

## TRANSLATION

(excerpt)

### **Tenth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate (10<sup>th</sup> CoBeLVO) of 19 June 2020 (as amended on 14 July 2020)**

Based on § 32 sentence 1 in connection with §§ 28 para. 1 sentence 1 and 2, 29, 30 para. 1 sentence 2 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) in conjunction with § 1 No. 1 of the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) it is decreed:

#### **Part 1 General Protective Measures**

##### § 1

(1) Each person is encouraged to reduce to a minimum closer and longer contacts to other persons and to keep the circle of persons to whom closer or longer contacts as constant as possible. Where possible, assemblies should preferably be held outdoors. Persons with symptoms of a respiratory infection (in particular cough, cold symptoms, fever) should stay at home if possible, they are generally to be denied access to facilities, events, and gatherings.

(2) Staying in public spaces is only permitted subject to a minimum distance of 1.5 meters between persons (**distance requirement**). to other people allowed. Sentences 1 also applies if a mouth-nose cover is worn. Sentence 1 does not apply to:

1. assemblies of up to ten persons or an assembly of members of two households
2. contacts for business, professional or official reasons, in which persons must work in close direct contact, including the necessary management of agricultural and forestry land, as well as for reasons relevant to examinations or care
3. contacts at offices and institutions carrying out public tasks and at which persons shortly have to meet, *e.g.*, use of public transportation as well as voluntary work to provide for the population.

(3) Insofar as this Ordinance stipulates a mask requirement, a mouth-nose covering shall be worn in public spaces when encountering other persons (**mask requirement**).

(4) The distance requirement and the mask requirement do not apply to

1. children up to the age of six are exempt.
2. persons for whom wearing a cover over mouth and nose is impossible or unreasonable due to a disability or for health-related reasons; this has to be verified by a medical certificate.
3. communication with persons with hearing impairments or for identification purposes as long as it is necessary,

4. employees of the facilities, if other appropriate protective measures are taken or as long as there is no contact to customers or visitors.

(5) Where in public or commercial facilities or in the immediate vicinity of such facilities an accumulation of persons can be expected, the proprietor of the facility or the organizer of a meeting, gathering, or other get-together shall take measures to comply with the distance requirement, in particular to control access, for example, by affixing clearly visible distance markings at a distance of at least 1.5 meters.

(6) Whereas, where public or commercial facilities are open, special hygiene measures should be provided, such as the provision of disinfectants, increased cleaning intervals, separating devices and similar measures.

(7) If persons come together in a public or commercial facility and are not predominantly in fixed places as intended, the number of persons present at the same time shall be limited to 10 persons per 10 sqm of sales or visitor area (**limitation of persons**).

(8) Contact traceability has to be ensured where expressly required in this Ordinance (**contact recording**). In this case the proprietor of the facility or the organizer of a meeting, gathering, or other get-together has to record contact details (name, first name, address, telephone number) in compliance with data protection law; after the retention period has expired, the data has to be deleted immediately. Data retention obligations resulting from other laws remain unaffected. The competent public health authority can demand information about the guests' contact details, insofar as it is necessary to fulfil its duties under the provisions of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (IfSG) and its tasks under this Ordinance; the data has to be released immediately. Processing of the data for other purposes is not allowed. Data transmitted to the competent public health authority have to be irreversibly deleted by the latter immediately as soon as the data is no longer required for fulfillment of its tasks.

(9) Hygiene concepts have been published on the website of the State government ([www.corona.rlp.de](http://www.corona.rlp.de)). The protective measures of the respective hygiene concepts as amended have to be observed in conducting events, opening public or commercial facilities or during sports. If no hygiene concepts for individual facilities or measures are published on the website of the state government or the departmental ministries, hygiene concepts of comparable facilities or life conditions shall apply accordingly.

(10) Exemptions from the provisions of paragraphs 2 to 8 may, in justified individual cases, be granted, upon request and subject to conditions by the competent district administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable from an infection protection point of view, this is justifiable from the point of view of infection protection law and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

## **Part 2**

### **Assemblies, events and accumulation of persons**

## § 2

(1) Subject to conditions, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2, gatherings in open air may be permitted by the competent authority under the Assembly Act, provided that this is justifiable in individual cases from the point of view of infection protection laws.

