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EIGHTH CORONA ORDINANCE ISSUED

Rhineland-Palatinate issues new Rules for Loosening of Restrictions

The State Government of Rhineland-Palatinate has published conditions for further easing of corona restrictions effective Wednesday. Besides that the state administration further accommodates gastronomy businesses.

“Based on successful measures during the past weeks we can now carefully and thoughtfully risk another step towards more openings”, said State Prime Minister Malu Dreyer (SPD).

Public Houses may open longer

Due to the “very low numbers of new infections during the past weeks” they have decided to extend operating hours for gastronomy businesses by half an hour to 10.30 p.m. Further it will be allowed to receive food and drinks at the counters in public houses or at breakfast outlets in hotels. The State Administration had announced further easing for e.g. fitness studios and movie theaters already two weeks ago; now concepts of hygiene for the openings are at hand for

- theaters, movie theaters, concert halls, opera houses and cabarets
- indoor sports

- fitness studios and dancing schools
- outdoor pools
- flea markets, outdoor special markets and the like
- circuses and similar outdoor activities
- amusement arcades and gambling houses

Further, large outdoor events with up to 100 people will be authorized effective Wednesday under the condition that rules for physical distancing and numbers of participants will be observed and that contact data are recorded.

Late Announcement of Hygiene Rules has been criticized

Legal basis for these openings is the 8th Corona Abatement Ordinance of the State which will go into effect on Wednesday. The fitness branch criticized that rules of hygiene for the enterprises were only published shortly before the date of the openings. State Secretary of Health Sabine Baetzing-Lichtenthaeler (SPD) stated Monday evening that development of the process of infections will be meticulously observed and that all measures will be adjusted to the epidemic situation. "Rules for physical distancing and hygiene provisions will still be the basis for any loosening of restrictions."

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