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Frequently asked questions and answers from Danish National Police about the Danish Government's efforts to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

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As part of the efforts to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus in Denmark, the Government and the authorities have taken a number of measures to reduce social contact, maintain social distancing and increase the effect of social distancing.

The ban applies from 18 March until 8 July 2020.

This Q&A has been updated with the elements of phase three of the agreement on the controlled reopening of Denmark that commenced on 8 June 2020.

For the measures to be effective in battling COVID-19 in Denmark, every single citizen must take responsibility for reducing social contact and maintaining social distancing. This also applies among family and friends.

**Fines imposed for violation of restrictions during the COVID-19 outbreak (in Danish)**

## BAN ON EVENTS AND GATHERINGS WITH MORE THAN 50 PARTICIPANTS

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### **Can the authorities ban large gatherings?**

Yes. Events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants are banned. This ban applies to both indoor and outdoor gatherings, and it applies to both public and private events etc.

A number of exemptions have been made, including for private homes.

The ban applies from 18 March 2020 until at least 8 July 2020.

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### **Does the ban also apply to private homes and gardens?**

No. The ban does not apply to private homes and adjacent gardens to which only residents have access. However, courtyards and the like which are at the disposal of residents from a large number of homes are excepted and still fall within the scope of the ban.

Although the ban does not apply to homes and adjacent gardens, residents are urged to cancel private gatherings or events for more than 50 participants and to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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**Does the ban apply to all public spaces?**

Basically yes. However, despite the ban, more than 50 people can go to a shop, a supermarket, an airport, a train station or the like and move around as usual.

The use of public transport (trains, busses, aeroplanes, ferries etc.) and ordinary physical presence at a workplace are not banned either.

Please note that the Executive Order on the Maximum Seat Occupancy Rate in Intercity Buses as a Means of Controlling COVID-19 which provides that intercity buses cannot at any time carry more passengers than half their number of seats was repealed on Monday, 18 May 2020.

In general, people are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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**Can the authorities dissolve spontaneous gatherings such as long queues?**

Yes. The police have been authorised to interfere at public places if more than 50 people have gathered at the same location in a way that constitutes a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

The police have discretionary powers to issue directions pursuant to the health authorities' general recommendations to reduce social contact and maintain social distancing.

The police can order people to leave the place.

This applies from 18 March 2020 until 8 July 2020.

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**Can the police issue a ban on loitering at certain locations?**

Yes. The police can issue a temporary ban on loitering at certain locations with public access if it is the assessment of the police that a ban must be issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and a dispersal order is deemed insufficient to prevent the risk of infection. Such locations could be parks or playgrounds.

A ban on loitering means that loitering at the location is illegal. However, people can still move around in the area if it is an ordinary activity at the relevant location, such as a walk.

A ban on loitering can be issued for a period of up to seven days and can subsequently be extended. Such ban must be displayed on signs and on the website of the police.

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**Can the authorities prohibit demonstrations with more than 50 participants?**

No. The ban on events etc. with more than 50 participants does not apply to political or other opinion-shaping gatherings.

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**Can police districts give prior approval of specific events, activities etc.?**

No. Police districts cannot give prior approval of events, activities etc., except for prior approval of drive-in events.

Police districts can only advise Danish citizens that the police will enforce the rules of the Executive Order. Police districts can also advise Danish citizens to look at [Coronavirus/COVID-19 in Denmark](#) for further information or call one of the call centres.

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#### **Other countries have imposed a curfew. Do we have a curfew in Denmark?**

No. No curfew has been imposed. However, the police can order people to leave a place if there are more than 50 people and the police find that they have gathered in a way that constitutes a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

When exercising its discretionary right, the police must take into account the Danish Health Authority's general recommendations concerning the risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

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#### **Does the requirement of social distancing apply to political or other opinion-shaping gatherings?**

No requirement of social distancing has been made in relation to political or other opinion-shaping gatherings, and accordingly it is not possible to dissolve such gatherings due to the risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

Political or other opinion-shaping gatherings are, however, urged to follow the health authorities' general recommendations to maintain social distancing and avoid physical contact with other people.

