# COVID-19: EU27+ Response and Actions

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### About

This table provides you with the latest updates on national and European developments that affect the medical technology industry. The developments cover more than 30 Member States from the EU and EEA. The document also provides you with links to relevant government websites allowing you to quickly jump to the latest national measures and COVID-19 statistics.

### Disclaimer

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### Additional MedTech Europe’s Key Resources on COVID-19 Recovery

* MedTech Europe’s [COVID-19 Information hub](https://www.medtecheurope.org/covid-19-information-hub/), including all relevant information on activities of the medical technology manufacturers, the European Union and the Member States in addressing the Coronavirus pandemic. MedTech Europe will keep updating this section as the situation continues to develop.
* MedTech Europe’s [E-Library](https://extranet.medtecheurope.org/Recovery%20Plan%20NA%20Repository/Forms/AllItems.aspx), where all input on the industry’s effort towards recovery is centralised. This platform will collect all recovery plans from Europe and national leads, giving you access to these plans as they are developed and updated.

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### Institutional Updates: Approval, Supply, Recovery and Digital Green Certificates (31 May – 9 June 2021):

* **9 June:** Commission to approve first Covid-recovery plans next week – [EUObserver](https://euobserver.com/coronavirus/152083)
* **8 June:** EMA evaluating the use of COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna in young people aged 12 to 17 – [EMA](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/ema-evaluating-use-covid-19-vaccine-moderna-young-people-aged-12-17)
* **7 June:** Moderna Files for Conditional Marketing Approval for its COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents in the European Union – [Moderna](https://investors.modernatx.com/news-releases/news-release-details/moderna-files-conditional-marketing-approval-its-covid-19)
* **4 June:** Advancing international collaboration on COVID-19 real-world evidence and observational studies – EMA
* **3 June:** EU regulators develop recommendations to forecast demand of medicines – [EMA](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/eu-regulators-develop-recommendations-forecast-demand-medicines)
* **3 June:** Reducing COVID 19 transmission and strengthening vaccine uptake among migrant populations in the EU/EEA – [ECDC](https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/covid-19-migrants-reducing-transmission-and-strengthening-vaccine-uptake)
* **3 June:** Resilience and recovery: Public opinion one year into the pandemic – [EP](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/at-your-service/en/be-heard/eurobarometer/spring-2021-survey)
* **2 June:** Moderna Announces New Drug Substance Production Agreement with Lonza in the Netherlands – [Moderna](https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20210601006111/en/Moderna-Announces-New-Drug-Substance-Production-Agreement-with-Lonza-in-the-Netherlands)
* **2 June:** Commission plots to save a Schengen zone battered by coronavirus – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/commission-schengen-zone-coronavirus-lifting-travel-restrictions/)
* **1 June:** Additional manufacturing capacity for BioNTech/Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine – [EMA](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/additional-manufacturing-capacity-biontechpfizers-covid-19-vaccine)
* **1 June:** EU Digital COVID Certificate: EU Gateway goes live with seven countries one month ahead of deadline – [EC](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_2721)
* **1 June:** EU Digital COVID Certificate – [EC](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/safe-covid-19-vaccines-europeans/eu-digital-covid-certificate_en)
* **1 June:** Seven EU countries roll out digital COVID certificate to ease travel – [EURACTIV](https://www.euractiv.com/section/coronavirus/news/seven-eu-countries-roll-out-digital-covid-certificate-to-ease-travel/)
* **31 May:** How a better understanding of airborne transmission is the key to break the chain of infection – [EC](https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/covid-19-how-better-understanding-airborne-transmission-key-break-chain-infection)

