# COVID-19: EU27+ Response and Actions

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### European Union

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* [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)
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* [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)
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\*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

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* **26 August**: Masks compulsory in Upper Austria – [Wiener Zeitung](https://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen/sars-cov-2/2072801-Ab-Freitag-gilt-in-OOe-Bundesregelung-fuer-Maskenpflicht.html)
* **25 August**: Experts find that CE Mark for PCR tests are insufficient as seal of approval - [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/wissenschaft/ce-kennzeichen-bei-pcr-tests-unzureichendes-guetesiegel)
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* **23 July**: Doctors advice cardiovascular patients to do medical checks before a second wave - [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/gesellschaft/aerzte-raten-herz-kreislauf-patienten-jetzt-zu-kontrolle)
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* **22 July**: Mask requirement in supermarkets in Austria – [the Local](https://www.thelocal.at/20200721/austria-re-introduces-mandatory-mask-use-in-supermarkets?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=ef98f4c298-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_23_05_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-ef98f4c298-190517313)
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* **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)
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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)
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### Belgium

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **24 August**: Belgium begins testing nursing home staff preventatively – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/128240/coronavirus-belgium-will-begin-testing-nursing-home-staff-preventatively/)
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* **2 July**: Belgians want mandatory face masks in businesses – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/health/119765/3-in-4-belgians-want-mandatory-face-masks-in-businesses/)
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	+ WG 2: Medicines
	+ WG 3: Personal protection equipment
	+ WG 4: Medical devices
	+ WG 5: Distribution & Logistics
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### Bulgaria

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* A scandal with several companies was reported which bought out all medical supplies from warehouses in order to export them and sell it with up to 800% overprice. The Minister of Health explained that MDD does not allow price regulation, unlike pharma products.
* **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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* Funds for military modernization will also be redirected to medtech
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	+ Ski resorts & hotels within are closing at least till end of March
* As of **13 March**:
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	+ 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

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### Cyprus

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### Denmark

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### Estonia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* Overview of travelling protocols for Estonia - [Kriis](https://vm.ee/en/information-countries-and-self-isolation-requirements-passengers)
* **7 August**: Physicians prepared own plan for COVID-19 spread prevention - [ERR](https://news.err.ee/1121616/new-plan-for-covid-19-spread-prevention-created-by-family-physicians)
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### Finland

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **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)
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* **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)
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### 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.
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#### Industry Activities

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* **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

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* **21 August**: Fear of shrink in German testing capacity - [MedInLive](https://www.medinlive.at/index.php/wissenschaft/deutsche-labore-melden-rueckstau-bei-auswertung-von-corona-tests)
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* **5 August**: List of risk countries for which test is mandatory - [RKI](https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html)
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* **27 July**: Bayern region to test incoming people at the borders of the state - [Tageschau](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/corona-testpflicht-reise-103.html)
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* **30 June**: Nation-wide antibody study started - [SWR](https://www.swr.de/swraktuell/baden-wuerttemberg/tuebingen/antikoerperstudie-reutlingen-startet-100.html)
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* **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-%2Ccorona-kliniken-op-100.html)
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### Lithuania

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **20 August**: Masks to be worn at all outdoor events - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/lifestyle/masks-to-be-worn-at-all-outdoor-events-as-of-friday.d?id=85046681)
* **20 August**: Lithuania invests 50 million in hospitals for handling the COVID-19 pandemic - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/hospitals-get-over-eur-50-mln-for-fight-against-covid-19.d?id=85091339)
* **13 July**: Face masks to become mandatory if cases spike - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/minister-facemasks-to-become-mandatory-again-if-coronavirus-cases-spike.d?id=84755251)
* **23 June**: Public procurement of PPE delayed due to wrong information about national stocks - [DELFI](https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/oficiali-isvada-ligonines-delse-pirkti-apsaugos-priemones-nes-buvo-tikinama-kad-ju-yra-valstybes-rezerve.d?id=84602423)
* **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)
* **24 May**: Preventive coronavirus testing strategy to be unveiled next week - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/preventive-coronavirus-testing-strategy-to-be-unveiled-next-week.d?id=84353709)
* **23 May:** Lithuania lifts restrictions on anti-coronavirus product sales - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/business/lithuania-lifts-restrictions-on-anti-coronavirus-product-sales.d?id=84341229)
* **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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* [Official government website](https://sam.lrv.lt/lt/naujienos/koronavirusas) (LT & ENG)
* [COVID-19 official website](http://lrv.lt/lt/aktuali-informacija/informacija-del-naujojo-koronaviruso/svarbiausia-informacija) (LT and ENG)
* Overview travel protocol for Lithuania – [Lithuanian Government](https://www.govilnius.lt/media-news/important-information-regarding-the-coronavirus)
* **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)
* **25 May**: Lockdown to be extended again - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/veryga-extending-lockdown-will-be-proposed-once-again.d?id=84367721#cxrecs_s)
* **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)