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#### **Do the rules on gatherings also apply to hospitals or the like?**

No. The rules do not apply to public and private hospitals and clinics nor to private clinics run by authorised healthcare professionals or at which authorised healthcare professionals are employed.

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#### **Can a dispersal order be issued to people at a playground?**

Yes. At a public playground, the police can issue a dispersal order if more than 50 people have gathered at the location in a way that is considered by the police to constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

The police have discretionary powers to issue directions pursuant to the health authorities' general recommendations to reduce social contact and maintain social distancing.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

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#### **Are market days, flea markets etc. allowed?**

It depends on the specific circumstances whether market days, flea markets etc. are allowed. An essential element of such assessment is whether the market etc. is deemed to be a draw to the area.

If, for example, the markets are recurring annual events or more seasonal markets like flea markets at which a wide, non-specified group of people are allowed to put up stalls, such markets would normally fall within the scope of the ban and are therefore not allowed.

If, on the other hand, the market days or markets are held at weekly, monthly or other regular intervals and local traders, farmers etc. sell their produce/goods from separate stalls at a market or the like comparable to shops in a pedestrian street (in other words a fairly regular group), such activity is normally allowed. However, if there are other activities in addition to the stalls on market days, at marketplaces etc., such as music performances or other stage performances, the

market falls within the scope of the ban.

The police can issue a dispersal order if more than 50 people have gathered at the location in a way that is considered by the police to constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

The police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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**Does the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people also apply to the use of public transport, such as busses, trains and ferries?**

No. The ban does not apply to regular use of public transport. More than 50 people can therefore be in a train or bus, on a ferry etc. at the same time. Passengers can also wait for a train at the station or at a bus stop even though there are more than 50 people present.

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The National Police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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**Are more than 50 people allowed to stay in the same summerhouse?**

Yes. The ban on hosting and attending indoor and outdoor events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants does not apply to private homes.

A private home can be both a person's permanent home and a person's leisure home, whether the property is owned or rented.

However, the police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

If a summerhouse is rented solely for the purpose of hosting a party or another event and the summerhouse thereby assumes the nature of a village hall or a function room, it might be determined due to the specific circumstances that the party or event is not allowed because the summerhouse is no longer in the nature of a 'home'. It will be taken into account whether the summerhouse has been rented/used solely for a weekend stay, whether the tenant only stays in the summerhouse to prepare and host the party, whether the party is organised by a professional event maker etc.

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**Are groups of more than 50 people allowed if they gather in a compact outdoor area surrounded by buildings, such as a courtyard of a block of buildings?**

Yes. People living in flats, detached houses or similar residential buildings with access to shared outdoor areas are normally not required to watch out for the number of people present to make sure that there are no more than 50 people using the area at the same time.

However, the ban on hosting and attending indoor and outdoor events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants also applies to courtyards and the like which are at the disposal of residents from a large number of homes.

The police can issue a dispersal order if more than 50 people have gathered in the shared outdoor area in a way that is considered by the police to constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus. The police have discretionary powers to issue directions pursuant to the health authorities' general recommendations to reduce social

contact and maintain social distancing.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

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### **Is it allowed to distribute goods etc. for free or cheaply?**

It depends on an assessment of the specific circumstances. If the distribution or sale is in the nature of a pre-announced event etc. and there are more than 50 people present, the distribution or sale falls within the scope of the ban.

Accordingly, it would be illegal to organise and attend an event announced on the social media involving the distribution of food or drinks for free if it is considered to be an event and if more than 50 people have gathered.

If the distribution or sale is not in the nature of an event etc., the directions for ordinary sales must be observed, which includes that natural and legal persons must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each customer, guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one customer, guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to customers, guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between customers, guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

The police have also been authorised to interfere at public places if more than 50 people have gathered at the same location in a way that constitutes a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus, for example a pick-up queue. The police have discretionary powers to issue directions pursuant to the health authorities' general recommendations to reduce social contact and maintain social distancing.