### Storage Requirements of Vaccines:

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| Vaccine | Storage Requirements |
| National Institutes of Health logo   * Approved vaccine (6 Jan) | **Shipping & Long-term Storage:** For shipping and longer-term storage, Moderna expects that the vaccine will be maintained at -20°C (-4°F), for up to 6 months.  **Refrigeration Storage:** After thawing, to facilitate storage at points of administration, Moderna expects that vaccine will remain stable at standard refrigerated conditions of 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) for up to 30 days within the 6-month shelf life.  **Room Temperature for Vaccination:** Once the vaccine is removed from the refrigerator for administration, it can be kept at room temperature conditions for up to 12 hours. – ([Link](https://investors.modernatx.com/news-releases/news-release-details/moderna-announces-longer-shelf-life-its-covid-19-vaccine)) |
| * Pfizer logoBioNTech logoApproved vaccine (21 Dec) | **Shipping:** specially designed, temperature-controlled thermal shippers, utilizing dry ice to maintain recommended storage temperature conditions of -70°C±10°C for up to 10 days unopened.  **Three options for storage** (once shipping container arrives to point of use)   1. Ultra-low-temperature freezers, which are commercially available and can extend shelf life for up to six months. 2. The Pfizer thermal shippers, in which doses will arrive that can be used as temporary storage units by refilling with dry ice to maintain the recommended storage conditions (-70°C ±10°C) every five days for up to 30 days of storage. 3. Refrigeration units that are commonly available in hospitals. The vaccine can be stored for five days at refrigerated 2-8°C conditions. – ([Link](https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-achieve-first-authorization-world)) |
| * AstraZeneca logoUniversity of Oxford logoApproved Vaccine (29 Jan) | The vaccine can be stored, transported, and handled at normal refrigerated conditions (2° to 8°C / 36° to 46°F) for at least six months. – ([Link](https://www.astrazeneca.com/media-centre/press-releases/2020/azd1222hlr.html)) |
| Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Official Website   * Approved Vaccine (11 Mar) | The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 single-dose vaccine is compatible with standard vaccine storage and distribution channels with ease of delivery to remote areas. The vaccine is estimated to remain stable for two years at -4°F (-20°C), and a maximum of three months at routine refrigeration at temperatures of 36-46°F (2 to 8°C) – ([Link](https://www.jnj.com/johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine-authorized-by-u-s-fda-for-emergency-usefirst-single-shot-vaccine-in-fight-against-global-pandemic)) |

### Chart Description automatically generatedShare of people vaccinated against COVID-19:

**Source:** [Our World in Data](https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations) (last updated: 9 June 2021)

### 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 | * [A common path to safe and sustained re-opening](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-safe-sustained-reopening_en.pdf) (17 March 2021) * [Proposal for a Digital Green Certificate](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/en_green_certif_just_reg130_final.pdf) (17 March 2021) * [European Commission’s Coronavirus Vaccination Strategy](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/public-health/coronavirus-vaccines-strategy_en) * [European Health Union: Stronger crisis preparedness and response for Europe](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_2041) (11 November 2020) * [Communication on extra measures with regards to COVID-19](https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/communication-additional-covid-19-response-measures_en) (28 October 2020) * [Recommendations for a common EU testing approach for COVID-19](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/preparedness_response/docs/common_testingapproach_covid-19_en.pdf) (17 September 2020) * [Guidance document on short term health preparedness for COVID-19 outbreaks](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication_-_short-term_eu_health_preparedness.pdf?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=95d918f3f8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_15_10_35&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-95d918f3f8-189653625) (15 July 2020) * [Recovery Plan for Europe](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/recovery-plan-europe_en) * [EU4Health](https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/eu4health_en) |
| European Parliament | * [European Parliament reaches political agreement with Council Presidency on extra budget EU4Health](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20201106IPR91014/compromise-on-long-term-eu-budget-ep-obtains-EU16-billion-more-for-key-programmes) (10 November 2020) * [Motion for a Resolution on the shortages of medicines (this includes PPE)](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20200910IPR86823/covid-19-eu-must-step-up-efforts-to-tackle-medicine-shortages#:~:text=Parliament%20calls%20for%20the%20EU,to%2023%20and%2010%20abstentions.) (17 September 2020) * [Motion for a Resolution on EU action to combat COVID-19](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/B-9-2020-0148_EN.html) (14 April 2020) |
| EMA | * [COVID-19 vaccines: key facts](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/overview/public-health-threats/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/treatments-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-key-facts) |
| EDCD | * [Overview of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment plans in the EU/EEA and the UK](https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Overview-of-EU_EEA-UK-vaccination-deployment-plans.pdf) * [COVID-19 Situation Dashboard](https://qap.ecdc.europa.eu/public/extensions/COVID-19/COVID-19.html#global-overview-tab) |

### Austria

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
| * [Official Response and Actions (in DE and ENG)](https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Neuartiges-Coronavirus-(2019-nCov).html) * Website with overview of testing protocols for travellers – [Austria.org](https://www.austria.org/coronavirus) | * A number of domestic restrictions remain in effect. All businesses may stay open until 22:00. Gatherings of up to four people are permitted indoors and up to 10 people outdoors. * The use of FFP2 or equivalent masks remains mandatory in public indoor spaces and outdoors at public transport facilities, markets, and demonstrations. * A "Green Pass" system is also in place. Individuals who can prove they have been vaccinated against COVID-19, recovered from COVID-19, or been recently tested for COVID-19 meet the requirements for the Green Pass. ([Link](https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information)) | * **Total doses administered:** 5,633,751 (7-Jun) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 3,839,417 (52.90%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 1,794,334 (24.40%) * **Strategy**: [Austria’s Vaccination Strategy](https://www.sozialministerium.at/dam/jcr:6b100141-81b1-4950-acd5-e43088e6e6f7/EN_COVID-19%20vaccination%20strategy.pdf) * **Doses Acquired:** 16 million *through the EU* [(Link)](https://www.sozialministerium.at/dam/jcr:6b100141-81b1-4950-acd5-e43088e6e6f7/EN_COVID-19%20vaccination%20strategy.pdf) AstraZeneca (6 million), SANOFI (1.5), J&J (2.5); Pfizer/BioNTech (3.5), CureVac (3) |

