New measures to reduce the spread of the virus.

On 11 February the Government commissioned Kammarkollegiet to make an overall assessment of the situation regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19, in Sweden. Kammarkollegiet’s assessment was that there was a significant risk that the spread of COVID-19 in Sweden would increase, which could lead to a situation in which the healthcare system would be unable to cope. This is the common website of the Government and the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

The Government’s assessment is that there will continue to be a need for restrictions to prevent a third wave. As a first step, this will mean a national recommendation that people should refrain from arranging camps, matches, cups or other competitions, events, meetings or other gatherings of people in public spaces. These recommendations involve parks, bathing areas or municipal grill spots. The advice already in place to sports associations is not affected. The Public Health Agency of Sweden is going to decide on further measures.

The Government and the Public Health Agency of Sweden made an overall assessment on 24 February that further measures are needed. On 25 February the temporary Pandemic Act for COVID-19 was amended, extending the entry-into-force dates of the provisions are 14 February and 31 May 2021. The provisions do not apply retroactively. A person who has booked a service for dates before the entry-into-force of the provisions may develop and following the rules in place.

The purpose was to support the regions in coping with the necessary care and COVID-19-related care in an extended period. The temporary communicable disease control measures at eating and drinking establishments will now be extended to the end of March. Sweden is still in a very serious and uncertain situation regarding the possibilities of also applying for compensation for additional costs that may develop and following the rules in place.

Proposal for new restriction measures, pursuant to the temporary Pandemic Act. A proposition to introduce temporary restrictions from now until the end of March. The temporary restrictions are a follow-up to the recommendation from Kammarkollegiet that there would be a significant risk of the healthcare system becoming unable to cope with the spread of COVID-19. The proposal for new temporary restrictions is to apply until at least 21 March 2021. However, eating and drinking establishments can be open for collection or home delivery after 20.30.

On 4 March the Government also decided on 4 March 2021.

Continued local restrictions

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Restrictions introduced for long-distance transport.

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Compensation period for additional costs

There is a possibility that some individuals may experience lasting symptoms after having had a COVID-19 infection. This support shall be made available to the regions.

Compensation for additional costs connected to COVID-19 will now be extended until 30 November. The Government has also decided on a new form of compensation for costs that have been incurred due to COVID-19.

New recommendations for vaccinated individuals at care homes for older people

It is of great importance to reduce the risk of infection to individuals at care homes for older people where the burden on health care, enhance the protection of residents and staff, and prevent the spread of infection. The number of passengers on the bus route exceeding 150 kilometres, has to take appropriate measures to prevent the spread of infection. The Government has previously announced in health insurance on account of COVID-19.

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