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### **Can individuals host or attend a party?**

Parties at a function room, a restaurant or the like with more than 50 participants are not allowed as such a party would fall within the scope of the ban on hosting and attending indoor and outdoor events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants.

Parties cannot be made lawful by dividing the participants into smaller groups of no more than 50 people at the same location, such as the same restaurant, village hall or common house, not even if the small groups keep their distance. The reason is that the individual(s) at the centre of the celebration, such as the bride and groom or the person celebrating his or her birthday, are the same for all small groups, and therefore it continues to be one single event with more than 50 participants.

Accordingly, an event with more than 50 participants will not become lawful even though it is relocated to a restaurant designed in accordance with the directions.

The ban does not apply to private homes and adjacent gardens, but courtyards and the like which are at the disposal of residents from a large number of homes still fall within the scope of the ban. The National Police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

**Is it allowed to let and rent function rooms?**

Yes. It is normally allowed to let and rent function rooms.

However, indoor and outdoor events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants are banned.

The letting of function rooms is also banned if the function room provider is aware that the hirer of the function room intends to throw a party with more than 50 participants.

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**Do court hearings fall within the scope of the ban?**

No. Court hearings do not fall within the scope of the Executive Order.

However, the National Police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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**Do emergency childcare and emergency education programmes fall within the scope of the ban?**

No. The emergency childcare and the emergency education programmes set up by day-care facilities, institutions, schools etc. do not fall within the scope of the ban.

This also applies to activities organised outside the premises or locations usually at the disposal of the day-care facilities, institutions, schools etc.

Day-care facilities, schools etc. can therefore organise outings, school camps etc. even though there are more than 50 people present.

However, parents must be aware that the ban on gatherings still applies when children are dropped off and picked up.

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**Are TV/movie producers allowed to shoot a TV programme or movie in the public space if there are more than 50 people on the set?**

Ordinary physical presence at a workplace is allowed. Depending on circumstances, movie shootings, including movie shootings in public spaces, may be deemed to be ordinary physical presence at the TV or film producers' workplace. The shooting of TV programmes/movies is therefore normally not considered an event/activity that falls within the scope of the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people. However, it depends on the specific circumstances in each individual case.

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**ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS**

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**How will the authorities enforce these bans and orders?**

The police can apply the necessary force as defined in the Police Act to enforce the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people in connection with indoor or outdoor events etc.

Moreover, fines can be issued for violation of a ban or an order issued in pursuance of the Executive Order.

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**Can the police impose sanctions if a natural or legal person does not follow the rules on keeping premises closed?**

Any owner of a business like a discotheque who does not observe the requirement to keep his or her premises closed to the public may be liable to a fine.

Moreover, a natural or legal person who is not required to keep his/her/its premises closed to the public may be liable to a fine if s/he does not follow the rules requiring him/her/it to:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each member, customer, guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one member, customer, guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to members, customers, guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between members, customers, guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

The police can also order a natural or legal person to close his/her/its premises to the public for a specific period if the police find that the natural or legal person has not observed the above-mentioned requirements and it is not likely that the natural or legal person will observe the requirements in future. The police can issue a fine to the natural or legal person for failing to comply with the order.

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**What is the penalty if a nightclub owner or someone else does not observe the ban, but stays open?**

The person may be liable to a fine.

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**What is the penalty if someone does not follow the directions of the police to leave a place?**

The police can impose a fine on a person for not following the directions to leave a place, and the police can apply force to remove persons from a place, if necessary.

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**Can employees be punished for not observing the requirement to keep certain premises closed?**

No. The police can only order natural and legal persons to keep certain premises closed to the public.

A 'natural or legal person' is the owner of the relevant business/shop, but not the paid staff members. Accordingly, only the owner of the relevant business/shop can be punished for not observing the requirement to keep certain premises closed, not the paid staff members.

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**NIGHTCLUBS, BARS, RESTAURANTS, AND GAMBLING ARCADES**

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**Are restaurants, bars, cafes, hookah cafes etc. allowed to stay open?**

Yes. Establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may stay open from 5 am to midnight. This applies to both indoor and outdoor areas.

Establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site comprise dining places such as restaurants and cafes, bars such as wine bars, cocktail bars and pubs, and places like hookah cafes.

Such establishments must stay closed from midnight to 5 am. This applies to both indoor and outdoor areas. However, restaurants and cafes etc. can sell takeaway food and drinks from midnight to 5 am if they have the requisite licences under other relevant legislation, but during that period they cannot make their outdoor seating areas available to guests who want to consume food or drinks sold by the relevant restaurant or cafe. Restaurants and cafes cannot be required to remove tables and chairs in their outdoor seating areas from midnight to 5 am, but if an owner does not arrange the removal of tables and chairs or rope off or otherwise seal off the area, the owner must display signs saying that eating, drinking and smoking is prohibited at the tables of the restaurant/cafe during that period.

If guests of a restaurant or cafe use the outdoor seating area of another establishment between midnight and 5 am to consume food and/or drinks purchased at the restaurant or cafe, it might be determined due to the specific circumstances that the restaurant etc. has the outdoor seating area of another establishment at its disposal. That might be the case if the two establishments have agreed so, or it is otherwise obvious that an establishment attempts to circumvent the ban by having the outdoor seating area of another establishment at its disposal, for example if the restaurant advises its guest to use the outdoor seating area of another establishment.

All establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site, that is, all restaurants, cafes, bars etc., and all restaurants and cafes selling takeaway food and drinks must observe the following directions at their premises:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least two square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments designed mainly for standing guests must ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each person. This applies to establishments such as bars having only a limited number of seats relative to the number of guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Ensure that the layout of the premises is designed as far as possible to minimise the risk of infection, including that it must be possible for guests and visitors to maintain social distance – also at checkouts.

The ban on staying open from midnight to 5 am, except for takeaway food and drinks, applies from 18 May 2020 until at least 8 July 2020.

The Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs (Erhvervsministeriet) has collaborated with the relevant authorities, business and industry and the labour market parties to prepare guidelines for a careful layout of restaurants, cafes, amusement parks, hotels, holiday resorts etc. in light of the outbreak of COVID-19. The recommended guidelines have been uploaded to [www.virksomhedsguiden.dk](http://www.virksomhedsguiden.dk).

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### **Are bars and other licensed premises allowed to stay open?**

Yes. Pubs, wine bars, cocktail bars etc. are allowed to stay open from 5 am to midnight.

If they stay open, they must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least two square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments designed mainly for standing guests must ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each person. This applies to establishments such as bars having only a limited number of seats relative to the number of guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.



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- Ensure that the layout of the premises is designed as far as possible to minimise the risk of infection, including that it must be possible for guests and visitors to maintain social distance – also at checkouts.

Discotheques, nightclubs and the like must still stay closed. In the assessment of whether a venue is a discotheque, a nightclub or the like falling within the scope of the temporary ban, it must be taken into account whether there are only few seats, whether there is a dance floor, whether its principal activity is not the sale of food and whether it has been granted a licence for extended opening hours. However, it is irrelevant for this assessment whether or not it is called a discotheque.

Following an assessment of the specific circumstances, a bar with only few seats, a dance floor, no sale of food and usually late-night opening hours may therefore fall within the scope of the temporary ban, whereas in light of the circumstances, a nightclub that puts chairs and tables on the dance floor and otherwise rearranges the premises to resemble a more traditional bar may open. If the venue opens, the above requirements must be observed.

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Music venues fall within the temporary ban on staying open.

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### Can music venues stay open?

Music venues with a seated audience can stay open. However, a maximum of 500 participants can be allowed access to the music venue.

If they stay open, they must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area

unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. This applies to establishments such as bars having only a limited number of seats relative to the number of guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.

- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Ensure that the layout of the premises is designed as far as possible to minimise the risk of infection, including that it must be possible for guests and visitors to maintain social distance – also at checkouts.

Music venues with a standing audience still fall within the scope of the temporary ban on staying open.