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* **23 March**: Thermo Fisher Scentific Baltics to supply test kits to Lithuania - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/business/thermo-fisher-scientific-baltics-to-supply-lithuania-with-coronavirus-test-kits.d?id=83854239)

### Luxemburg

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **20 August**: FFP2 masks withdrawn for non-compliance - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1567623.html)
* **12 August**: Discussions on mandatory test for returning travellers ongoing - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1563470.html)
* **6 August**: No false negatives or positives in testing campaign - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1560728.html)
* **20 June**: Hospitals set up a non-profit organisation to manage Luxembourg’s medical supplies - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1537245.html)
* **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)

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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
* **7 July**: New health bill prepares for second wave - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1544875.html)
* **16 June**: More face mask measures eased in Luxembourg - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1534979.html)

#### Industry Activities

* **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)
* **26 May**: Medical authorities planning widespread testing for coronavirus immunity - [ToM](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/medical-authorities-planning-widespread-testing-for-coronavirus.794351)
* **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)

#### General Member States actions

* [Official Information on COVID-19](https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx)
* Overview of travel protocol for Malta - [VisitMalta](https://www.visitmalta.com/en/covid-19)
* **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)

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### Netherlands

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **8 September**: Experts see benefits of rapid tests complementary to PCR tests - [NOS](https://nos.nl/nieuwsuur/artikel/2347368-supersnelle-coronatests-in-aantocht-maar-nog-veel-vragen.html)
* **3 September**: Regional health authorities call people to stop requesting test when asymptomatic due to lack of capacity - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/binnenland/6075157/oproep-ggd-laat-je-niet-testen-zonder-symptomen-testlocaties-overbelast.html)
* **1 September**: New corona plan for care homes with increased testing frequency - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/coronavirus/6074651/verpleeghuizen-bij-uitbraak-vaker-testen-en-sneller-mondkapjes-dragen.html)
* **31 August**: German centres to help fill testing capacity - [Margriet](https://www.margriet.nl/gezondheid/coronatesten-duitsland-testcapaciteit/)
* **27 August**: Laboratory receive insufficient materials to perform tests - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2345633-laboratoria-krijgen-onvoldoende-materialen-voor-coronatesten.html)
* **24 August**: Test capacity has increased with 40% compared to some weeks ago - [NU](https://www.nu.nl/coronavirus/6072835/40-procent-meer-coronatests-afgenomen-percentage-positieve-tests-gedaald.html)
* **13 July**: Rehabilitation corona patients temporarily covered more broadly by insurance - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2340507-herstelzorg-ernstig-zieke-covid-19-patienten-voorlopig-ruimer-vergoed.html)
* **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)

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* Overview of travel protocol for the Netherlands - [Rijksoverheid](https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19/reizen-en-op-vakantie-gaan/buitenlandse-toeristen-naar-nederland)
* **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)

#### 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%2BCOVID-19%2B-%2BUpdate%2Bstand%2Bvan%2Bzaken%2B31%2Bmaart%2B2020.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

* **7 September**: Bergen increases test capacity – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/bergen-increases-covid-19-test-capacity/)
* **5 July**: Due to Covid-19 there is a decrease in organ donations while the waiting list increases heavily – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/decrease-in-the-number-of-organ-donations/)
* **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/)

#### General Member States actions

* Overview of travel protocol for Norway - [Helsenorge](https://helsenorge.no/koronavirus/travel-advice#What-if-the-area/country-you-are-in-is-or-turns-%22red%22?)
* **29 August**: Norwegian government to keep some restrictions in place due to rise in cases – [Norway Today](https://norwaytoday.info/news/too-early-to-open-up-more-of-the-society/)
* **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/)