#### **Latest Member State developments affecting the medical technology industry**

##### 2021

###### June

* **8 June:** Covid-19 in Austria: Half of the Population is Vaccinated – [Vindobona](https://www.google.com/search?q=austria+covid+vaccine&rlz=1C1GCEU_enBE929BE929&biw=958&bih=927&tbm=nws&sxsrf=ALeKk01PvWQQVviK2LnYwK8HIAQmueFYPA%3A1623241527294&ei=N7PAYN3AEe6bjLsPsv6C0A4&oq=austria+covid+vaccine&gs_l=psy-ab.3..0l10.3611.4657.0.4720.8.5.0.3.3.0.75.335.5.5.0....0...1c.1.64.psy-ab..0.8.341...0i67k1.0.T4_T-XlRtcA)
* **3 June:** What is Austria’s new five-colour Covid traffic light system? – [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210603/what-is-austrias-new-five-colour-covid-traffic-light-system/)

###### May

* **27 May:** Austria doesn’t wait for EU, passes COVID-19 certificate – [EURACTIV](https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/austria-doesnt-wait-for-eu-passes-covid-19-certificate/)
* **19 May:** France and Austria reopen bars and restaurants as lockdowns ease – [BBC](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-57165881)
* **19 May:** Lower Austria launches a new platform for self-testing – [TM](https://www.themayor.eu/en/a/view/lower-austria-launches-a-new-platform-for-self-testing-7967)
* **18 May:** How coronavirus measures will change in Austria from Wednesday – [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210518/explained-what-will-the-rules-be-when-austria-eases-restrictions-on-may-19th-2/)
* **5 May:** Austria cannot wait for EU to roll out COVID-19 certificates – [EURACTIV](https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/short_news/austria-cannot-wait-for-eu-to-roll-out-covid-19-certificates/)
* **4 May:** Austria says it will only buy Sputnik V vaccine after EMA approval – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/austria-says-it-will-only-buy-sputnik-v-vaccine-after-ema-approval-2021-05-04/)

###### April

* **30 April:** Covid-19 vaccines in Austria: When will I be able to book my appointment ? – [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210430/covid-19-vaccines-in-austria-when-will-i-be-able-to-book-my-appointment/)
* **23 April:** Austria to relax most coronavirus measures on May 19– [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210423/breaking-austria-to-relax-most-coronavirus-measures-on-may-19th/)
* **20 April:** The European Commission and Austria secure COVID-19 vaccines for the Western Balkans – [reliefweb](https://reliefweb.int/report/world/european-commission-and-austria-secure-covid-19-vaccines-western-balkans)
* **19 April:** Austria will only use Sputnik V vaccine after EMA approval, Kurz says – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/austria-will-only-use-sputnik-v-vaccine-after-ema-approval-kurz-says-2021-04-19/)
* **12 April:** Green pass: Austria’s coronavirus immunity card one step closer to reality – [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210412/step-forward-for-tourism-green-pass-and-entry-tests-in-austria/)
* **10 April:** Kurz: Austria concludes Sputnik V negotiations – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/sebastian-kurz-austria-sputnik-v-coronavirus-vaccine-negotiations/)
* **6 April:** Gebrüder Weiss supplies Covid-19 antigen tests to Austria – [theloadstar](https://theloadstar.com/gebruder-weiss-supplies-covid-19-antigen-tests-to-austria/)
* **2 April:** Austria to give Czech Republic 30,000 doses of coronavirus vaccine – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-austria-czech/update-1-austria-to-give-czech-republic-30000-doses-of-coronavirus-vaccine-idUSL1N2LV0FT)
* **1 April:** EU countries rebuff Austria’s bid for more vaccines – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/austria-sebastian-kurz-coronavirus-vaccines-eu-ambassadors/)
* **1 April:** EU’s Vaccine Solidarity Tested by Austria-Led Block of Doses – [Bloomberg](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-04-01/austria-s-fight-over-doses-threatens-europe-s-vaccine-solidarity)

