-restrictions-what-you-need-to-know-for-phase-ii)
* **25 May**: France wants to massively invest in hospitals – [MedInlive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesellschaft/frankreich-will-massiv-krankenhaeuser-investieren)
* **8 May**: France confirms start easing lockdown on May 11 – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200507-live-france-unveils-final-plan-on-easing-covid-19-lockdown)
* **2 May**: France extends state of health emergency until July 24 – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200502-france-extends-covid-19-health-emergency-until-july-24)
* **28 April**: French government presents exit strategy – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200428-live-pm-philippe-unveils-france-s-plan-to-ease-covid-19-lockdown)
* **22 April**: First businesses could open after May 11 – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200423-retail-outlets-in-france-could-open-may-11-but-not-bars-and-restaurants)
* **19 April**: French deconfinement only with massive testing – [Le Monde](https://www.lemonde.fr/planete/article/2020/04/20/coronavirus-en-france-pas-de-retour-a-la-normale-avant-longtemps_6037121_3244.html?forecast_method=widget&forecast_data=top_article_list)
* **15 April**: France boosts COVID-19 economic rescue package to 110 billion – [France24](https://www.france24.com/en/20200415-france-boosts-covid-19-economic-rescue-package-to-%E2%82%AC110-billion)
* **13 April**: Lockdown to be eased from May 11 - [POLITICO](https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/13/macron-says-frances-lockdown-to-be-eased-from-may-11-184089)
* **9 April**: France introduces form to be filled in to enter the country - [SWP](https://www.swp.de/suedwesten/landespolitik/frankreich-fuehrt-passierschein-fuer-einreisen-ein-45324975.html)
* **9 April**: French lockdown will continue after April 15 – [Le Monde](https://www.lemonde.fr/planete/article/2020/04/09/coronavirus-en-france-le-bilan-approche-des-11-000-morts-le-confinement-prolonge_6036054_3244.html)

#### Industry Activities

* **Snitem** is in regular contact with the authorities and in particular with the Health cabinet, the administration (DGS) and the agency for health security and health products (ANSM) to take stock of the crisis: coordination with the authorities on the measures taken by the latter concerning the coronavirus. Reporting to the public authorities on the problems encountered by medtech companies in the management of the crisis (in particular how can businesses continue being able to benefit from stocks of masks for their production activity in the current context of requisition and volume evaluation). Authorities are requesting that companies assess the risks of rupture and monitoring of the supply of medical devices is carried out with the ANSM.
* **SIDIV** Private laboratory can since 10 March perform COVID-19 tests. The Clinical Biologists associations have sent a letter to the authorities to ask for masks to perform the tests. If masks are not available for them, they will not perform the tests for security reasons. As CI-IVD tests are available there will be no derogation under IVDD by the French authority.

### Germany

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **30 June**: Nation-wide antibody study started - [SWR](https://www.swr.de/swraktuell/baden-wuerttemberg/tuebingen/antikoerperstudie-reutlingen-startet-100.html)
* **18 June**: Only few healthcare institutes test large-scale, while that would help to contain virus - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/investigativ/ndr/corona-med-personal-101.html)
* **10 June**: Letter co-signed by Merkel discusses PPE shortages regarding future EU pandemic preparedness - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/merkel-brief-eu-101.html)
* **7 May**: Clinics in Bremen are operating again - [BUB](https://www.butenunbinnen.de/nachrichten/gesellschaft/kliniken-operieren-wieder-100.html)
* **5 May**: Hospitals returning to normal care in Germany- [Hessenschau](https://www.hessenschau.de/gesellschaft/wieder-mehr-planbare-ops-kliniken-auf-dem-langen-weg-zurueck-zur-normalitaet-,corona-kliniken-op-100.html)
* **2 May**: Hospitals in Berlin want to resume normal care – [RBB24](https://www.rbb24.de/panorama/thema/2020/coronavirus/beitraege_neu/2020/05/berlin-krankenhaeuser-oeffnung-planbare-operationen-einnahmen.html)
* **30 April**: German testing capacity exceeds use by far – [Süddeutsche Zeitung](https://www.sueddeutsche.de/gesundheit/covid-19-coronavirus-test-kapazitaet-1.4892720)
* **29 April**: Testing important part of new German Covid-19 combat package - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/corona-bundeskabinett-101.html)
* **28 April**: German hospitals demand gradual return to normal operations - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/kliniken-regelbetrieb-coronavirus-101.html)
* **27 April**: 25 million masks to arrive in Germany - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/corona-schutzmasken-china-101.html)
* **26 April:** German government busy with reopening healthcare system – [Süddeutsche Zeitung](https://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/corona-news-deutschland-1.4828033)
* **24 April**: Plans for 4.5 million tests weekly, health insurers not planning to reimburse it - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/krankenkassen-massentests-101.html)
* **22 April**: Masks mandatory in all states – [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/corona-maskenpflicht-103.html)
* **20 April**: Bavaria introduces mask requirement - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/maskenpflicht-bayern-101.html)
* **16 April**: Hospitals want to go back to normal procedures - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/krankenhaeuser-op-101.html)
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* **3 June**: All healthcare services returned to normal - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/access-to-healthcare-services-returning-to-normal.a362415/)
* **21 May**: From June 3, all health services will be restored - [Diena](https://www.diena.lv/raksts/latvija/zinas/no-3.junija-atjaunos-visus-veselibas-aprupes-pakalpojumus-14241611)
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* **21 April**: State Audit Office begins inspections of the supply of medical masks - [Diena](https://www.diena.lv/raksts/latvija/zinas/valsts-kontrole-sak-parbaudes-par-medicinisko-masku-piegadem-14239892)
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* **7 May**: Government to decide on easing restrictions today - [Diena](https://www.diena.lv/raksts/latvija/zinas/valdiba-lems-par-arkartejas-situacijas-pagarinasanu-un-valsti-noteikto-ierobezojumu-mikstinasanu-14240751)
* **6 May**: Latvian PM looking to ease restrictions soon - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/face-masks-in-public-part-of-the-key-to-easing-covid-19-restrictions-says-latvian-pm.a358659/)
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* **22 April**: PM promises improved business support - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/economy/business/latvian-prime-minister-promises-improved-business-support-measures.a356891/)
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### Lithuania