(2) Outdoor events are permitted with up to 350 people present at the same time, subject to the necessary protective measures. In particular, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply. In waiting or pick-up situations, in particular at counters, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 shall apply.

(3) Events in enclosed rooms are permitted with up to 150 people present at the same time, subject to the necessary protective measures. In particular, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply. If the participants do not have assigned seats, the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 applies. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 is dispensed at the seat.

(4) Any other accumulation of persons beyond paragraphs 2 and 3 is not permitted, subject to the right of self-organization of the Landtag [State Parliament] and the local bodies. The accumulation of persons intended to serve the maintenance of public security and order, the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms), the preparation and conduct of public elections, in particular constituency conferences and representative assemblies, the holding of blood donation appointments, the conduct of examinations at higher education institutions and the conduct of competitions for restricted courses of study, in particular study aptitude tests, or the provision of services of essential supply may also be attended by more than the number of persons referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3. In case of accumulations for the administration of justice, a mouth-nose covering is to be worn in general when in contact with other persons. Moreover, paragraphs 2 and 3 apply.

(5) At accumulations of persons, the following persons may participate as mourners at funerals:

1. the deceased's spouse, civil partner or companion, fiancée or fiancé
2. persons who are related to the deceased in the first or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and
3. persons of one other household.

In addition to the group of persons referred to in sentence 1, other persons may also participate if compliance with the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 is ensured.

(6) In addition to the persons to be wed, the registrar, other persons required for the marriage and two marriage witnesses, the following persons may participate at civil weddings:

1. persons who are related to the newlyweds in the first or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and

2. persons of one other household.

In addition to the group of persons referred to in sentence 1, other persons may also participate if compliance with the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 is ensured.

(7)

Non-commercial events with previously clearly defined participants, such as wedding events or birthday parties, are also permitted in rented or made-up premises or areas with up to 75 persons present at the same time, in compliance with the necessary protective measures. In particular, the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 should be observed as far as possible. The organizer shall limit the number of persons present in such a way that the distance regulations can be complied with as much as possible. Persons present shall be allocated a seat.

(8) Subject to conditions, exceptions to the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 7 may upon request and on a justified case-by-case basis be granted by the competent county administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, it is justifiable from the point of view of infection protection law and the purpose of this Ordinance is not impaired.

### **Part 3 Worship**

#### **§ 3**

(1) Church services by religious communities or congregations of faith, in particular in churches, mosques, synagogues and other prayer rooms or, meetings that are required for self-organization or legislation are permitted subject to protective measure, in particular adherence to the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2. If, due to the type of activity, an increased aerosol output is to be expected (e.g. in the case of community singing, choral singing or wind music), these activities should, if possible, take place outdoors; the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 applies with the proviso that the minimum distance between persons shall be doubled.

(2) The religious communities or congregations of faith ensure that chains of infection can be traced quickly and completely for a period of one month. They are obliged to cooperate with the competent public health authority with regard to contact tracking in the event of infections.

(3) In enclosed rooms the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 applies to participants. Excluded are clergypersons as well as lecturers, prayer leaders, cantors and pre-singers subject to additional safety measures, specified in the infection protection concepts of the religious or faith communities. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 is dispensed at the participant's place.

(4) The religious communities or congregations of faith or their umbrella organizations create infection protection concepts, which regulate the details of protective measures, in particular ensuring contact tracking, and submit them to the competent public health authority upon request.

## **Part 4 Economy**

### **§ 4**

#### **Prohibition of opening or carry out**

It is prohibited to open or to carry out

1. clubs, discotheques, and similar facilities.
2. Fairgrounds, fairs and similar facilities,
3. places of prostitution, brothels and similar establishments.