###### March

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* **30 March:** Austria threatens to halt EU’s 100M vaccine buy until it gets greater share of jabs – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/sebastian-kurz-austria-threatens-to-block-eu-option-to-buy-100-million-coronavirus-vaccine-doses-in-fight-over-distribution/)
* **30 March:** Austria in talks with Russia for 1M Sputnik vaccine doses – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/austria-in-talks-with-russia-for-1m-sputnik-vaccine-doses/)
* **30 March:** Austria to delay green passport and testing for shopping – [L](https://www.thelocal.com/20210330/austria-to-delay-green-passport-and-testing-for-shopping/)
* **29 March:** Vaccine Delivery Will be Tripled in Second Quarter – [Vindobona](https://www.google.com/search?q=austria+covid+&rlz=1C1GCEU_enBE929BE929&biw=958&bih=927&tbm=nws&sxsrf=ALeKk01D65UphWeRtlzD7l3nCx0DCQU0pQ%3A1617137663135&ei=_49jYMfUB_uG9u8PgaST2Ac&oq=austria+covid+&gs_l=psy-ab.3...21058.21058.0.21670.1.1.0.0.0.0.62.62.1.1.0....0...1c.1.64.psy-ab..0.0.0....0.nejMO4ZueUE)
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* **12 March:** Austria’s Kurz: Coronavirus vaccines not shared fairly around EU – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/coronavirus-vaccines-euroepe-austria-sebastian-kurz-not-shared-fairly/)
* **9 March:** COVID-19 vaccine batch Austria has halted use of went to 17 countries – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-austria-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-batch-austria-has-halted-use-of-went-to-17-countries-idUKKBN2B1138?edition-redirect=uk)
* **7 March:** Austria suspends AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine batch after death – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-austria-nurse/austria-suspends-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-batch-after-death-idINKBN2AZ0AK)
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* **3 March:** EU sends Austria extra vaccine doses – [DW](https://www.dw.com/en/coronavirus-digest-eu-sends-austria-extra-vaccine-doses/a-56762731)
* **2 March:** Austria and Denmark to work with Israel on future Covid jabs, saying EU 'too slow' – [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/mar/02/austria-and-denmark-to-work-with-israel-on-future-covid-jabs-saying-eu-too-slow)
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* **23 February:** ‘Three million tests a week’: Has Austria got the right Covid strategy? – [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210223/three-million-tests-a-week-has-austria-got-the-right-covid-strategy)
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* **9 February:** Austria begins entrance testing initiative in shops and salons – [euronews](https://www.euronews.com/2021/02/09/innovative-or-irresponsible-vienna-begins-entrance-testing-initiative-in-shops-and-salons)
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* **22 January:** Anyone who tests positive for coronavirus must now report it to authorities – [AT](https://www.thelocal.at/20210122/austria-anyone-who-tests-positive-for-coronavirus-must-now-report-it-to-authorities)
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  + WG 2: Medicines
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### Bulgaria

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
| * [Official website on coronavirus](https://coronavirus.bg/) | * Authorities have extended the nation's COVID-19 State of Emergency (SoE) and related domestic restrictions until at least 31 July 2021. * The SoE allows authorities to modify COVID-19-related restrictions and allocate resources on short notice ([Link](https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/406251/bulgaria-bulgaria-maintaining-covid-19-related-measures-as-of-dec-3-update-22)) | * **Total doses administered:** 1,464,383 (7-Jun) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 829,184 (14.60%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 635,199 (11.00%) * **Strategy**: [Bulgaria’s Vaccination Strategy](https://cms.law/en/int/expert-guides/cms-expert-guide-to-vaccine-compensation-regimes-in-the-cee/bulgaria) * **Doses Acquired**: 12-13 million Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca and Sanofi ([Link](https://in.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-bulgaria-vaccines-idINKBN28E1OI)) |

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
| * [Official website on COVID-19 in Estonia](https://www.terviseamet.ee/en/covid19) * Overview of travelling protocols for Estonia - [Kriis](https://vm.ee/en/information-countries-and-self-isolation-requirements-passengers) | * Authorities in Estonia plan to ease certain domestic COVID-19 restrictions following a decrease in infection rates. Starting 17 May 2021, most students will be allowed to return to in-person classes. * Starting 24 May 2021, catering establishments will be allowed to open their indoor areas for groups of up to 6 people; groups of up to 10 people will be permitted in outdoor dining areas. * Facemasks remain mandatory in indoor public spaces and on public transport. ([Link](https://www.valitsus.ee/et)) | * **Total doses administered:** 752,768 (7-Jun) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 498,168 (47.70%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 254,600 (23.80%) * **Strategy**: [Estonia’s Vaccination Strategy](https://www.vaktsineeri.ee/en) * **Doses Acquired**: 1.6 million ([Link](https://news.err.ee/1148730/estonia-has-preliminary-plan-in-place-for-coronavirus-vaccinations)) AstraZeneca (1.3 million), J&J (0.3) |

