

Gradual Reduction of COVID-19 Restrictions

Source: Government of Malta

Date: April 2021

As announced by the Maltese Government on 7 April 2021, current restrictions for COVID-19 prevention will be relaxed as follows:

SCHOOLS OPENING: 12 April to 16 April

- **Monday 12 April:** Childcare centres, kindergarten centres and primary schools will reopen
- **Wednesday 14 April:** Middle schools (Form 1 and Form 2) will reopen
- **Friday 16 April:** Secondary schools (Form 3 to Form 5) will reopen
- All post-secondary schools (sixth form, university, MCAST) to remain online

HEALTH PROCEDURES AND ELDERLY HOMES: 12 April

- Elective surgeries to restart at hospitals
- Elderly people home visits will restart

CHURCH MASSES: 18 April

- Masses in churches will restart, with mitigation measures

NON-ESSENTIAL SHOPS AND SERVICES: 26 April

- Non-essential shops (e.g. clothes shops) will reopen with mitigation protocols
- Non-essential services (e.g. hairdressers) will restart with mitigation protocols

GATHERINGS: 26 April

- **Until 26 April, only two persons are permitted to gather together in public**, unless the persons together belong to the same household. On 26 April, the limit of gatherings in public will increase to 4 people. **There is a fine of up to €300 for breaking this rule.**
- **Until 26 April, only two households are allowed to gather inside a private residence.** On 26 April, the limit of gatherings in households will increase to 4 households. Enforcement officials (such as police) may enter private homes to inspect whether people are following the rules. **There is a fine of up to €300 for breaking this rule.**

MASKS

- The wearing of masks remains **compulsory** in both indoor and outdoor public spaces, covering both nose and mouth. There is a fine of €100 for not wearing a mask. You are only permitted to remove your mask to eat or smoke, ***while sitting down***.
- Fines will be given to people walking outdoors while not wearing a mask. **Eating, drinking or smoking while walking or standing without a mask, *will result in a fine.***

For more information and updates visit www.health.gov.mt