

Limitations for facilities and mass events



Decree on limitations of facilities effective since 25 November 2021 [can be found in full text here](#). **Decree on limitations of mass events** effective since 25 November 2021 [can be found in full text here](#).

Adopted measures are in accordance with [Slovak government resolution from 24 November 2021 enacting so-called lockdown](#). Resolution introduces state of emergency in the whole territory of the Slovak Republic. The government at the same time limits free movement by enacting curfew from 5:00 till 1:00 of the next day. In framework of the declared state of emergency there is a ban on mass gatherings for more than 6 persons, besides persons living in one household.

Notice: This information does not serve as a binding interpretation of the valid legislation. In the event of conflict, exclusively the wording of applicable Decree published in [the Journal of the Government of the Slovak Republic](#) shall apply.

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Facilities

In accordance with adopted government resolution all retail facilities and facilities providing services are closed, except for the following which can operate in the regime basic (i.e., for all, regardless of their immunity status):

- Treatment spa and spa treatment facilities providing services to patients based on medical prescription
- Facilities of public boarding including permanent stalls providing meals and beverages packed for take away or through delivery
- Pharmacies, shops and delivery facilities for medical devices, optometric shops including eye examination
- Shops with feed for animals and veterinary clinics
- Delivery sale of goods
- Shops with spare parts for cars, vehicle rescue services
- Laundry and cleaning shops
- Gas stations
- Funeral services, operators of burial grounds and crematoriums
- Technical and emission control services, collection points for applications for issuance of tachograph cards, facilities for sale of TIR carnets, customs declarations, customs clearance of goods
- Taxi services
- Attorney, notary public, executor, administrator of bankruptcy assets, mediators, auctioneer, referee, expert, interpreter and translator
- Collection yards
- Services of long-term accommodation and quarantine accommodation
- Facilities providing treatment-pedagogical intervention or therapy to persons with health disability
- Canteens, school canteens and similar facilities
- Department stores (however, only essential facilities may be opened)
- Facilities where mass events exempted from the ban take place

Facilities which can be opened from 5:00 till 20:00 and may operate in the regime basic (i.e., for all, regardless of their immunity status):

- Groceries (including street trading)
- Drugstores
- Newsstands
- Delivery points of goods sold remotely, including complaints procedures
- Expedition, return and complaints of goods through package machines and similar facilities
- Facilities of telecommunication operators
- Facilities of postal, bank and other financial, insurance and leasing services
- Repair and service of electronics, machinery and other apparatuses
- Key service
- Shopping place of network industries (electricity, water, gas)
- Shoe stores

- Household goods and gardening supplies shops
- Not covered or partially covered markets selling seedlings, flowers, vegetables, fruits, food: they must secure one way movement of customers, regulated entry and exit, selling points 2 meters from each other

OTP regime only:

- Hotels and similar services of short-term accommodation, however, only in connection with work performance, or for the purpose of the visit of healthcare facility

Conditions for opened facilities:

- entry and stay in the premises with covered upper respiratory ways with a respirator
- apply hand disinfection or provide disposable gloves
- ensure 2-meters distance in rows - this is not applied for persons from one household or for persons with severe health disability and their assistants
- frequent ventilation, regular disinfection of touched surfaces with virucidal effect agents, display of the notice on the mandate to follow measures according to the decree and notices about OTP regime (accommodation services)

Capacity limitations:

- 1 person for 25 square meters (not applied on children under 12 years accompanied with an adult person)
- for facility with less than 25 m², there can be present only 1 customer at one time
- capacity limits are not applicable on canteens, school canteens and similar boarding facilities defined in the decree

Taxi services:

All taxi services providers are ordered to limit number of transported passengers to 2 customers (except for the persons living in common household).

Department stores:

- Only essential facilities may be opened.
- Children playground and seating sections must be closed.
- Throughout the premises of department stores, including food courts, there is a ban on consumption of meals and beverages. Customers can buy food in premises of public boarding only packed for take away.
- There is a duty to equip hygienic facilities with liquid soap and paper hand towels, disinfection must be done every hour.