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###### September

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### Finland

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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##### **2021**

###### June

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###### April

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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### Latvia

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| * [Official website](http://www.vm.gov.lv/lv/aktualitates/koronavirusa_izraisita_slimiba_covid19/) (LV & ENG) * Overview of travel protocol for Latvia – [Latvian Government](https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/consular-information/news/66019-emergency-situation-in-latvia-to-restrict-the-spread-of-covid-19) * [State of Emergency laws in English](https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/318517-regarding-declaration-of-the-emergency-situation) | * Authorities in Latvia plan to allow catering establishments to reopen their outdoor spaces starting 7 May 2021 following a months-long closure as part of the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic ([Link](https://www.mk.gov.lv/)) | * **Total doses administered:** 678,445 (7-Jun) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 435,575 (29.20%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 242,870 (15.70%) * **Strategy:** [Latvia’s Vaccination Strategy](https://www.vm.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/gatavs-detalizets-plans-vakcinacijai-pret-covid-19-latvija?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=34799adbe1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_14_06_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-34799adbe1-190698624) * **Doses Acquired:** 139,000 thousand *(first doses from strategy for January*): Pfizer/ BioNTech (12,000 thousand), AstraZeneca (127,000 thousand) |

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##### **2021**

###### June

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###### May

* **18 May:** Latvian government approves advantages for Covid-19 vaccinated persons – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/latvian-government-approves-advantages-for-covid-19-vaccinated-persons-224941)
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* **12 May:** Children's vaccination in Latvia could start in June – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/childrens-vaccination-in-latvia-could-start-in-june.a404174/)
* **5 May:** Latvia could reach EU average vaccination pace in summer: health minister – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/latvia-could-reach-eu-average-vaccination-pace-in-summer-health-minister.a403200/)

###### April

* **28 April:** First Johnson & Johnson vaccines administered in Latvia – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/first-johnson-johnson-vaccines-administered-in-latvia.a402414/)
* **27 April:** No easing of Covid rules for at least two more weeks in Latvia – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/no-easing-of-covid-rules-for-at-least-two-more-weeks-in-latvia.a402318/)
* **21 April:** Latvia's total vaccination cost at around €166 million – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/economy/economy/latvias-total-vaccination-cost-at-around-166-million.a401415/)
* **21 April:** 10% of Latvians have got first Covid jab – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/10-of-latvians-have-got-first-covid-jab.a401405/)
* **14 April:** How much does Latvia spend on vaccine purchases? – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/how-much-does-latvia-spend-on-vaccine-purchases.a400413/)
* **14 April:** Latvia receives Johnson & Johnson vaccines but is unable to use them yet – [BT](https://www.baltictimes.com/latvia_receives_johnson___johnson_vaccines_but_is_unable_to_use_them_yet/)
* **13 April:** Nearly 49 000 Covid-19 vaccine doses remain unused in Latvia – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/nearly-49-000-covid-19-vaccine-doses-remain-unused-in-latvia-223848)
* **12 April:** Teachers in Latvia sign up for vaccine jabs – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/teachers-in-latvia-sign-up-for-vaccine-jabs-223801)
* **7 April:** State of emergency ends in Latvia: what changes? – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/state-of-emergency-ends-in-latvia-what-changes.a399539/)

###### March

* **16 March:** Latvia halts use of AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine for safety purposes – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/latvia-halts-use-of-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-for-safety-purposes-222986)
* **10 March:** Government leans toward moderate restrictions in Latvia – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/politics/politics/government-leans-toward-moderate-restrictions-in-latvia.a396068/)
* **9 March:** Two scenarios of further restrictions debated in government – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/politics/politics/two-scenarios-of-further-restrictions-debated-in-government.a395978/)
* **3 March:** Latvia to develop international vaccination certificate – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/latvia-to-develop-international-vaccination-certificate.a395154/)

###### February

* **19 February:** Concerned about new Covid strains, Latvian government plans to enhance testing – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/concerned-about-new-covid-strains-latvian-government-plans-to-enhance-testing-222098)
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* **8 February:** Latvian PM wants to boost Covid-19 testing capacity – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/latvian-pm-wants-to-boost-covid-19-testing-capacity.a392053/)
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###### January