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* **22 June**: Intersurgical plans to produce respirators for export - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/business/intersurgical-plans-to-produce-respirators-for-exports.d?id=84592061)
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* **18 May**: Dental services to be resumed - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/kindergartens-restaurants-and-gyms-reopen.d?id=84305689)
* **13 May**: Mask no longer mandatory in open spaces - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lockdown-easing-wearing-face-masks-no-longer-mandatory-in-open-spaces.d?id=84272027)
* **4 May**: Random testing campaign has started - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/random-testing-starts-results-from-9-000-people.d?id=84194035)
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* **23 April**: Government drops plans to mass test health workers - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/government-drops-plans-to-mass-test-health-workers.d?id=84123351)
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* [COVID-19 official website](http://lrv.lt/lt/aktuali-informacija/informacija-del-naujojo-koronaviruso/svarbiausia-informacija) (LT and ENG)
* **17 June**: Most quarantine measures lifted in Lithuania – [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesundheitspolitik/quarantaene-litauen-aufgehoben-notstand-aufrecht)
* **9 June**: Lithuania to open its borders with Poland on the 12th of June - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lithuania-plans-to-open-its-border-with-poland-on-friday.d?id=84487187)
* **27 May**: Lockdown extended to June 16 – [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lockdown-extended-until-june-16.d?id=84384069)
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* **6 May**: Lockdown extended until May 31 - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lockdown-extended-until-summer.d?id=84216001)
* **4 May**: Lithuania likely to stick to current lockdown measures for two more weeks - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/health-minister-lockdown-in-lithuania-to-remain-in-place-for-now.d?id=84197105)
* **30 April**: Lithuania lifts more lockdown measures - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lithuania-lifts-more-quarantine-restrictions.d?id=84166043)
* **27 April**: Lithuania unlikely to lift nationwide lockdown on May 11 - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/health-minister-lithuania-unlikely-to-lift-coronavirus-lockdown-on-may-11.d?id=84149237)
* **22 April**: Baltic Ministers discuss coordinated exit strategy – [Baltic Times](https://www.baltictimes.com/baltic_pms_to_discuss_coordinated_exit_from_covid-19_crisis/)
* **21 April**: Lithuania to extend quarantine until May 11, but eases restrictions - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lithuania-to-extend-quarantine-until-may-11.d?id=84096245)
* **15 April**: Lithuania starts easing lockdown measures - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/government-allows-some-non-food-retailers-and-repair-shops-to-reopen.d?id=84052661)
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### Luxemburg

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **18 June**: Large scale testing plan starting to gain momentum - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1536127.html)
* **5 June**: Temporary care centres for corona close on Monday - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1529681.html)
* **3 June**: Luxembourg hospitals face difficulties returning to ‘normal’ - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1528319.html)
* **25 May**: Testing not in drive-through form anymore - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1523719.html)
* **19 May**: Luxembourgish testing capacity is slowly rising – [L’essentiel](http://www.lessentiel.lu/de/luxemburg/story/luxemburger-massentest-lauft-schleppend-an-26938119)
* **14 May**: 27 Million masks distributed to municipalities - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1518163.html)
* **14 May**: New testing strategy in full capacity from June 1 - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1517843.html)
* **13 May**: Large scale testing plan encounters logistical issues - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1516916.html)
* **4 May**: Phase 2 of exit strategy announced, everyone to receive 50 face masks - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1512424.html)
* **30 April**: Medical and dental practices to reopen on 4 April - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1509953.html)
* **28 April**: Luxembourg wants to test entire population in one month - [RTL](http://www.lessentiel.lu/de/luxemburg/story/regierung-will-gesamte-bevolkerung-testen-24904970)
* **20 April**: Luxembourg to test extensively in nursing homes - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1504688.html)
* **18 April**: New platform launched to collate information on PPE supplies - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1503651.html)
* **16 April**: Face masks mandatory from 20 April, population to receive them - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1502340.html)
* **8 April**: Luxembourg will support enhanced production of PPE, sanitizers - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1498083.html)
* **7 April**: Luxembourg will support SMEs changing production to PPE - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1497454.html)

