

UPDATE March 12:

The Lithuanian government backed the State Emergency Situation Commission's proposal to **suspend activity of all educational, cultural, sports and leisure establishments** in the country due to the coronavirus threat, and also **ban traveling to certain countries**. Upon the commission's final approval, the decision will come into force on Friday and be in force until March 27.

All educational establishments – kindergartens, schools and universities – are being closed for two weeks from Friday.

All public events in closed spaces are banned as of Friday, and only up to 100 people are allowed to attend open-air events. The distance among people at public events should be at least one meter, and no events for elder people should be organized. Sports events can be organized by without the audience. Also, all cultural, leisure, sports and entertainment establishments will be closed for two weeks.

People will also be banned from leaving the country and travel to risk countries, including Italy, France, Germany Spain, China, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, South Korea and Singapore. Flights to Lithuania are not banned this week yet to allow Lithuanian citizens to return to the country. People arriving from risk countries will have to self-isolate for two weeks.

Baltics to coordinate anti-coronavirus actions. The Baltic states will coordinate their actions in fighting the coronavirus threat and will exchange information about travelers from and to risk zones, the epidemiological situation as well as the measures the countries are taking. In an agreement on the new coronavirus pandemic, signed by the Baltic health ministers, the Baltic states express solidarity and vow to provide mutual assistance in preparations and responding to arising threats. Under the agreement, the countries will exchange information on travelers coming back or going to risk areas, also exchange information on the medical and epidemiological situation, swiftly report adopted measures and to exchange information issued to healthcare and other specialist and the general public.