### **§ 5**

#### **Conditions for opening up**

Opening of public or commercial facilities, in particular

1. retail establishments, pharmacies, medical supply stores, banks and savings banks, post offices, dry cleaners, launderettes, gas stations, motor vehicle and truck sales including the relevant spare parts trade, bicycle trade, bookshops, newspaper and magazine sales, and similar facilities,
2. stands at weekly markets, flea markets, specialty markets and similar markets where different goods are offered,
3. home depot, horticultural and pet supply markets, and similar facilities,
4. wholesale trade,
5. libraries, libraries and archives, internet cafes, and similar facilities,
6. museums, exhibitions, galleries, and similar facilities
7. memorials, and similar facilities
8. historical and cultural monuments, and similar facilities
9. casinos, gambling halls, bet agencies, and similar facilities

is permitted subject to observance of protective measures. In enclosed rooms as well as outdoors the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 par. 3, and the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 apply. The limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 does not apply on stands at weekly markets. In the working and reading rooms of libraries, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 is dispensed at the seat.

### **§ 6**

#### **Service Providers and Craftsmen Enterprises**

(1) Service providers and craftsmen enterprises are permitted to pursue their activities subject to compliance with the necessary protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 has to be observed if the nature of service allows for it.

(2) If the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 cannot be observed due to the nature of service, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 applies if the nature of service allows for it. Additionally, the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies to personal care services, in particular in hairdressing salons, barber shops, foot care facilities, nail studios, beauty shops, massage parlors, tattoo studios, piercing studios and similar facilities.

(3) All health care facilities remain open under observance of the necessary hygiene and safety measures. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 applies to patients when waiting together with other persons.

## § 7 Catering trade

(1) Opening of the following facilities, subject to compliance with the protective measures:

1. restaurants, eateries, refectories, cafes, hookah bars, and similar facilities,
2. ice cream parlors, ice cream cafes and similar establishment,
3. Vinotheques, tasting rooms and similar facilities,
4. Offers of day trips on excursion boats, including the gastronomic offer, and similar facilities.

(2) In particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2, the obligation to record contact details of all guests pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 as well as indoors the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 apply. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 is dispensed at the seat for guests of the facility. In waiting or pick-up situations the mask requirement shall apply at the facility indoors and outdoors.

(3) The bar operation as well as the stay of guests at the counter are permitted in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 2.

(4) Used crockery (cutlery, glasses, plates, etc.) has to be cleaned in a dishwasher at a temperature of at least 60 degrees.

(5) For canteens only providing for the supplies of the institution are opened subject to observance of protective measures. The obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 does not apply.

(6) Take-away, delivery and drop-off services as well as street sales are opened subject to observance of necessary protective measures. In particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 and for employees of the facility as well as for customers the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3.

## § 8

### Hotel industry, accommodation establishments

(1) Opening of the following facilities subject to compliance with protective measures:

1. hotels, hotel garni, guesthouses, inns, and similar facilities
2. holiday homes, holiday apartments, private quarters, and similar facilities
3. hostels, recreation, holiday and training homes, holiday centers, and similar facilities
4. campsites, motorhome pitches, caravan parks and similar facilities.

(2) There is an obligation to reserve or register. The requirement to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies to contact details of all guests. The obligation to retain pursuant to § 30 para. 4 of the Federal Registration Act remains unaffected.

(3) In all publically accessible areas of the facility the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 as well as indoors the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 1 apply. By access control the person who runs the facility has to prevent the accumulation of persons in publically accessible areas of the facility or areas reserved for guests that are used by a majority of persons.

(4) For the gastronomic offers of the facility § 7 applies accordingly. The other provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the provision of services, leisure, sports, and wellness activities with the proviso that the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 does not apply. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 remains unchanged.

## § 9

### Use of means of transport, school transport.

(1) The protective measure, in particular the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 1, shall apply when using local and long-distance public transport and commercial passenger traffic at airports and associated facilities like for example staying at stops, on platforms or at air traveler check-ins. Sentence 1 also applies to exempted student transport and other passenger transport in accordance with the Exemption Ordinance of 30 August 1962 as amended as well as to taxi and rental car services. Ticket sales by the driver are only possible if there are separating divider in the vehicles.