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* [Luxembourg exit plan timeline](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1503049.html)
* [Official website](https://msan.gouvernement.lu/en/dossiers/2020/corona-virus.html) and Health care measures
* [Official website](https://meco.gouvernement.lu/en/dossiers/2020/coronoavirus-entreprises.html) and Economic measures
* **16 June**: More face mask measures eased in Luxembourg - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1534979.html)
* **23 April**: New support measures for SMEs - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1506154.html)
* **21 April**: Government signs deal with banks to provide loans to businesses - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1505324.html)
* **16 April**: Mask wearing obligatory on public transport – [L’essentiel](http://www.lessentiel.lu/de/luxemburg/story/alle-mussen-jetzt-im-bus-schutzmasken-tragen-15600051)
* **4 April**: Luxembourg adopts new measures amidst emergency state - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1496200.html)

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* **3 April**: Siemens develops new coronavirus detection test in Luxembourg - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1495325.html)

### Malta

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **9 June**: Malta spending 100 million more than planned on healthcare - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/malta-spending-100-million-more-than-planned-on-healthcare-in-2020.797391)
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* **18 May**: Mater Dei resuming outpatient appointments - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/mater-dei-is-resuming-its-outpatient-appointments.792626)
* **4 May**: Conflict on face mask price caps solved - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/face-mask-pricing-talks-continue-though-a-deal-is-close.789965)
* **4 May**: Nurses warn that patients are not being handed PPE -[ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/nurses-threaten-action-unless-patients-given-masks.789899)
* **27 April**: Malta to start proactive screening - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/health-authorities-begin-proactive-screening.788279)
* **26 April:** New batch of PPE arrived in Malta - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/malta-receives-major-shipment-of-ppe-for-healthcare-workers.787949)
* **8 April**: Maltese government secures medical bodysuits from China -[ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/government-secures-medical-bodysuits-direct-from-china.784142)
* **2 April**: Maltese healthcare professionals appeal or PPE - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/healthcare-professionals-appeal-for-personal-protective-equipment.782933)

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* **30 June**: Travel bans lifted for multiple countries - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/travel-ban-to-be-lifted-for-regions-in-italy-france-spain-hard-hit-by.801810)
* **27 April**: First easing of measures to be announced this week - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/first-easing-of-covid-19-measures-expected-this-week.788240)
* **23 April**: Maltese government intends to relaxe measures soon - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/covid-19-restrictions-could-be-eased-in-the-coming-days-fearne.787310)
* **16 April**: Maltese government working on exit strategy - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/health-authorities-working-on-virus-exit-strategy-fearne.786059)
* Malta is taking various actions:
  + Banning of all travel to and from France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain and Italy.
  + Thermal screening of all passengers arriving at Malta International Airport, Cruise liner and Catamaran Terminals
  + The Superintendence of Public Health has created a team for national response
  + Malta has enhanced its surveillance to detect suspected cases early.
  + Malta has enhanced its communication with media, advice to clinicians and traveller’s advice.
  + Preparedness plans at Mater Dei Hospital and Primary Care have been set up to isolate, diagnose and treat any suspected and confirmed cases.