Hotels and similar services of short-term accommodation

- they can operate only for the purpose of short-term accommodation connected with work or business performance or other similar activity and also for the purpose of accommodation connected with the visit of health care facility
- they can provide services only in OTP regime
- there is a ban on consumption of meals and beverages in common premises (except for room service)
- increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection of touched surfaces with virucidal effect agents, hygienic facilities equipped with liquid soap and paper hand towels

These limitations are not applicable on services of long term and quarantine accommodation.

For the purposes of the decree, OTP regime (abb. from Slovak words vaccinated, tested, recovered) definition is as follows:

- Vaccinated (O):
 - persons at least 14 days and not more than 1 year after administration of the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine
 - persons at least 21 days and not more than 1 year after administration of a single-dose of COVID-19 vaccine
 - persons at least 14 days and not more than 1 year after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if the first dose was administered up to 180 days after recovery from the disease
 - children up to 12 years and 2 months
- Tested (T):
 - negative RT-PCR or LAMP test result not older than 72 hours from sampling
 - negative antigen test result not older than 48 hours from sampling
- 1. Recovered (P):
 - persons recovered from COVID-19 not more than 180 days ago. This must be proved by positive RT-PCR test result, in children up to the age of 12 also by certification from general practitioner for children and youth issued based on antigen test performed in MOM, issued till 15 November 2021.

Certificate on vaccination, negative test result or recovery from COVID-19 can be replaced by EU Digital COVID Certificate. If it is the other way round, these facts need to be evidenced by the document showing identity of the proving person.

Mass events

There is a **ban** on mass events, except for:

- 1. Mass events in OP regime up to 10 persons**
 - They can be held only in connection with work performance
 - It is necessary to secure informing in form of a notice that mass event is organized in OP regime
- 2. Holy masses**
 - Only individual pastoral activity can take place
- 3. Wedding ceremony and baptism ceremony**
 - Maximum 6 persons (organizing persons do not count towards this number)
- 4. Funeral ceremony**
 - No capacity limitations, provided that anti-epidemic measures from the decree are followed
- 5. Meetings and other events held based on the law**
 - The list of the persons present with their contact details is mandatory
- 6. Elections**
- 7. Professional sports competitions** (stated in the decree, § 2, sec. f)
 - No spectators
 - Mandatory testing of players and members of organizing team (details in the decree, § 6)
- 8. Activities of quarantine training center for top sport**
 - Only based on approval from the health and education ministries

General measures for mass events (§ 3 of the decree):

- reserved place for mass event and designation of entry/exit points
- entry possible only with covered upper respiratory ways – these are respirators in interior and respirators/masks in exterior
- at any moment organizer must be able to prove the number of participants of the event
- mandatory list of participants with telephone or email contacts – in case of epidemiological examination – organizer is obliged to keep this list for two weeks after the end of the event and then destroy it
- ensure that visitors disinfect their hands upon entry
- ventilate often, perform frequent disinfection of premises, mainly of touched surfaces, handles, floors in interiors and objects
- hygienic facilities must be equipped with liquid soap and paper towels

- ensure 2-metres distance between participants, this is not applicable e.g., for persons from common household, partners, persons carrying out sports activity, persons at mass event in OP regime, etc.
- more detailed conditions are stated in the decree.

Measures for performance of holy mass, church and civil versions of ceremony of wedding, funeral and baptism:

- disinfection of used objects used during the ceremony
- ceremonies, during which more than one person drinks from the chalice are forbidden
- at premises, where ceremony takes place, organizer is obliged to eliminate containers with water
- in case of a contact of administrator with the mouth of the believer, administrator must every time disinfect the hands; during receiving communion under both kinds a new spoon must be used in every receiver
- at the same time, general conditions for organizing of mass events are valid, which can be applied on these types of events (listed below)

For the purpose of the decree, OP regime (abb. from Slovak words vaccinated, recovered) means:

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