* **25 January:** Only one Covid-19 test type valid to enter Latvia starting today – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/economy/transport/only-one-covid-19-test-type-valid-to-enter-latvia-starting-today.a390167/)
* **13 January:** Pupils will have to wear masks at schools in Latvia – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/education/pupils-will-have-to-wear-masks-at-schools-in-latvia.a388690/)
* **12 January:** Covid-19 vaccination rate exceeds 1 000 people a day in Latvia – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/covid-19-vaccination-rate-exceeds-1-000-people-a-day-in-latvia-220786)
* **11 January:** Latvia’s Healthcare Minister proposes composing a Covid-19 vaccination supervisory council – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/latvias-healthcare-minister-proposes-composing-a-covid-19-vaccination-supervisory-council-220758)

##### **2020**

###### December

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* **8 December:** First-ever contact-free COVID testing station set up in Latvia – [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/first-ever-contact-free-covid-testing-station-set-up-in-latvia.a384622/)

###### November

* **11 November**: New stricter COVID-19 testing procedure in place - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/queues-for-covid-19-tests-have-shrunk-in-latvia.a381282/)

###### October

* **28 October**: Latvia’s hospitals worry about possible overload - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/latvias-hospitals-worry-about-possible-overload.a379571/)
* **21 October**: Government intends to change COVID-19 testing procedures - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/health-ministry-mulls-change-in-covid-19-testing-order-in-latvia.a378758/)
* **21 October**: Failure to wear masks to be penalized in Latvia - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/failure-to-wear-masks-to-be-penalized-in-latvia.a378732/)
* **5 October**: Face masks to be mandatory on public transport from Wednesday - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/face-masks-to-be-mandatory-on-public-transport-starting-wednesday-in-latvia.a376815/)

###### August

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###### July

* **14 July**: Latvian government grants 3.2 million to COVID-19 medical costs - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/government-grants-32-million-to-covid-19-medical-costs.a367137/)

###### June

* **30 June**: Face masks not obligatory in public transport anymore - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/government-agrees-to-drop-face-coverings-on-public-transport.a365460/)
* **8 June**: Face mask obligation to remain in many places after state of emergency ends - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/health/some-restrictions-to-remain-says-health-minister-of-latvia.a362877/)
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###### May

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* **18 May**: No more on-site COVID-19 tests at airports and ports - [LSM](https://eng.lsm.lv/article/economy/transport/no-more-on-site-covid-19-tests-at-airport-and-port.a360244/)
* **12 May**: More planned health care services to resume - [Diena](https://www.diena.lv/raksts/latvija/zinas/atsaks-sniegt-planveida-veselibas-aprupes-pakalpojumus-14241045)

### Lithuania

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
| * [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) | * Authorities continue to gradually ease domestic restrictions imposed to combat the spread of COVID-19. From 1 June 2021, the limit on gatherings will be raised to 10 people indoors and removed for outdoor gatherings. * Authorities have introduced an "Opportunity Passport" for individuals who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, recovered from COVID-19 no more than 180 days ago, or tested negative for COVID-19 in the previous 24 hours ([Link](http://koronastop.lrv.lt/en/)) | * **Total doses administered:** 1,629,828 (7-Jun) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 1,012,614 (44.80%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 617,214 (26.90%) * **Strategy:**  *N/A* * **Doses Acquired:** 1.24 million ([Link](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/lithuania-decides-to-buy-coronavirus-vaccines-from-biontech-and-pfizer.d?id=85767665)) |

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##### **2021**

###### June

* **7 June:** Lithuania has started issuing EU digital COVID certificates – [BT](https://www.baltictimes.com/lithuania_has_started_issuing_eu_digital_covid_certificates/)
* **2 June:** We’re moving past 3rd wave of Covid-19 – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/lithuania-were-moving-past-3rd-wave-of-covid-19-225389)

###### May

* **14 May:** Lithuania’s Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis: Lithuania to allocate 200, 000 vaccine doses to eastern partners – [Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania](http://www.urm.lt/default/en/news/lithuanias-foreign-minister-gabrielius-landsbergis-lithuania-to-allocate-200-000-vaccine-doses-to-eastern-partners)
* **12 May:** Lithuania in talks to produce COVID-19 vaccines – [Delfi](https://www.delfi.lt/en/politics/pm-lithuania-in-talks-to-produce-covid-19-vaccines.d?id=87175905)
* **11 May:** Lithuania has potential to produce COVID-19 vaccines – [Delfi](https://www.delfi.lt/en/business/minister-lithuania-has-potential-to-produce-covid-19-vaccines.d?id=87164863)