#### Industry Activities

### Poland

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

* **26 August**: Polish people urged to get flu shot in Fall due to Covid crisis – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7789/Artykul/2570933%2CPoles-urged-to-get-flu-shots-amid-COVID19-pandemic)
* **27 May**: Poland lifts mask obligation for the public – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7784/Artykul/2519766%2CPoland-relaxing-face-mask-rules-reopening-theatres-gyms)
* **21 May**: Update on resumption of healthcare services in Poland - [Wyborcza](https://wyborcza.pl/7%2C173236%2C25964988%2Ccoronavirus-has-restricted-our-access-to-medical-care-here.html)
* **8 May**: National Health Fund reduces reimbursement for corona test - [Wyborcza](https://wyborcza.pl/7%2C173236%2C25896751%2Cthe-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%2CPolish-hotels-malls-reopen-as-virus-curbs-eased)

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* 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.
* **4 September**: Polish government to discuss new measures – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7989/Artykul/2575958%2CPolish-president-govt-to-discuss-new-steps-to-curb-COVID19)
* **4 August**: Poland tightens measures as cases rise – [First News](https://www.thefirstnews.com/article/poland-tightens-coronavirus-measures-amid-record-infections-14593)
* **17 June**: Poland promises tax break for businesses – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2533502%2CPolish-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%2CPoland-to-reopen-border-with-Lithuania-PM)
* **5 June**: New relief measures adopted – [Radio Poland](https://www.polskieradio.pl/395/7786/Artykul/2525751%2CPolish-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%2CUPDATE-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%2CPoland-extends-internal-border-controls-until-May-13)

#### 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.)
* **6 September**: Portuguese PM requests people to wear masks manufactured in Portugal – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/costa-asks-the-portuguese-to-wear-reusable-national-masks/55621)
* **9 August**: Local authorities decide on testing at schools – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/covid-19-testing-at-schools-to-be-decided-by-local-health-authorities/55249)
* **8 August**: one million fewer medical consultations in Portugal due to COVID-19 – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/one-million-fewer-medical-consultations/55243)
* **3 August**: Portugal has done 13300 tests a day – [GOV](https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/noticia?i=portugal-tem-feito-mais-de-13-mil-testes-por-dia)
* **29 July**: Madeira makes masks compulsory – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/madeira-makes-masks-compulsory-in-public/55061)
* **27 July**: Scientists in Portugal create reusable mask that disables coronavirus - [Euronews](https://www.euronews.com/2020/07/27/scientists-in-portugal-create-reusable-mask-that-inactivates-coronavirus)
* **12 July**: Government unsure when health care services return back to normal – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/government-still-unsure-when-health-centres-will-return-in-full/54828)
* **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)

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* Overview of travel and testing protocols for Portugal – [Portuguese Government](https://www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt/pt/noticias/faq-s-viagens-para-portugal-conselhos-aos-emigrantes)
* **14 July**: Portugal keeps parts of Lisbon under lockdown – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/portugal-keeps-parts-of-lisbon-under-coronavirus-lockdown/54839)
* **8 June**: Portugal extends suspension of loan repayments – [Portugal News](https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/portugal-extends-suspension-of-loan-repayments-until-march/54405)

#### 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.*
* **29 July**: Second region in Romania makes face masks mandatory – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/after-arges-a-second-county-in-romania-imposes-mandatory-face-masks-in-outdoor-public-spaces/)
* **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/)
* **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)
* Overview of travel protocol for Romania – [Romanian government](https://www.politiadefrontiera.ro/en/main/i--7599.html)
* **10 August**: State of Alert likely to be extended, without new restrictions – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/pm-state-of-alert-will-be-most-probably-extended-yet-no-new-restrictions-envisaged-no-problem-in-holding-elections/)
* **29 July**: New restrictions to contain virus approved – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/new-restrictions-to-contain-coronavirus-upward-trend-facemasks-mandatory-in-outdoor-crowded-spaces-terraces-close-at-2300hrs/)
* **15 July**: State of emergency extended for one month – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/politics/president-the-situation-is-serious-the-state-of-alert-to-be-extended-by-30-more-days/)
* **14 July**: Extending state off alert after July 15th is imminent according to government – [Romania Journal](https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/health/health-minister-extending-the-state-of-alert-after-july-15-is-imminent-more-and-more-doctors-stand-out-to-counter-fake-news-on-coronavirus/)
* **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/)

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### Slovakia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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#### General Member States actions

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### Slovenia

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **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)

