

New measures to fight the spread of COVID-19

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These measures have come into effect on 11th March 2021 and will remain in place until 11th April 2021:

- Closure of non-essential shops and services such as retail and beauty salons.
- All organised sports are suspended, but outdoor exercise like walks or runs are allowed.
- Closure of gyms.
- Closure of cinemas, theatres and museums.
- Weddings and religious activities, including mass or other religious gatherings, are suspended.
- Large events are suspended. Anyone caught organising a large event will be fined €6,000.
- In hotels, restaurants and other facilities are closed. Only room-service is permitted in hotels.
- Travel to Gozo is banned for non-residents unless travel is for work or to reach your place of residence or property.
- **In public spaces, a maximum of 4 people in a group are allowed to gather together.**
- Schools are closed from 15th March until end of the Easter holidays (11th April). All lessons are moving online.
- Childcare centres are closed from 15th March to 11th April.
- **From 17th March, only persons who live in two different households are permitted to gather together inside a private residence.** A household could mean a family who lives together in the same residence, or persons who are not family but live in the same residence. Anyone found to break this rule will be subject to a fine of €100. If the offence is admitted and the penalty is paid before court proceedings have commenced, the applicable penalty shall be reduced to €50.
- Large wedding celebrations are banned. Funerals may go ahead with the existing COVID-19 measures.
- All non-urgent medical surgeries are suspended from 13 March 2021
- The wearing of masks remains compulsory in both indoor and outdoor public spaces.
There is a fine of €100 for not wearing a mask. You are only permitted to remove mask to eat or smoke, while sitting down. Fines will be given to people walking outdoors while not wearing a mask.

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