(2) Transport of students in accordance with § 69 of the School Act (SchulG) or § 33 of the Private School Act (PrivSchG) shall not be refused on the ground that these do not wear a cover over mouth and nose.

(3) The operation of cable cars, chairlifts and similar facilities can be carried out in compliance with protective measures in accordance with paragraph 1.

(4) The performance of coach trips, boat trips or similar offers is permitted subject to compliance with protective measures. In particular, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply. For the gastronomic offers

of the facility, § 7 applies accordingly. The other provisions of this Ordinance apply to the provision of services, leisure activities or sports.

## **Part 5 Sports and Leisure Time**

### § 10 Sports

(1) Joint sports training and competition are permitted in fixed small groups of up to 30 people; this also applies to contact sports. The obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies. In cases not covered by sentence 1, the protective measures apply, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1; where increased aerosol emissions are to be expected due to the type of sport, the minimum distance between persons shall be doubled in enclosed rooms.

(2) When using swimming and fun baths, bathing lakes or similar offers as well as when doing exercise in enclosed rooms, the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 applies if more than 10 persons are present and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1; in the case of spatially separated wellness offers within a facility the limitations on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 does not apply, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 as well as the obligation to record contact pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 remain in force.

(3) For indoor and outdoor events spectators are only in accordance with the hygiene concepts referred to in § 1 para. 9.

(4) Under the conditions of paragraphs 1 to 3, sports activities with a tourist character are permitted.

(5) Teams of the 1st and 2nd Soccer League as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Men's League are permitted to carry out training, competitions and matches notwithstanding the other provisions of this Ordinance. This only applies if the organizational, medical and hygienic requirements of the concept for training and match operation drawn up by the Task Force "Sports Medicine/ Special Game Operations in Professional Soccer" of DFL Deutsche Fußballliga GmbH, as amended, are implemented.

### § 11 Leisure Time

(1) Opening of the following facilities subject to observance of protective measures:

1. trade fairs and similar facilities
2. amusement parks and similar facilities
3. zoological gardens, zoos, botanical gardens, and similar facilities



(2) Strict access control has to be set-up, for example by pre-sale of a limited ticket quota, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1. The number of persons who may be on the premises at the same time shall be approved in advance by the local competent authority.

(3) In all publicly accessible areas of the facility, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 shall apply. By access control the person who runs the facility has to prevent the accumulation of persons in publically accessible areas of the facility or areas reserved for guests that are used by a majority of persons. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 is no longer applicable in outdoor areas that correspond to a wide park-like character.

(4) When using rides the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 applies.

(5) For the gastronomic offers of the facility, § 7 applies accordingly. The other provisions of this Ordinance apply to the provision of services, leisure activities or sports.

(6) On playgrounds and in baby and small children swimming pools, the distance requirement pursuant to § para. 2 has to be observed as far as possible.

## **Part 6 Education and Culture**

### § 12

#### Schools, State study seminars for teaching posts

(1) School operations shall be carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Education and Science responsible for health matters. The “Hygiene Plan – Corona for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate”, published on the website of the Ministry of Education, as amended, shall apply. Insofar as the regular lessons are cancelled due to the requirements mentioned in sentences 1 and 2 does not take place as in classroom teaching to the extent intended, the schools fulfill their educational and development mission through academic offer, which can also be perceived in virtual schooling/homework. Compulsory education exists and will also become part of the educational offer through the perception of the virtual schooling/homework. Students who, for reasons of protection against the infection, do not partake in classroom teaching will receive the academic offer via virtual schooling/homework.

(2) Exemptions from the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 may be made for privately funded schools and shall be subject to the approval of the school authority.

