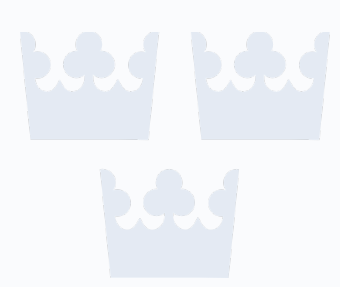


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Restrictions and prohibitions

Here you will find a summary of the restrictions and prohibitions that have been imposed in Sweden due to the coronavirus.

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Gatherings and events

Public gatherings and events may have a maximum of 8 participants. The police can cancel or disband a public gathering or event with more than 8 participants. Anyone who organises an event that violates the ban can face a fine or prison sentence of a maximum of six months.

An exception is made for funerals, where a maximum of 20 participants is allowed.

Public gatherings include:

- gatherings that constitute demonstrations or which are otherwise held for discussion, expression of opinion or providing information on public or private matters;
- lectures and speeches held for the purposes of teaching or for public or civic education;
- gatherings for religious practice;
- theatrical and cinema performances, concerts and other gatherings for the performance of artistic work, and
- other gatherings at which freedom of assembly is exercised.

Public events include:

- competitions and exhibitions in sports and aviation;
- dance performances;
- fairground amusements and parades;
- markets and fairs
- circus performances.
- other events not regarded as public gatherings.
- Schools, public transport, private events and visits to shops are excluded.
- [More information about the ban provided by the Government](#)

Travel

There is a ban on non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU in order to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus.

[Information about the temporary entry ban](#)

The following are exempt from the entry ban:

- Swedish citizens;
- family members of Swedish citizens who work for a Swedish company, a Swedish agency or an international organisation abroad, if their employer has recalled the employee and/or persons accompanying them;
- citizens of another EEA state, the UK or Switzerland, or family members of an EEA citizen or citizens of the UK or Switzerland;
- persons with a residence permit or right of residence in Sweden or the EU, and
- persons who have a valid national visa for entry into Sweden.

Foreigners who have particularly urgent needs or who are to carry out essential functions in Sweden may be exempt, for example

- healthcare professionals;
- transport workers engaged in the haulage of goods, e.g. food and medicines;
- disembarking and embarking mariners as well as professional drivers whose vehicles and cargo are already in Sweden, and
- persons with imperative family reasons.
- Seasonal workers employed in agriculture, forestry and horticulture.

Swedish border control officials determine the manner in which the exceptions should be interpreted and the decisions that should be taken.

Read more about the entry ban [here](#) and [here](#) are the Police's answers to frequently asked questions.

No entry from the UK and Denmark

The Swedish government has announced that entry bans to Sweden from the UK and Denmark will be introduced, due to the new variant of the SARS-Cov-2 virus. The ban will take effect at midnight, the night before Tuesday 22 December. The government has also decided to discourage unnecessary travel to the UK.

The ban mainly means that all persons except Swedish citizens traveling from the United Kingdom or Denmark will be expelled if they try to travel into Sweden. Exceptions will be possible for people who transport goods and the like. For Denmark, people who work or live in Sweden will also be exempt.

People from both the United Kingdom and Denmark who are judged to have urgent family reasons will also be able to be exempted from the entry ban.

The entry ban applies until 21 January 2021 or until further notice.

[Ban on entry into Sweden from the United Kingdom and Denmark \(Press release from Government Offices of Sweden\).](#)

Restaurants, cafés and pubs

- The size of a dining party allowed to sit at one table is limited to four people. If a party is larger than eight people, it must be divided between several tables with at least one metre between them.

Venues serving food and drink must:

- Implement measures to avoid crowding of people in queues, at tables, buffets or bar counters.
- Ensure that guests can keep at least one meter's distance from other people.
- Only serve food and drink to guests who are seated at a table or a bar counter.
- Guests are permitted to order and pick up food and drink, provided that this does not lead to crowding or queues.
- Offer guests the opportunity to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, or offer them hand sanitiser.
- Inform guests about how they can decrease the risk for spreading infection.

The serving of alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverage-like preparations is prohibited between 20.00 and 11.00 until 15 January 2021.

Temporary shutdown of public buildings

All activities within the state, municipalities and regions that are not necessary should be closed immediately until 24 January. This applies, for example, to bathhouses, sports halls and museums.

Nursing homes and healthcare facilities

Contact the nursing home in question to find out what applies if you are planning a visit. The facility operator is responsible for preventing contagion among residents and staff. Thus, visits may be limited, especially where nursing homes and healthcare facilities are concerned. For information about visits to healthcare facilities, contact the hospital in question.

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