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#### **Are kiosks with an adjacent gambling arcade allowed to stay open?**

Yes. As from 8 June 2020, gambling arcades are allowed to open again. This applies regardless of whether the gambling arcade is located in conjunction with a kiosk, a pub etc., or whether the gambling arcade is located separately.

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#### **Are sausage stands, shawarma restaurants, pizzerias etc. allowed to stay open late at night?**

All establishments selling food must normally stay closed from midnight to 5 am. This applies to both indoor and outdoor areas.

However, sausage stands, shawarma restaurants, pizzerias etc. can sell takeaway food and drinks from midnight to 5 am if they have the requisite licences under other relevant legislation, but during that period they cannot make their outdoor seating areas available to guests who want to consume food or drinks sold by the relevant sausage stands, shawarma restaurants, pizzerias etc. Sausage stands, shawarma restaurants, pizzerias etc. cannot be required to remove tables and chairs in their outdoor seating areas from midnight to 5 am, but if an owner does not arrange the removal of tables and chairs or rope off or otherwise seal off the area, the owner must display signs saying that eating, drinking and smoking is prohibited at the tables of the sausage stand, shawarma restaurant, pizzeria etc. during that period.

If guests of a sausage stand, shawarma restaurant, pizzeria etc. use the outdoor seating area of another establishment between midnight and 5 am to consume food and/or drinks purchased at the sausage stand, shawarma restaurant, pizzeria etc., it might be determined due to the specific circumstances that the restaurant etc. has the outdoor seating area of another establishment at its disposal. That might be the case if the two establishments have agreed so, or it is otherwise obvious that an establishment attempts to circumvent the ban by having the outdoor seating area of another establishment at its disposal, for example if the sausage stand, shawarma restaurant, pizzeria etc. advises its guest to use the outdoor seating area of another establishment.

All sausage stands, shawarma restaurants, pizzerias etc. selling takeaway food and drinks must observe the following directions at their premises:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each customer., guest or visitor.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to customers, guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Ensure that the layout of the premises is designed as far as possible to minimise the risk of infection, including that it must be possible for customers, guests and visitors to maintain social distance – also at checkouts.

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#### **Are workplace canteens allowed to serve food to employees if the businesses have not closed down?**

Yes. Workplace canteens can serve food to employees if the businesses/institutions have not closed down. This also applies in case a workplace canteen is operated by an independent contractor.

In these situations, the Danish Health Authority's recommendations should be observed by the service provider to ensure that the layout of the premises is designed as far as possible to minimise the risk of infection, including that it must be possible for consumers in workplace canteens to maintain social distance, and that to the extent possible there is access to water and soap or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%).

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#### **Are hotels allowed to stay open?**

Yes. Hotels, hostels etc. are allowed to stay open.

However, it is prohibited to organise or attend events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants at or in a hotel., hostel etc. unless the gathering itself is lawful, for example a school class at school camp.

Please note that the police can issue a dispersal order if more than 1050 people have gathered in a public place in a way that is considered by the police to constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus. However, this does not apply to an otherwise lawful gathering, for example a school class.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

Restaurants and cafes etc. of hotels are allowed to stay open from 5 am to midnight. From midnight to 5 am, the establishments are allowed to sell takeaway food and drinks if they have the requisite licences under other relevant legislation.

All hotel facilities open to the public must also:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. This applies to establishments such as bars having only a limited number of seats relative to the number of guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
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- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

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## SHOPPING ARCADES, SHOPPING CENTRES, DEPARTMENT STORES ETC.

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### **Are shops and supermarkets allowed to stay open?**

Yes. All shops are allowed to stay open, but they are required to:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each customer or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one customer or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to customers and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between customers and visitors – also at checkouts.

The requirements apply from 18 March 2020 until at least 8 July 2020.

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### **Do supermarket customers have to wear gloves?**

No. According to the Executive Order, employees and other persons admitted to the premises are the only people who are required to wear gloves, and they have to do so only when selling and otherwise distributing non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.

As regards customers, it appears from the Executive Order that shops must make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to customers and visitors to the extent possible.