#### Industry Activities

### Netherlands

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **1 July**: Dutch medical specialists scrutinize corona measures and request restarting normal healthcare services – [Open Debat](https://opendebat.info/brandbrief/)
* **9 June**: Full testing capacity has never been used - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/coronavirus/6056877/aan-begin-coronacrisis-maar-helft-van-beschikbare-tests-gebruikt.html)
* **5 June**: Shortage of gloves in the Netherlands - [Trouw](https://www.trouw.nl/binnenland/na-mondkapjes-is-er-nu-weer-een-tekort-handschoenen~b7c97c8e/?referer=https%3A%2F%2Fnos.nl%2Fliveblog%2F2336258-frankrijk-heeft-corona-onder-controle-eerste-versie-corona-dashboard-online.html)
* **23 May**: From 1 June everyone in the Netherlands can get tested - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2334835-vanaf-1-juni-kan-iedereen-in-nederland-op-het-coronavirus-getest-worden.html)
* **22 May**: Resuming regular care happens only slowly - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2334679-ziekenhuizen-hervatten-reguliere-zorg-stap-voor-stap.html)
* **19 May**: Many HCPs still without PPE - [FNV](https://www.fnv.nl/nieuwsbericht/sectornieuws/zorg-welzijn/2020/05/veel-zorgpersoneel-werkt-nog-steeds-onbeschermd)
* **13 May**: From May 25th no VAT on masks - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/coronavirus/6050977/vanaf-25-mei-tijdelijk-geen-btw-op-mondkapjes.html)
* **11 May:** 290.000 elective treatments cancelled in the Netherlands - [Parool](https://www.parool.nl/nederland/ziekenhuis-zoekt-oplossing-voor-stuwmeer-aan-operaties~be59aaa5/)
* **5 May**: Million new tests ordered for study on herd immunity - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2332885-miljoen-nieuwe-tests-voor-onderzoek-naar-groepsimmuniteit.html)
* **30 April**: Shortage of fluids necessary for testing - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2332271-we-hebben-voldoende-machines-maar-te-weinig-testvloeistof.html)
* **30 April**: Dutch testing capacity not fully used - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2332258-nederland-kan-duizenden-testen-extra-afnemen-maar-doet-dat-niet.html)
* **28 April**: IC capacity needs to be increased for patients the upcoming years - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2332035-structureel-ruim-600-ic-bedden-extra-nodig-om-coronapatienten-op-te-vangen.html)
* **28 April**: Testing capacity should increase before exiting restrictions, but materials are scarce - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2332007-duizenden-tests-voor-leraren-maar-materiaalschaarste-blijft-een-probleem.html)
* **20 April**: Thousands of masks arrive at Schiphol - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2331056-honderdduizenden-mondkapjes-aangekomen-op-schiphol.html)
* **18 April**: Hospitals starting preparations to receive non-COVID patients again - [Parool](https://www.parool.nl/nederland/de-exitstrategie-van-ziekenhuizen-zo-wordt-de-reguliere-zorg-opgeschaald~b6233d95/)
* **14 April**: Netherlands to increase testing capacity to 29,000 tests a day - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2330455-ggd-volgende-week-12-000-extra-tests-per-dag.html)
* **9 April**: KLM to provide two airplanes for air-bridging Philips equipment - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/economie/6043712/klm-haalt-boeing-747-van-stal-voor-medische-luchtbrug-voor-philips.html)
* **9 April**: Dutch industry will switch to producing millions of mouth masks - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/binnenland/6043631/nederlandse-bedrijven-gaan-miljoenen-mondkapjes-per-week-produceren.html)
* **6 April**: The Netherlands to increase testing capacity to 17,500 a day - [Trouw](https://www.trouw.nl/zorg/testen-testen-testen-vanaf-nu-ook-in-nederland~b77998cc/?referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F)
* **1 April**: Netherlands proposes European fund for medical sectors in most affected countries - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2329111-hoekstra-een-miljard-nederlands-geld-in-coronafonds-voor-zwaar-getroffen-landen.html)
* Redistribution of medical devices to healthcare institutions (Masks, gloves, and aprons)
* Suppliers are encouraged to prioritize healthcare customers

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* **19 May**: Package for economic support extended - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2334521-steunpakket-voor-economie-met-drie-maanden-verlengd-kosten-13-miljard-euro.html)
* **18 May**: Government presents new support package for companies - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2334308-nieuw-steunpakket-meer-compensatie-voor-vaste-lasten-bedrijven.html)
* **6 May**: Netherlands presents exit strategy - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2333007-zo-ziet-de-versoepeling-van-de-coronamaatregelen-er-in-de-komende-maanden-uit.html)
* **4 May**: Netherlands looking to ease more measures - [NOS](https://nos.nl/nieuwsuur/artikel/2332804-kabinet-wil-van-wat-kan-niet-naar-wat-kan-wel-kappers-mogelijk-open.html)
* **22 April**: Elongation of business support, but with stricter conditions - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2331299-kabinet-geen-nieuwe-steun-bedrijven-die-bonussen-uitkeren.html)
* **21 April**: Netherlands eases first measures - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2331272-dit-zijn-de-nieuwe-coronamaatregelen-op-een-rij.html)
* **21 April**: Overview of the new measures - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2331272-dit-zijn-de-nieuwe-coronamaatregelen-op-een-rij.html)
* **7 April**: Netherlands to help SMEs with another 12 billion euro plan - [FD](https://fd.nl/ondernemen/1340560/kabinet-trekt-nog-eens-12-mrd-uit-als-extra-garantie-voor-ondernemers)
* **1 April**: Dutch banks give SMEs half a year extra time for paying back loans - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/economie/6038704/banken-geven-kleinere-bedrijven-half-jaar-uitstel-van-aflossingen.html)
* Dutch Minister of Health, Bruins, resigns after collapsing after a speech in Parliament.
* Minister for Health, Bruno Bruins, stated that while it is likely that the Netherlands will eventually have to put in place extra measures, they want to wait as long as possible.
* This falls in line with the trend that we’ve previously mentioned. The Netherlands is taking an incremental and minimalist approach to COVID-19. Prime Minister Rutte affirmed this herd immunity view in a press conference yesterday.
* Schools and non-essential services (restaurants, cafes etc.) are closed until April 3rd.
* Quarantine of symptomatic cases and self-quarantined of asymptomatic cases. Elderly to limit contact with people.
* Government advice workers to work from home.
* Events with more than 100 people are not allowed.