#### General Member States actions

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* Overview of travel protocol for Slovenia – [Slovenian government](https://www.policija.si/eng/newsroom/news-archive/103470-crossing-the-state-border-during-the-coronavirus-epidemic)
* **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)
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#### Industry Activities

### Spain

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **14 August**: Health Ministry advises routine testing in care homes - [Politico](https://www.politico.eu/article/spain-bans-smoking-shuts-nightclubs-under-new-coronavirus-restrictions/)
* **28 July**: Madrid makes masks mandatory – [El Mundo](https://www.elmundo.es/madrid/2020/07/28/5f1ffa0a21efa0e2798b457a.html)
* **15 July**: Balearic Islands to make face masks mandatory – [El País](https://english.elpais.com/society/2020-07-09/spains-balearic-islands-to-make-face-masks-mandatory-in-all-public-spaces-except-the-beach.html)
* **13 July**: Multiple regions make masks mandatory – [El País](https://english.elpais.com/spanish_news/2020-07-13/with-over-100-coronavirus-outbreaks-more-spanish-regions-make-face-masks-mandatory.html)
* **7 July**: Catalan government looking to reintroduce mandatory masks – [El Dario](https://www.eldiario.es/catalunya/consellera-salud-plantea-govern-mascarillas-sea-obligatorio_1_6086843.html?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=047aa44901-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_08_05_14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-047aa44901-190517313)
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* **6 June**: Face masks to remain obligatory after end state of alarm – [El País](https://english.elpais.com/society/2020-06-06/face-masks-will-still-be-obligatory-in-spain-after-the-state-of-alarm.html)
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* **7 May**: Many hospitals actively recovering normal activity - [EFE](https://www.efe.com/efe/espana/portada/simon-muchos-hospitales-ya-estan-consiguiendo-esa-normalidad-diferente/10010-4240456)
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* **4 May**: Spanish government to hand out 14 million face masks to public – [El Pais](https://english.elpais.com/society/2020-05-04/shopping-driving-training-new-deescalation-measures-go-into-effect-in-spain-on-may-4.html)
* **15 March**: [Order SND / 233/2020](https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2020-3701), declaring the state of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19 (ES). It asks to *any entity that has* ***stocks*** *and* ***production capabilities*** *of listed products* to notify the ministry of health immediately. Deadline is Wednesday, 18 March 2020. Non-compliance brings huge fines, up to 600k EUR and five years in prison.
* 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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* Overview of travel protocols for Spain - [SpainInfo](https://www.spain.info/en/discover-spain/practical-information-tourists-covid-19-travel-spain/)
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* **15 July**: Catalonia adopts more restrictions – [El País](https://english.elpais.com/spanish_news/2020-07-15/catalonia-adopts-more-restrictions-as-covid-19-cases-surge.html)
* **5 July**: Spain imposes local lockdown in Galicia - [BBC](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53299544)
* **4 July**: Catalonia orders indefinite local lockdown after new outbreaks – [Brussels Times](https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/119961/catalonia-orders-about-200000-persons-to-shelter-in-place/)
* **24 June**: Some regions to take step back in lockdown easing after new infections – [El País](https://english.elpais.com/society/2020-06-24/coronavirus-outbreak-forces-new-area-in-spain-to-reintroduce-restrictions.html)
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* **3 June**: Spanish government seeks final extension state of alarm – [El País](https://english.elpais.com/politics/2020-06-03/spanish-government-seeks-final-extension-to-state-of-alarm.html)
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#### Industry Activities

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### Sweden

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **24 June**: Reduced income tax is being prepared - [DN](https://www.dn.se/nyheter/sverige/sankt-skatt-pa-inkomster-forbereds/)

#### Industry Activities

* Swedish MedTech’s [communication to members about impact of COVID-19](https://www.swedishmedtech.se/sidor/covid-19.aspx)

### Switzerland

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **6 July**: Mask to become mandatory in public transport - [BAG](https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/masken.html#:~:text=The%20Federal%20Council%20introduced%20a,a%20partition%20is%20in%20place.)
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* **5 May**: Swiss parliament extends coronavirus relief package - [SwissInfo](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/sign-off-session_swiss-parliament-extends-coronavirus-relief-package/45737938)
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### United Kingdom

#### Member State Actions related to medical technology

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* **29 July**: Heathrow wants government to introduce corona tests for travellers - [NOS](https://nos.nl/artikel/2342194-heathrow-dringt-aan-op-snelle-coronatest-voor-reizigers.html)
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