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### **Are shopping centres allowed to stay open?**

Yes. As from 11 May 2020, indoor as well as outdoor shopping centres, department stores, shopping arcades etc. have been allowed to stay open. However, at these locations the current restrictions set out in the Executive Order must be observed, which entails a requirement to:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each customer, guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one customer, guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to customers, guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between customers, guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

Moreover, the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs (Erhvervsministeriet) has prepared guidelines for a careful layout of shopping centres, department stores, shopping arcades, bazaars etc., which provide recommendations on how businesses can adapt the layout of their premises in light of the outbreak of COVID-19.

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## SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ETC.

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### **Are indoor sports and recreational activities allowed to stay open?**

Premises for sports and recreational activities, including gambling arcades, water parks, play areas, public swimming pools and fitness centres, can open again as from 8 June 2020.

However, events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants are still banned.

The ban on gatherings does not extend to professional sports without audience, including the top two male football leagues, the top female football league, the top male handball league, the top female handball league, the top male ice hockey league, the top badminton league, harness races and gallop races at the nine commercial horse racing tracks with licenced drivers and riders as well as other professional branches of sports in which most athletes make a living as athletes. Nor does the ban extend to athletes at senior international level whose primary source of income is their athlete's salary, or who belong to one of the athlete categories of Team Denmark or have been nominated or selected for the Olympic/Paralympic Games.

As the authority responsible for the field of sports, the Ministry of Culture (Kulturministeriet) has issued guidelines with recommendations for resuming indoor activities of sports clubs and associations as well as reopening sports and association facilities (phases two and three). The guidelines agreed by the sector partnership have been uploaded to [www.kum.dk](https://www.kum.dk).

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### **Can premises of private associations stay open?**

Yes. Premises of private associations can stay open. However, events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants are still banned.

Premises that are open to the public must observe the following requirements:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each member, participant or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one member, participant or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests.

Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.

- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to members, participants and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between members, participants and visitors – also at checkouts.

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### **Can indoor water parks and public swimming pools stay open?**

Yes. Indoor water parks and public swimming pools can open again as from 8 June 2020.

All premises open to the public must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

As the authority responsible for the field of sports, the Ministry of Culture (Kulturministeriet) has issued guidelines with recommendations for resuming indoor activities of sports clubs and associations as well as reopening sports and association facilities (phases two and three). The guidelines agreed by the sector partnership have been uploaded to [www.kum.dk](http://www.kum.dk).

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### **Is it allowed to use riding halls for horse riding lessons, exercising horses etc.?**

Yes. As from 8 June 2020, it is allowed to use indoor sports facilities, including riding halls. The ban on gatherings of more than 50 people at events, activities etc., must still be observed.

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### **Are riding schools allowed to offer outdoor horse riding lessons?**

Yes. Both indoor and outdoor riding lessons are allowed. However, the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people must still be observed.

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### **Are riding school students allowed to prepare and care for horses in the stables in connection riding school lessons?**

Yes. Riding school students are allowed to prepare and care for horses in the stables.

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### **Can professional football clubs play football again?**

Yes. Clubs in the 3F Super League and the NordicBet League are allowed to play football again. All football matches must be played without any audience.

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#### **Can professional athletes start playing sports again?**

Yes. The ban on gatherings does not apply to professional sports without audience, including leagues with professional athletes and individual athletes at senior international level whose primary source of income is their athlete's salary, or who belong to one of the athlete categories of Team Denmark or have been nominated or selected for the Olympic/Paralympic Games.

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#### **Can fitness centres and fitness equipment be open for use?**

Yes. Fitness centres can open again as from 8 June 2020.

If the fitness facility is open to the public and there are more than 50 people present at the fitness facility even though it is not considered an activity or event as such, the police can order the people to leave the place if the police find that there is a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus. The police have discretionary powers to issue directions pursuant to the health authorities' general recommendations to reduce social contact and maintain social distancing.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

The ban on gatherings of more than 50 people at events, activities etc., must still be observed. If group fitness activities are organised in a public place, the activities usually fall within the scope of the ban on activities and events with more than 50 participants.