###### April

* **15 April:** Lithuania to roll out national Covid-19 certificates – [EUO](https://euobserver.com/tickers/151551)
* **14 April:** Lithuania to introduce 'COVID-19 passports' for certain groups – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/lithuania-introduce-covid-19-passports-certain-groups-2021-04-14/)
* **13 April:** Lithuania eases self-isolation rule to people with Covid-19 immunity – [BNN](https://bnn-news.com/lithuania-eases-self-isolation-rule-to-people-with-covid-19-immunity-223845)

###### March

* **29 March:** Lithuania: No recognition of Russian vaccine on travel certificates – [POLITICO](https://www.politico.eu/article/lithuania-no-recognition-of-russian-vaccine-on-travel-certificates/)
* **23 March:** Lithuania launches mandatory COVID-19 tests for some workers – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-lithuania-testing/lithuania-launches-mandatory-covid-19-tests-for-some-workers-idUSKBN2BF1GJ)
* **16 March:** Lithuania suspends use of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-astrazeneca-lithuania/lithuania-suspends-use-of-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-idUSL8N2LE69Y)
* **3 March:** Lithuania to require negative Covid-19 test from all travelers from March 10 – [Baltic Times](https://www.baltictimes.com/lithuania_to_require_negative_covid-19_test_from_all_travelers_from_march_10/)

###### February

* **15 February:** Lithuania updates COVID-19 vaccination plan, to start mass vaccination in spring – [BT](https://www.baltictimes.com/lithuania_updates_covid-19_vaccination_plan__to_start_mass_vaccination_in_spring/)
* **9 February:** Lithuania Won’t Buy Russian Vaccine It Deems a Geopolitical Tool – [Bloomberg](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-02-09/lithuania-won-t-buy-russian-vaccine-it-deems-a-geopolitical-tool)
* **5 February:** How to get a rapid COVID test if you don’t have symptoms – [The Lincolnite](https://thelincolnite.co.uk/2021/02/rapid-covid-test-lincoln-boston/)

###### January

* **22 January:** Lithuania says expects enough COVID-19 vaccines for herd immunity by July – [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-lithuania/lithuania-says-expects-enough-covid-19-vaccines-for-herd-immunity-by-july-idUSKBN29R19P)
* **20 January:** Dulkys: EC should complete procurement for rapid antigen tests in late Jan – [Delfi](https://www.delfi.lt/en/politics/dulkys-ec-should-complete-procurement-for-rapid-antigen-tests-in-late-jan.d?id=86274079)
* **5 January:** None of EU countries happy with coronavirus vaccine supply – Lithuanian minister – [BT](https://www.baltictimes.com/none_of_eu_countries_happy_with_coronavirus_vaccine_supply___lithuanian_minister/)

##### **2020**

###### December

* **13 December:** Lithuania imposes nationwide lockdown – [LRT](https://www.lrt.lt/en/news-in-english/19/1296887/lithuania-imposes-nationwide-lockdown-extends-limits-on-movement)

###### November

* **25 November**: Lithuania extends pandemic lockdown as COVID cases surge on – [Reuters](https://www.reuters.com/article/healthcare-coronavirus-lithuania/lithuania-extends-pandemic-lockdown-as-covid-cases-surge-on-idUSL8N2IB338)

###### October

* **28 October**: In multiple regions face masks are mandatory in public spaces - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/quarantine-comes-into-force-in-eight-more-municipalities.d?id=85594831)

###### September

* **21 September**: Lithuania launches flu vaccination campaign - [SAM](https://sam.lrv.lt/lt/naujienos/lietuva-pasieke-pirmosios-gripo-vakcinos-siuntos?utm_source=POLITICO.EU&utm_campaign=0769c77247-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_09_22_05_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10959edeb5-0769c77247-190517313)
* **21 September**: Mandatory testing for patients on admission to hospital - [DELFI](https://en.delfi.lt/politics/mandatory-testing-for-all-new-hospital-patients-ordered.d?id=85292997)

###### August

* **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)

###### July

* **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)

###### June

* **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)

###### May

* **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)

### Luxemburg

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
| * [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 | * Authorities in Luxembourg are maintaining measures imposed to combat the spread of COVID-19. Domestic measures remain in place ([Link](https://covid19.public.lu/en.html)) | * **Total doses administered:** 360,030 (7-Jun) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 223,021 (46.30%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 137,009 (27.00%) * **Strategy:**  [Luxemburg’s Vaccination Strategy](https://covid19.public.lu/en/health-protection/vaccination.html) * **Doses Acquired:** 420,000 ([Link](https://delano.lu/d/detail/news/420000-doses-vaccine-reserved-lux/211786)) |