#### Industry Activities

* Diagned is participating in a Taskforce Diagnostiek, which is currently 24/7 busy in arranging adequate test facilities and capacity - [Rijksoverheid](https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/binaries/rijksoverheid/documenten/kamerstukken/2020/03/31/kamerbrief-covid-19---update-stand-van-zaken-31-maart/kamerbrief+COVID-19+-+Update+stand+van+zaken+31+maart+2020.pdf)
* Nefemed is a participating in the National Consortium for Medical Equipment (LCH)
* Nefemed has frequent contact with the Ministery of Healt/Minister of Health about de protective devices

### Norway

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **1 July**: Half of rapid tests used not acceptable – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/half-of-the-fast-corona-tests-not-acceptable/)
* **9 June**: Government bought 1,000 respirators which could be distributed to other countries – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/no-need-for-emergency-respirators/)
* **15 May**: Testing capacity varies widely in municipalities – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/the-municipalities-test-capacity-varies-widely/)
* **22 April**: Testing capacity to increase to test anyone with symptoms – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/during-may-anyone-with-corona-symptoms-should-be-tested/)
* **16 April**: Hospitals asked to start providing more regular services again - [VG](https://www.vg.no/nyheter/i/RRedox/flere-norske-sykehus-nedjusterer-til-groenn-beredskap)
* **15 April**: 2.5 million facemasks arrived in Norway – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/2-5-million-face-masks-to-norway-at-easter/)
* **2 April**: Norway order 1,000 emergency respirators – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/the-government-orders-1000-emergency-respirators/)

#### General Member States actions

* **13 May**: Norwegian government to come with recovery package at end of May – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/finance/solberg-a-budget-for-gradually-improving-our-daily-lives/)
* **8 April**: Norway to gradually open up after Easter – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/norway-gradually-opens-up/)

#### Industry Activities

### Poland

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **27 May**: Poland lifts mask obligation for the public – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7784/Artykul/2519766,Poland-relaxing-face-mask-rules-reopening-theatres-gyms)
* **21 May**: Update on resumption of healthcare services in Poland - [Wyborcza](https://wyborcza.pl/7,173236,25964988,coronavirus-has-restricted-our-access-to-medical-care-here.html)
* **8 May**: National Health Fund reduces reimbursement for corona test - [Wyborcza](https://wyborcza.pl/7,173236,25896751,the-national-health-fund-reduced-the-reimbursement-price-for.html)
* **4 May**: Rehabilitation care to be resumed again – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2503595,Polish-hotels-malls-reopen-as-virus-curbs-eased)
* **29 April**: Poland lifting measures: medical (rehabilitation) care resumed in May – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2501188,Poland-to-reopen-hotels-malls-as-more-virus-curbs-lifted)
* **27 April**: Poland to set up a drive-through testing system – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7784/Artykul/2499801,New-drivethru-coronavirus-tests-planned-in-Poland)
* **23 April**: Poland preparing plan for resuming normal medical care - [Wiadomosci](https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/kraj/koronawirus-w-polsce-lukasz-szumowski-o-planie-otwarcia-sluzby-zdrowia/8ssmz92)
* **23 April**: Polish state bought masks with fake CE certificates - [Wyborcza](https://wyborcza.pl/7,173236,25893204,state-owned-company-paid-for-face-masks-with-fake-cartificate.html)
* **16 April**: Polish firms aim to make 100 million face masks by end of June – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2493175,UPDATE-Polish-firms-aim-to-make-100m-masks-by-end-of-June)
* **14 April**: Poland ramping up PPE production – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2491433,Poland-ramping-up-production-of-face-masks-other-items-amid-pandemic-PM)
* **9 April**: Polish obliged to wear masks from 16 April on – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7789/Artykul/2489671,Poles-will-have-to-wear-masks-in-public-amid-epidemic)
* **8 April**: Poland to receive 400 tonnes of PPE from China – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2488957,World%E2%80%99s-largest-cargo-plane-to-bring-400-tonnes-of-antivirus-gear-to-Poland)
* **8 April**: Poland to buy test kits from South Korea – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7785/Artykul/2488638,Poland-to-buy-COVID19-test-kits-from-South-Korea-official)

#### General Member States actions

* Poland introduces “[epidemic threat status](https://www.gov.pl/web/zdrowie/od-dzis-wprowadzimy-stan-zagrozenia-epidemicznego2)” (in Polish).
* The Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (OCCP) is creating a special unit for monitoring the prices of food and hygienic products, to check whether stores are unfairly inflating prices due to Covid-19 panic. If it proves to be true, OCCP will undertake further measures to limit such practices.
* **17 June**: Poland promises tax break for businesses – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2533502,Polish-PM-promises-tax-help-for-business)
* **8 June**: Poland to open borders to Baltic states – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7785/Artykul/2526955,Poland-to-reopen-border-with-Lithuania-PM)
* **5 June**: New relief measures adopted – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2525751,Polish-lawmakers-approve-aid-for-borrowers-hit-by-virus-crisis)
* **13 May**: Poland eases lockdown further – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7789/Artykul/2509623,UPDATE-Poland-eases-lockdown-hairdressers-cafes-set-to-reopen)
* **4 May**: Poland extends internal border controls until May 13 – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7785/Artykul/2503682,Poland-extends-internal-border-controls-until-May-13)
* **21 April**: Poland preparing new economic aid package (loans) – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2496147,Polish-gov%E2%80%99t-vows-more-aid-to-virusstricken-economy)
* **20 April**: Poland loosens coronavirus lockdown – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2495028,Poland-loosens-coronavirus-lockdown)
* **17 April**: Polish parliament Oks 2.5 billion euro support package – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7784/Artykul/2493632,Polish-parliament-OKs-more-support-to-economy-amid-virus-crisis)
* **14 April:** Poland to start relaxing restrictions – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2491416,Poland-to-start-relaxing-coronavirus-lockdown-rules-health-minister) **9 April**: Poland extends restrictions on daily life until April 19 – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7789/Artykul/2489639,Poland-extends-restrictions-on-daily-life-amid-epidemic)
* **8 April**: Poland lowers interest rates again amid epidemic – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2489088,Poland-lowers-interest-rates-again-amid-epidemic)
* **7 April**: Poland unveils new economic package of 2.5 billion euros (benefits, break in social contributions) – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2488658,Poland-unveils-new-anticrisis-package)
* **1 April**: Polish in quarantine must use tracking app from government – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2485117,Poles-in-quarantine-must-use-app-so-officials-can-monitor-them)

