

## **UPDATE June 10:**

Number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Lithuania: 1733\*

Deaths: 74

Recovered: 1369

Number of tests performed yesterday: 5319

A total of samples tested in relation to the suspected coronavirus to date: 345 392

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

Today the Cabinet sitting has taken a decision to lift the quarantine as of 16 June 24:00; however, the national state of emergency has been kept in force due to the threat of the spread of COVID-19. The Government has also retained (has not withdrawn) the declared third (full readiness) level of civil protection system.

Temporary internal border controls have been extended from 17 June 2020 to 16 July 2020. Checks on persons entering the Republic of Lithuania will be carried out at the internal border of the European Union: at international airports and in Klaipėda State Seaport. This means that only the passports of persons arriving by plane or ferry will be checked. Passports of persons arriving by land will not be checked.

‘The state of emergency is kept in effect having lifted the quarantine in the country, and some restrictions on border controls will remain. Special attention will be paid to third countries. Arrival of foreigners will only be foreseen if a mutual agreement is reached between the states on the admission of citizens, and if the morbidity rates in those countries do not exceed the prescribed requirements,’ says Minister of the Interior Rita Tamašunienė.

At the sitting, temporary restrictions on crossing the state border have also been set, determining cases where foreign nationals are not allowed to enter the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

Nationals and legal residents of the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, and the United Kingdom would only be allowed to enter Lithuania arriving from their countries if the incidence of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus infection) did not exceed 25 cases per 100,000

population in their country of legal residence during the last 14 calendar days. The Head of State Emergency Operations will publish a list of such states every week.

Entry from third countries will only be foreseen if a mutual agreement between states on the admission of citizens is reached.

In addition, as before, entry will be allowed to all foreigners who have the right to reside in Lithuania and foreigners who are family members (parents (adoptive parents), children (adopted children), spouses, and guardians) of Lithuanian citizens and foreigners who have the right to permanent residence in Lithuania. Prohibition will not apply to foreigners holding a national visa of the Republic of Lithuania.

The Government has also agreed that border controls with the Republic of Poland are lifted as of 12 June. It will be possible to travel to the neighbouring country without giving any grounds, and there will be no need to apply isolation. 'We have been talking about the restoration of free movement with Poland for several weeks now. Of course, the risks will be assessed, but currently Poland is classified as a safe state; therefore, a decision has been made to abandon border controls,' says Minister of the Interior Tamašunienė.

Having lifted the quarantine, in the field of education safety requirements will only apply to pre-school, pre-primary, and non-formal education of children that will take place in summer.

Provision of services, trade in public trading outlets, leisure and entertainment activities, operation of catering facilities, restaurants, cafes, bars, nightclubs and other entertainment venues, gambling houses (casinos) and amusement arcades, bingo halls, cultural, entertainment, sports, and other events shall be organized and conducted subject to the conditions for the management of the flows of people, safe physical distance, and other key requirements for public health safety, hygiene, and the use of personal protective equipment.

The number of people who can take part in the events will gradually increase every two weeks. From June 17 to 30, events may be organized and held in open spaces with up to 700 spectators and/or participants, and in closed spaces, with up to 150 (excluding performers, athletes, high-performance sports and physical activity specialists, high-performance sports and physical activity instructors, judges, anti-doping officers, organizers, and support staff).

On July 1-16, up to 1,000 participants will be able to attend events held in open spaces, and up to 200 participants, in closed spaces.

Activities of medical facilities shall be organized by regulating the flows of patients and visitors, as well as rationally allocating infrastructure, and material and human resources. Priority shall be given to the remote provision of outpatient services, and direct contact with the patient shall only be possible where the service cannot be provided remotely due to the patient's condition or the need for more detailed examinations.

Treatment services may be given only when facilities draft and coordinate with the National Public Health Centre a plan for the planned inpatient and outpatient services provided by the facility.

Aurelijus Veryga, Head of the State-Level Emergency Operations Centre and Minister of Health, will continue to make decisions needed to manage and respond to the state of emergency.

'The further spread of the virus will largely depend on public awareness. We recommend continuing to protect each other, wear masks, observe hygiene requirements, and avoid unnecessary contacts,' says Giedrius Surplys, Head of the Public Information Group.

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On 10 June, the Government has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to allow resumption of regular flights to Lithuania from Ireland, Spain, Italy, Greece, Croatia, and Cyprus. Carriers wishing to operate scheduled flights have to submit a flight schedule to the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration three days prior to their commencement.

The Government has agreed that scheduled flights may be resumed from the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, provided that the incidence of coronavirus infection has not exceeded 25 cases per 100,000 population in the country of destination over the last 14 calendar days.

Every Monday, the Head of the State Emergency Operations shall establish and publish the list of such states.

As of 8 June, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has withdrawn the top warning 'not to go abroad' in relation to Spain and Malta, yet specific warnings remain. The warning not to travel to the UK, Sweden, and Portugal remains.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is calling for the abandonment of unnecessary travel to Belgium and Ireland, where the incidence of COVID-19 remains higher than 15 cases per 100,000 population over the last 14 days.

Travelers to other countries in the European Economic Area are encouraged to take precautions. It is especially important to note that the morbidity situation can change very quickly, which may lead to renewal of necessary restrictions both in foreign countries and in Lithuania. Lithuanian citizens planning to travel abroad, especially outside Europe, are encouraged to assess carefully possible travel disruptions and to take note of the requirements still applied in foreign countries with regard to isolation upon arrival, etc.

As of Monday, the **list** of countries from which foreigners may enter Lithuania has been updated. Note that Lithuanian citizens may always return to Lithuania, yet the list of countries indicates, whether it will be necessary for them to comply with compulsory isolation upon return.

You may check travel recommendations for specific countries at <https://keliauk.urm.lt>

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs recommends downloading a Travel Safe app to receive relevant consular information and direct notifications from the Ministry in the event of a crisis in a foreign country: for iOS, <https://goo.gl/dOxeli>, for Android, <https://goo.gl/rPwrfx>.