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##### **2021**

###### May

* **25 May:** Luxembourg to launch Covid passport ahead of EU – [LT](https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/luxembourg/luxembourg-to-launch-covid-passport-ahead-of-eu-60ad0484de135b9236470ca4)
* **18 May:** Free Covid tests for eating out in Luxembourg – [Les Frontaliers](https://www.lesfrontaliers.lu/societe/des-tests-covid-gratuits-pour-manger-au-restaurant-au-luxembourg/)
* **12 May:** Vaccine equity in Luxembourg – [Delano](https://delano.lu/d/detail/news/vaccine-equity-luxembourg/214632)
* **3 May:** Luxembourg to test EU Covid-19 travel certificate – [LT](https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/european-union/luxembourg-to-test-eu-covid-19-travel-certificate-608fd7eade135b9236d2d88d)

###### April

* **20 April:** COVID SELF-TESTING AT WORK? STRATEGIES VARY – [DELANO](https://delano.lu/d/detail/news/covid-self-testing-work-strategies-vary/214372)
* **16 April:** LUX MOVES TO GIVE PEOPLE CHOICE OF ASTRAZENECA VACCINE – [DELANO](https://delano.lu/d/detail/news/lux-moves-give-people-choice-astrazeneca-vaccine/214334)
* **13 April:** Luxembourg aims to double vaccination rate by end-June – [LT](https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/luxembourg/luxembourg-aims-to-double-vaccination-rate-by-end-june-60757a46de135b92369cd99f)
* **6 April:** Proof of COVID-19 vaccination now available in LUX – [DELANO](https://delano.lu/d/detail/news/proof-covid-19-vaccination-now-available-lux/214210)

###### March

* **30 March:** Negative test for travellers to remain in place until mid May – [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1697375.html)
* **8 March:** Luxembourg: looking to learn from others on vaccine roll-out – [LT](https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/luxembourg/luxembourg-looking-to-learn-from-others-on-vaccine-roll-out-60465adbde135b9236adff31)
* **5 March:** Luxembourg extends Covid-19 restrictions until Easter – [LT](https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/luxembourg/luxembourg-extends-covid-19-restrictions-until-easter-60420364de135b923660a15a)
* **3 March:** Up to €64m for phase 3 large-scale testing – [DELANO](https://delano.lu/d/detail/news/eu64m-phase-3-large-scale-testing/213765)

###### February

* **19 February:** Luxembourg extends Covid restrictions for another month – [LT](https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/luxembourg/luxembourg-extends-covid-restrictions-for-another-month-6033ce4ade135b9236b153be)

###### January

* **27 January:** Negative COVID-19 Test Results Required for Those Wishing to Enter Luxembourg by Air – [SVI](https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/negative-covid-19-test-results-required-for-those-wishing-to-enter-luxembourg-by-air/)
* **13 January:** Slow start to vaccination campaign, 60% of December deliveries still not administered – [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1645283.html)
* **11 January:** Luxembourg: first EU Member State to be supplied with Moderna vaccine – [GouvernementLU](https://msan.gouvernement.lu/en/actualites.gouvernement%2Ben%2Bactualites%2Btoutes_actualites%2Bcommuniques%2B2021%2B01-janvier%2B11-vaccin-moderna.html)
* **9 January:** Luxembourg to receive first Moderna doses on Monday – [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1642687.html)

##### **2020**

###### November

* **28 November**: Coronavirus situation remains stable in Luxembourg – [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1621291.html)
* **4 November**: Emergency services also affected by staff shortages - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1607478.html)

###### October

* **28 October**: Hospitals risk being overwhelmed by Covid patients - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1603374.html)
* **2 October**: Free corona test for travellers - [RTL](https://today.rtl.lu/news/luxembourg/a/1588800.html)

###### August

* **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)

###### June

* **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)
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###### May

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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### Norway

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| * 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?) * [Official health institute corona website](https://www.fhi.no/en/id/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/) * [Official government website on corona](https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/koronavirus-covid-19/id2692388/) | * Some domestic restrictions remain in place in Norway as of 25 May 2021. * Nonessential businesses and services may operate, albeit subject to strict social distancing and hygiene measures. * Protective facemasks are recommended rather than mandatory. Municipalities with higher rates of infection may impose stricter measures within their jurisdictions ([Link](https://www.regjeringen.no/no/tema/Koronasituasjonen/id2692388/)) | * **Total doses administered:** 2,263,185 (24-May) * **Uptake at least one dose:** 1.61 million (36.80%) * **Uptake full vaccination:** 785,073 (16.40%) * **Strategy:**  *N/A* * **Doses Acquired:** 2.5 million ([Link](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-norway-vaccine-idUSKBN28E1AU)) Moderna, AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech |

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| Relevant national websites | Current status | Vaccination Strategy |
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