#### Industry Activities

### Portugal

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* An exception scheme for hiring health professionals is being prepared
* [The public service broadcasting organisation of Portugal](https://www.rtp.pt/noticias/mundo/covid-19-a-situacao-ao-minuto-do-novo-coronavirus-no-pais-e-no-mundo_e1209295) reports the re-enforcing of the stock of national health service by 20%. Direct tender, meaning the NHS will buy directly from companies. Some numbers (30M masks, 42 M gloves, 8M needles, etc.)
* **5 June**: New investment plan for social and healthcare sector – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/portugals-economic-plan-to-help-businesses-and-families/54414)
* **2 June**: New testing plan for the Lisbon region comprises 7,000 daily tests – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/testing-plan-in-the-lisbon-region-is-7000-daily-tests/54348)
* **18 May**: Portugal reviewing testing strategies – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/secretary-of-state-for-health-admits-reviewing-testing-strategies/54178)
* **15 May**: Immunity study has been initiated – [Portuguese News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/immunity-study-of-portuguese-begins/54138)
* **5 May**: Portuguese hospitals preparing gradual resuming to non-urgent activity – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/evora-hospital-prepares-to-resume-non-urgent-activities/54003)
* **4 May**: Portugal produces high volume of masks, starts exporting – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/portugal-produces-one-million-masks-a-day-and-starts-exporting/53992)
* **20 April**: Ventilators arrived in Portugal – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/plane-arrives-in-lisbon-with-65-ventilators/53811)
* **19 April**: Consultations and surgeries to resume progressively – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/consultations-and-surgeries-to-resume-progressively/53791)
* **12 April**: Medical equipment arrives from China – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/medical-equipment-arrives-from-china/53728)
* **10 April**: Portugal to distribute swabs and receive a million tests – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/authorities-will-distribute-90000-swabs-and-receive-one-million-tests/53706)
* **6 April**: Government responds to lack of tests and swabs in Portugal – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/minister-of-health-advances-with-distribution-of-80-thousand-swabs-and-260-thousand-tests/53643)
* **2 April:** Government promises to double amount of ventilators – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/government-promises-to-double-number-of-ventilators/53618)

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* **8 June**: Portugal extends suspension of loan repayments – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/portugal-extends-suspension-of-loan-repayments-until-march/54405)
* **28 April**: Portugal to lift state of emergency on May 3rd – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/health/108596/portugal-will-lift-state-of-emergency-from-3-may/)
* **27 April**: Portuguese government to announce easing of measures per sector on 30 April – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/sectors-to-reopen-on-4-may-will-only-be-defined-on-thursday/53901)
* **16 April**: Portugal to extend lockdown measures for 15 more days - [Reuters](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-portugal/portugal-set-to-extend-coronavirus-lockdown-for-15-more-days-idUSKCN21Y2FR)
* **7 April**: Portugal to boost credit lines to businesses to 4.2 billion euros - [Reuters](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-portugal-idUSKBN21P1BK)
* **2 April**: Portugal extends lockdown with two weeks – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/portugal-prolongs-lockdown-for-two-more-weeks/53600)

#### Industry Activities

* APORMED’s [recommendations on COVID-19](https://www.apormed.pt/index.php/medias/noticias-apormed/259-covid-19-recomendacoes-apormed)
* APIFARMA’s [recommendations on COVID-19](https://www.apifarma.pt/salaimprensa/noticias/Paginas/COVID-19--APIFARMA-Ordem-Medicos.aspx)

