

## **UPDATE May 20:**

Number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Lithuania: 1577\*

Deaths: 60

Recovered: 1049

Number of tests performed yesterday: 7980

A total of samples tested in relation to the suspected coronavirus to date: 245 580

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

The Government meeting has approved of a plan for increasing the number of participants (spectators) in cultural events. The Ministries of Health and of Culture have been instructed to take the provisions of this plan into account when submitting proposals to the Government regarding the easing of the lockdown requirements.

According to the plan, the number of spectators (participants) will be allowed to gradually increase: from 1 June – up to 100 people indoors and up to 300 outdoors, and from 16 June – up to 150 indoors and up to 500 outdoors. From 1 July – up to 200 spectators indoors and up to 700 outdoors, and from 16 July – up to 250 spectators indoors and up to 900 outdoors. For events taking place from 1 August, the number of participants (spectators) would be limited to 300 indoors and to 900 outdoors, and from 16 August – up to 350 indoors and up to 900 outdoors.

From 1 June – the filled indoors capacity will be required not to exceed 30%, and from 1 July – 50%. The distance of at least 2 meters between people must be maintained indoors, and at least 1 meter outdoors.

No plans for events involving more than 900 participants in Lithuania until 31 August.

The Government has also agreed that the plan should fall subject to review at least every two weeks.

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The Government has approved the Foreign Ministry's proposal to resume scheduled flights to Norway as of 25 May. Flights will be operated to Oslo, Ålesund, Bergen, and Torp Sandefjord. Requests for the resumption of such flights have been made by airBaltic and Wizz Air.

Air connection with Frankfurt (Germany) has been resumed since 13 May. Vilnius – Riga regular daily flights (in both directions) have been relaunched since 18 May, while Vilnius – Tallinn flights will resume as of 25 May.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received requests to resume scheduled flights in other directions as well. When submitting proposals to the Government on the possibilities of resuming flights in other directions, the Ministry cooperates with the responsible Lithuanian authorities and assesses such possibilities in consideration of the epidemiological situation and the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO). No other routes are currently authorised.

We recommend that those intending to travel carefully consider the risks of purchasing tickets for those flights that have not been authorised yet. We also recommend to find out in advance what requirements and restrictions apply in the countries of the intended visit. Information can be found at <http://keliauk.urm.lt/en/>.

Please note that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in consideration of the coronavirus pandemic declared by the WHO, the large number of infected people in other countries, restrictions applied therein on movement and border crossing in order to control the spread of the virus, and the quarantine announced in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, still recommends postponing trips and not going abroad during the quarantine period. Travel recommendations have so far been changed only with respect to Latvia and Estonia, with which it has been agreed to lift certain travel restrictions applied during the pandemic.