(3) If, for reasons of protection against infection, schools have to be closed on a large scale, emergency school care will be provided. Parents can make use of this if virtual home schooling is not, or only partially, possible. Emergency school care is especially suitable for the following students:

1. students in special needs schools whose parents need the support of the schools for the care and supervision of their children;
2. children whose parents belong to occupational groups whose activities are necessary for the maintenance of public safety and order and the provision of basic services to the population, whether one or both parents belong to these occupational groups; these groups include, in particular, members of the health and care professions, the police, rescue services, the judiciary (including notaries' offices and law firms) and law enforcement agencies, the fire services, teachers, child care providers and energy and water supply employees; other professions may also be necessary for the provision of basic services to the population, e.g. employees in the food industry, in agriculture, employees of banks, savings banks or media companies;
3. children of working single parents and other guardians who are dependent on care and cannot find any other care solution;
4. children in families receiving socio-educational family assistance in accordance with § 31 of the Eighth Book of the Social Code or semi-stationary educational assistance in accordance with § 32 of the Eighth Book of the Social Code;
5. children for whom the general social service of the youth welfare office deems it appropriate, even if the family does not receive an individual benefit and
6. children for whom the institution's management concludes that care is necessary in the best interests of the child; their legal guardians should be encouraged to make use of school emergency care.

Insofar as students participate in the school emergency care, an academic offer, adapted to the situation, will be provided.

(4) The organization of attendance and examinations at the state study seminars for teachers is based on the procedures of the ministry responsible for the education of teachers and is carried out in accordance with the Corona Hygiene Plan for Study Seminars in Rhineland-Palatinate, published, in its currently valid version, on the website of the RLP Ministry of Education.

## § 13

### Child day care facilities

(1) Until the end of the day, 31 July 2020, all day-care facilities shall offer limited care in the form of fixed group settings; paragraph 3 (2) shall remain unaffected. Under fixed group settings, we mean a social group of children who are cared for regularly and in the same composition within an institution. Care must be taken to ensure that the purpose of the regulation is not compromised. Closures of day-care facilities due to individual dispositions remain unaffected.

(2) The limited care offer in day-care facilities in the form of fixed group settings is open to all children that already have a slot in a day-care facility. The admission of new children is

permitted. Clearly defined rooms are assigned to the fixed groups; the staggered use of functional rooms by different groups is permissible. During the transition from emergency care to limited care operations, the existing emergency groups can be changed and new care groups can be created. Within the scope of the limited care offer for all children, sufficient group settings for children who start school after the summer holidays, as well as children in families receiving socio-educational family assistance in accordance with § 31 of the Eighth Book of the Social Code or semi-stationary educational assistance in accordance with § 32 of the Eighth Book of the Social Code, or where the general social services of the youth welfare office deems it appropriate, even if the family does not receive any individual benefit, as well as to grant the emergency care for children, especially of single parents or of parents who are fully employed.

(3) Effective 1 August 2020, regular operations will resume. The transition from the restricted services to regular operations can be implemented beginning on 15 July 2020.

(4) Reference is made to the “Guidelines in times of Corona – Transition to Regular Operations” dated 10 July 2020 and the “Joint Hygiene Recommendations for Regular Operations of Day-Care Facilities in Rhineland-Palatinate as of 1 August 2020” dated 3 July 2020, published, in its currently valid version, on the website of the RLP Ministry of Education.

(5) Individuals already infected with the Coronavirus SARS-Cov-2 or living in a household with infected persons must stay away from the establishment. In addition, the ruling of § 1, para (1), sentence 3 (*Persons with symptoms of a respiratory infection (in particular cough, cold symptoms, fever) should stay at home if possible, they are generally to be denied access to facilities, events, and gatherings.*) shall apply to day-care facilities

## § 14

### Universities, extracurricular education, training and further education

(1) Research activities and teaching in small groups at colleges, universities, and publicly funded non-university research institutions can be allowed subject to compliance with protective measures. For courses the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply.

(2) Educational programs offered in public or private institutions outside the general and vocational schools as well as youth work programs and youth social work are permitted in compliance with the protective measures. In particular, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply. § 10 applies accordingly to sports and exercise activities in public and private facilities outside general and vocational schools. For music schools and music offerings in public and private institutions outside the general and vocational schools, § 15 applies *mutatis mutandis*.