### Romania

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* *ANMDMR warns all importers and distributors of medical devices not to place on the Romanian market medical devices such as Surgical Set, Surgical Gown, Surgical Drape, Tube Cover, Liquid Collection Pouch, Protective Coverall, Warm Blanket and Surgical Hood - class I sterile, manufactured by the manufacturer Henan JoinKona Medical Products Stock Co., Ltd., China – devices covered by the forged EC Certificate of Compliance no. G2S 18 01 83528 008 which would be issued by the Notified Body TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH Zertifizierung Medizinprodukte, Germany (0123) on 2018-04-23, valid until 2023-04-22.*
* **3 June**: Testing campaign launched to test over 29,000 people for antibodies – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/health/health-ministry-to-test-over-29000-romanians-for-covid-19-antibodies-during-june-september/)
* **12 May**: Masks to be mandatory in public spaces – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/president-iohannis-facemasks-compulsory-in-public-spaces-affidavits-needed-to-leave-your-locality/)
* **4 May**: Dental offices to reopen, masks mandatory – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/president-state-of-emergency-not-to-be-extended-hair-salons-dental-offices-and-museums-to-open-as-of-may-15/)
* **29 April**: Dental care could be resumed after May 15 – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/govt-considers-opening-hair-salons-dental-offices-and-parks-after-may-15-sources-claim/)
* **8 April**: Romania nominated by EC to host RescEU – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/ec-nominate-romania-to-buy-stock-and-distribute-medical-equipment-for-the-eu-countries-affected-by-covid-19/)
* **8 April**: Romania receives PPE from South Korea – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/a-third-nato-flight-bringing-medical-supplies-from-south-korea-to-romania-u-s-covered-the-transport-costs/)
* **6 April**: In 6 provinces wearing masks outdoors has become mandatory – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/wearing-protective-masks-while-out-mandatory-in-six-romanian-counties/)
* **12 March**: Romania temporarily suspend the distribution for six months, for medical devices, sanitary materials and medicines necessary for the prevention and treatment of SARS-COV-2 - Act. 428/2020 - [Official monitor 202/12.03.2020](http://www.monitoruloficial.ro/article--e-Monitor--339.html)
* In spite of the EU Commission trying to coordinate against such actions, Romania has introduced an export ban on medicine for 6 months.

#### General Member States actions

* [Romania enters state of emergency](https://medtecheurope.sharepoint.com/sites/COVID-19MedTech/Shared%20Documents/General/IVD%20-%20Members%20Responses)
* **17Juni:** State of alert is extended – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/govt-adopts-extension-of-the-state-of-alert-green-light-for-indoor-religious-services/)
* **14 May**: State of emergency ends, state of alert to begin – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/last-day-lockdown-govt-to-adopt-geo-to-make-the-transition-from-the-state-of-emergency-to-the-state-of-alert/)
* **22 April**: President announces lifting of travel restrictions after May 15, mask obligation – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/president-announces-lifting-of-travel-restrictions-in-romania-after-may-15/)
* **15 April**: A bigger share of the Romanian year budget will appointed to health – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/business/the-first-budget-rectification-in-response-to-covid-19-crisis-more-money-to-health-and-labour-portfolios/)
* **14 April**: State of emergency to be extended until May 10 – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/president-iohannis-extends-state-of-emergency-until-may-14-schools-remain-closed/)
* **10 April**: Romanian state launches insurance for exporters covering commercial and political risks related to Covid – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/business/financial/eximbank-is-launching-a-new-insurance-product-for-exporters-in-the-context-of-covid-19-pandemic/)
* **7 April**: Government announces state of emergency to be extended with one month – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/president-announces-extension-of-the-state-of-emergency-by-one-more-month/)
* **3 April**: Romania to receive 400 million financial support from World Bank – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/eur-400-m-from-the-wb-for-romania-to-counter-the-human-and-economic-impacts-of-the-coronavirus-pandemic/)

#### Industry Activities

### Slovakia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* The Ministry of Health has adopted a measure prohibiting the export of registered medicinal products for human use, medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices intended for Slovak market, effective from 23 March 2020.
* **18 May**: Masks not to be compulsory in public, Slovakia enters 4th phase - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22406969/slovakia-enters-4th-phase-of-easing-coronavirus-measures.html)
* **14 April**: Some planned surgeries to be carried out again - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22382833/coronavirus-measures-in-slovakia-some-planned-surgeries-will-proceed-again.html)
* **7 April**: Slovak scientists develop their own coronavirus tests – [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22378330/good-news-from-slovakia-scientists-are-developing-their-own-tests.html)

#### General Member States actions

* [Measures taken](http://www.uvzsr.sk/en/index.php/documents/34-public-order-announcing-issuance-of-decision-on-direction-of-the-measure-on-prevention-of-origination-and-spread-of-communicable-disease-covid-19) on 10 March 2020
* **23 June**: Amount of testing drops dramatically - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22431781/coronavirus-in-slovakia-testing-is-targeted-imported-infection-reckoned-with.html)
* **9 June**: Slovakia to ease more restrictions and cancel state of emergency - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22422149/coronavirus-slovakia-more-measures-lifted-from-june-10-and-15.html?ref=njctse)
* **5 June**: Slovakia opens its borders with Czechia, Hungary and Austria - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22419749/state-borders-between-slovakia-the-czech-republic-hungary-and-austria-are-open.html)
* **14 May**: Government to introduce new law making state-guaranteed loans possible for companies - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22404392/state-guaranteed-loans-should-help-companies-struggling-with-coronavirus-crisis.html)
* **4 May**: Measures to be lifted faster than originally planned - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22397474/coronavirus-in-slovakia-phase-2-and-phase-3-to-merge-more-measures-to-be-lifted.html?ref=njctse)
* **30 April**: Next phase of exit plan could start Monday if numbers are good - [HN](https://slovensko.hnonline.sk/2139929-matovic-pripustil-rychlejsie-uvolnovanie-opatreni-chce-otvorit-vsetky-prevadzky)
* **21 April**: Government presents four-phase exit strategy to start 22 April - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22387787/how-matovic-imagines-the-lifting-of-coronavirus-measures.html?ref=njctse)
* **17 April**: Slovakia to further assist entrepreneurs (loans) - [HN](https://finweb.hnonline.sk/ekonomika/2132548-sulik-predstavil-dalsiu-pomoc-podnikatelom-budu-moct-poziadat-az-o-1-2-miliona-eur)
* **16 April**: Government approves extra financial measures (tax breaks, exemptions) - [HN](https://finweb.hnonline.sk/ekonomika/2132175-vlada-schvalila-dalsie-opatrenia-v-oblasti-financii-v-suvislosti-s-koronavirusom-pozrite-si-ich-prehlad)
* **10 April**: Slovakia to introduce short-time work also for larger businesses – [Dennik](https://e.dennikn.sk/1846548/minister-krajniak-kurzarbeit-pre-velkych-predstavime-na-buduci-tyzden-s-bankami-si-splatky-musia-dohodnut-sami/) (Slovak)
* **7 April**: Extra strict measures for 6 days around Easter - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22376984/easter-with-the-coronavirus-govt-to-further-limit-movement-for-six-days.html?ref=njctse)
* **6 April**: New measures for those arriving in Slovakia - [Spectator](https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22376960/new-coronavirus-measures-mandatory-isolation-for-everybody-arriving-in-slovakia.html?ref=njctse)

