

## **UPDATE May 15:**

Number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Lithuania: 1523\*

Deaths: 54

Recovered: 965

Number of tests performed yesterday: 7994

A total of samples tested in relation to the suspected coronavirus to date: 216 247

\*The number of confirmed infection cases. Until 28 April, information has been provided on positive laboratory test results rather than on positive cases (people).

Friday morning, the three Prime Ministers of the Baltic states have addressed the public announcing the good news that the first wave of COVID-19 has been brought under control: the three countries are the first in the European Union to open their borders to each other's citizens.

Prime Minister Saulius Skvernelis has emphasized that the Baltic states had never lacked challenges and had always shown patience, strong will, and unity in overcoming them. 'Today we can be proud that we, the three Baltic states, have successfully managed the first wave of COVID-19 and are the first in the European Union to open our borders to each other's citizens. However, we remain vigilant and responsibly protect the space of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Būkime saugūs kartu. Sauszēsīm un sargāsīm viens otru. Hoiame end koos tervena,' said the Prime Minister.

Head of the Latvian Government, Krišjānis Kariņš, stated: 'Today is an important day because we, the three Baltic states, have returned to the common space, allowing the free movement of people between the three Baltic states. This is due to the great cooperation between our people and our Governments.'

Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, Jüri Ratas, has also emphasized the consistent efforts of all the people to control the spread of the coronavirus. 'Therefore, we can now take the next step towards our regular daily lives, and once again freely travel between our countries. We can make use of this opportunity and let's all stay healthy!' said Ratas.