(3) Paragraph 2 also applies to appropriate educational opportunities for individuals and to measures taken by service providers to provide employment integration benefits in accordance with Title Two of the Social Code or measures of active employment promotion according to

Title Three of the Social Code, in addition to labor market policy projects, supported by national funds or funds of European Social Fund.

(4) Practical training courses offered by driving schools are exempt from the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 insofar as it cannot be complied with. During practical driving lessons and the driving test itself the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 applies to all persons staying together in the vehicle. Sentences 1 to 2 also apply to the training and further education of officially certified experts or examiners for the motor vehicle traffic or their auditing as well as flight schools.

(5) Holiday care measures and youth leisure activity events are permitted provided the requirements of the hygiene concept "Youth Leisure" are met. In the case of groups of up to 25 persons, including the care staff, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 may be waived if further hygiene and protective measures are observed.

## § 15 Culture

(1) Subject to compliance with protective measures, public and commercial cultural institutions are opened, in particular

1. cinemas, theaters, concert halls, cabarets and similar facilities
2. circuses and similar facilities operating outdoors,

The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 as well as the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 apply. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 is dispensed when seated.

(2) Any rehearsal, including the general and lay culture, is permitted subject to compliance with other requirements of this Ordinance; in particular, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 applies. If, due to the type of activity, an increased aerosol output is to be expected (e.g. in choral singing or wind music), these activities should, if possible, take place outdoors; the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 applies with the proviso that the minimum distance between persons must be doubled.

(3) The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 does not apply to performers, artists and musicians during the performance or show, subject to additional security measures. Singing and other activities that lead to increased aerosol emissions due to special physical exertion (e.g. choral singing, wind music) should, if possible, take place outdoors; the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 applies with the proviso that the minimum distance between persons shall be doubled.

## **Part 7 Hospitals and similar Institutions**

### § 16 Visiting and access arrangements for special institutions

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§ 17  
Hospitals

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§ 18  
Registration

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**Part 8**  
**Quarantine Measures for Arrivals and Returnees and Group-related Measures**

§ 19  
Entry from Risk Areas

(1) Persons entering Rheinland-Pfalz by land, sea, or air who have been in a risk area referred to in paragraph 4 or 5 at any time within 14 days of entry, are, after entry, required to resort to their own domicile or another suitable dwelling without delay and by direct route and to stay continuously isolated there for 14 days after entry. Sentence 1 also applies to persons who entered another state of the Federal Republic of Germany at first. The persons mentioned in sentence 1 and 2 are not permitted to have encounters with other persons who do not belong to their household during the period stated in sentence 1. An accommodation is suitable for isolation purposes if a spatial separation ensures that there is no contact with persons who do not belong to the own household.

(2) Persons who have entered in accordance with para 1, sentence 1 and 2 from a risk area, are required to contact the authority responsible for them and alert them that the requirement pursuant to para 1 exists. Furthermore, they are required to notify the responsible office immediately if symptoms occur, indicating an infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 in accordance with the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute.

(3) During the isolation period the persons referred to in para 1, sentence 1 and 2, shall be subject to surveillance by the responsible authority.

(4) A risk area within the meaning of paragraph 1 sentence 1 is a state or region outside the Federal Republic of Germany for which there is an increased risk of infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at the time of entry into the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate. Classification as a risk area is carried out by the Federal Ministry of Health, the Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Construction and Homeland and is published by the Robert Koch Institute.

(5) A risk area within the meaning of paragraph 1 sentence 1 is also a region within the Federal Republic of Germany, as long as within a period of seven days the rate of new infections with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 according to the publications of the Robert Koch Institute (daily situation report of the RKI on Coronavirus-Disease-2019) is higher than 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

(6) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence, are obliged to move to an assigned accommodation and to isolate there permanently for a period of 14 days. Under § 47 of the Asylum Act, persons obliged to reside in such a reception center are obliged to inform the institution of the reception center immediately if symptoms occur, indicating an infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 in accordance with the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute, to move to assigned, suitable accommodation and to stay continuously isolated there until the presentation of a test result about a possible infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2. The host facility shall inform the competent authority of this matter without delay. The reception center may at any time assign new accommodation areas to the persons concerned and may allow exceptions from the requirements under sentences 1 and 2.