#### Industry Activities

### Slovenia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **19 June**: Slovenia wants to host EU RescEU stockpile – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/slovenia-vying-to-host-eu-logistics-centre)
* **5 May**: Ministry cancels controversial ventilator contract – [TSN](https://www.total-slovenia-news.com/politics/6171-ministry-cancels-controversial-ventilator-delivery-contract-with-geneplanet?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=88aa0cc993-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_06_04_59&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-88aa0cc993-190517313)
* **20 April**: Comprehensive random testing has started – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/comprehensive-random-testing-for-covid-19-starts-today)
* **16 April**: Slovenia will conduct random population antibody testing – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/slovenia-to-determine-scope-of-coronavirus-infections)
* **15 April**: Gloves no longer mandatory in closed public places – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/gloves-no-longer-mandatory-in-closed-public-places)
* **14 April**: Shipment of PPE delivered from China – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/new-shipment-of-protective-equipment-from-china-delivered)
* **7 April**: Healthcare system received instructions for COVID-19 exit strategy – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/healthcare-system-preparing-covid-19-exit-strategy)

#### General Member States actions

* [General Measures regarding corona in Slovenia](https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/koronavirus-preparedness-and-measures-in-slovenia/)
* **30 June**: Government adopts emergency bill in preparation for second wave – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/govt-packs-latest-covid-19-measures-into-new-legislative-proposal)
* **30 June**: Government imposing stricter restrictions after spike in infections – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/government-imposing-stricter-gathering-restrictions-once-again)
* **30 May**: Major easing of restrictions in first week of June – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/major-easing-of-restrictions-announced-for-monday)
* **20 May**: Government to present new stimulus package – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/govt-completes-discussing-new-corona-crisis-stimulus-package)
* **14 May**: Major easing of restrictions on Monday – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/major-easing-of-coronavirus-restrictions-planned-for-monday)
* **4 May**: Slovenia eases more measures – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/more-services-available-to-slovenians-as-of-today)
* **22 April**: Changes to eligibility criteria to compensate more workers on furlough – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/changes-to-first-corona-package-relax-eligibility-conditions)
* **22 April**: Finance Ministry urges banks to lend more money to businesses – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/finance-ministry-urges-banks-to-lend-money-to-businesses)
* **21 April**: New economic package estimated at 2.8bn euros (loans, guarantees) – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/latest-estimates-value-second-stimulus-package-at-eur-2-8bn)
* **20 April**: First easing of measures has started – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/string-of-stores-and-services-reopening-as-lockdown-eases)
* **18 April**: Government discussing new aid package – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/govt-discussing-new-corona-mega-bill-changes-to-first-one)
* **17 April**: Virus under control, slow easing of measures possible – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/coronavirus-epidemic-in-slovenia-seen-as-under-control)
* **12 April**: New stimulus package to include guarantees and loans – [Slovenia Times](http://www.sloveniatimes.com/report-eur-900m-in-aid-available-in-second-stimulus-package)
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* Private healthcare providers in Spain have been effectively nationalised and taken under the control of the Health Ministry for the duration of the crisis.
* The [Government is planning](https://www.mscbs.gob.es/gabinete/notasPrensa.do?id=4806) to:
  + **Centralized purchase by the Ministry of Health (INGESA) of prevention products:** A centralized acquisition of masks for the entire National Health System through Ingesa is being prepared by the Ministry of Health. Fenin is in contact with INGESA to collaborate in this project.
  + **Identification of suppliers of PPE:** In order to collaborate with the Health Administrations that ask us for help, Fenin will now identify the supplier companies that have protection products (masks, gowns, gloves, ...) as well as those that have technologies for the diagnosis of Coronavirus (equipment, reagents, ...). Fenin sent an email to their members to ask them to notify Fenin and provide a contact person.

#### General Member States actions

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### Sweden

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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### Switzerland

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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  + Confirming £200 million for hospitals to replace old diagnostics equipment.
  + Increasing the research & development budget to £22 billion a year - 0.8% of GDP.
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