## § 20

### Exceptions

(1) § 19 does not apply to persons who enter the area of application of this Ordinance only for transit; these persons must leave the area of application of this Ordinance directly. The required passage through the area covered by this ordinance is hereby permitted.

(2) The obligation to isolate pursuant to § 19 para. 1 does not exist for persons with a medical certificate in German or English, which confirms that there is no indication of infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and submits it to the competent authority without delay upon request. The medical certificate referred to in sentence 1 shall be based on a molecular biological test on the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 carried out in a Member State of the European Union or any other State published by the Robert Koch Institute and not exceed 48 hours before entry in the jurisdictional zone of this ordinance. The medical certificate referred to in sentence 1 shall be kept for at least 14 days after entry.

(3) Furthermore, § 19 does not apply to persons who, for the purpose of taking up work for several weeks, enter the territory of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate from a risk area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 or 5, provided that special occupational hygiene measures and contact prevention arrangements are taken outside the working group at the place of their accommodation and activity during the first 14 days after their entry, which are comparable to isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1, and the abandonment of accommodation is only permitted for the performance of their activity. The right of the competent authority to order further measures, in particular in justified cases a permanent isolation, shall remain unaffected. The employer shall indicate the commencement of work to the competent authority before it begins and shall document the measures taken in accordance with sentence 1. The competent authority shall verify compliance.

(4) § 19 does not apply to persons:

1. who, in the course of their work as employees of air, ship, rail or bus companies or as crew members of aircrafts, ships, trains and buses, have stayed in an area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 or 5,
  2. who enter the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate for professional or medical reasons daily or up to 5 days for absolutely compelling reasons without the possibility of delay or
  3. who stayed in an area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 or 5 for less than 72 hours or who have another valid reason for traveling; this includes specifically social aspects such as shared custody, visiting the life partner not living under the same roof, urgent medical treatment or assistance or care for persons in need of protection as well as reasons related to training or studies.
- (5) In justified cases, exemptions may be granted where this is reasonable, taking into account all concerned interests.
- (6) Paragraphs 1 through 5 only apply insofar as the persons named therein do not show any symptoms indicating an infection of the SSARS-Cov-2 coronavirus within the meaning of the current criteria issued by the Robert-Koch-Institute. If symptoms occur within 14 days of entry under the scope of this ordinance indicating an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 within the meaning of the relevant criteria of the Robert Koch Institute, persons referred to in paragraphs 2 and 5 shall immediately inform the competent authority thereof.

#### § 21

#### Group-related Measures

In the case of special group-related work and accommodation situations, in particular seasonal workers who work and live in groups or who travel for the purpose of taking up an activity in a group, the employer has to notify the competent authority before work commences. The employer shall take and document special occupational hygiene measures and arrangements for contact avoidance outside the working group based on the relevant technical standards, in particular in accordance with the competent professional association. The competent authority shall verify compliance. Rooms shall only be occupied with a maximum of half the usual occupancy capacity; this restriction does not apply to families.

### **Part 9**

#### **General Provisions**

#### § 22

General Orders of the county administrations, in district-free cities of the city administration as county regulatory authorities for the control of the Coronavirus SARS-VoV2 in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control Act are to be issued in agreement with the competent Ministry for Public Health.

### **Part 10**

## **Administrative Fines, Entering into Force, Expiration**

### **§ 23**

#### **Administrative offences**

An administrative offence within the meaning of § 73 para. 1 (a) No. 24 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act is committed by anyone who intentionally or negligently

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§ 74 IfSG [Infection Prevention and Control Act] remains unaffected.

### **§ 24**

#### **Entry into force, expiration**

This Decree shall enter into force on 24 June 2020 and shall expire at the end of 31 August 2020.

Done at Mainz on 19 June 2020

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