As the authority responsible for the field of sports, the Ministry of Culture (Kulturministeriet) has issued guidelines with recommendations for resuming indoor activities of sports clubs and associations as well as reopening sports and association facilities (phases two and three). The guidelines agreed by the sector partnership have been uploaded to [www.kum.dk](http://www.kum.dk).

New rules were adopted on 8 May 2020. According to the new rules, the Executive Order does not extend to professional sports without audience, including the top two male football leagues, the top female football league, the top male handball league, the top female handball league, the top male ice hockey league, the top badminton league, harness races and gallop races at the nine commercial horse racing tracks with licenced drivers and riders as well as other professional branches of sports in which most athletes make a living as athletes. Nor does the ban extend to athletes at senior international level whose primary source of income is their athlete's salary, or who belong to one of the athlete categories of Team Denmark or have been nominated or selected for the Olympic/Paralympic Games.

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#### **Can sports associations and sports clubs offer indoor and outdoor training?**

Yes, if activities are performed in groups of no more than 50 people (including coaches, parents etc.). If there are more groups of no more than 10 people at the same sports facility at the same time, it must be ensured that the distance between the groups is sufficient to prevent them from constituting one big group. One way of achieving this is to divide the area into sections with a clear distance between the individual sections and allocate a separate section to each group.

If training sessions can be organised for groups of no more than 50 people and the groups are effectively separated, have their own coaches and otherwise observe the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, it is possible to have several concurrent training sessions.

What is essential is that the individual groups are effectively separated so that it can be determined in the specific circumstances that they are individual groups of no more than 50 people.

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#### **Can scouts and guides and other cultural associations organise indoor and outdoor activities for members?**

Yes, if activities are performed in groups of no more than 50 people (including leaders, parents etc.). If there are more groups of no more than 50 people within the same area at the same time, it must be ensured that the distance between the groups is sufficient to prevent them from constituting one big group. One way of achieving this is to divide the area into sections with a clear distance between the individual sections and allocate a separate section to each group.



If the activity can be organised for groups of no more than 50 people and the groups are effectively separated, have their own leaders and otherwise observe the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, it is possible to have several concurrent activities.

What is essential is that the individual groups are effectively separated so that it can be determined in the specific circumstances that they are individual groups of no more than 50 people.

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### **Are treetop adventure parks allowed to stay open?**

Yes. In the assessment of the National Police, treetop adventure parks are allowed to stay open.

Please note that the police can issue a dispersal order if more than 50 people have gathered in a public place in a way that is considered by the police to constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

All visitor facilities open to the public in tree-top adventure parks must also:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

In general, tree-top adventure parks are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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### **Does a round on the golf course fall within the scope of the ban?**

Basically no. A game of golf would usually not be banned.

If an event or activity is organised at a golf club, on the green etc. for more than 50 participants, an assessment must be made of the specific circumstances in each individual case to determine whether it is to be defined as an outdoor event or activity that is banned.

Where more than 50 people have gathered in a public place, including at a golf course, even though it is not an event, activity or the like, the police can issue a dispersal order if the police find that the people present constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

However, the police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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### **Are clubhouses etc. allowed to stay open?**

Yes. Facilities of sports and recreational clubs, such as clubhouses, including toilet facilities, showers and changing rooms, are allowed to stay open.

It is not allowed to organise or attend events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants at or in a clubhouse etc.

Where more than 50 people have gathered in a public place, including at facilities connected to a sports or recreational



activity, even though it is not an event, activity or the like, the police can issue a dispersal order if the police find that the people present constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

New rules were adopted on 8 May 2020. According to the new rules, the Executive Order does not extend to professional sports without audience, including the top two male football leagues, the top female football league, the top male handball league, the top female handball league, the top male ice hockey league, the top badminton league, harness races and gallop races at the nine commercial horse racing tracks with licenced drivers and riders as well as other professional branches of sports in which most athletes make a living as athletes. Nor does the ban extend to athletes at senior international level whose primary source of income is their athlete's salary, or who belong to one of the athlete categories of Team Denmark or have been nominated or selected for the Olympic/Paralympic Games.

As the authority responsible for the field of sports, the Ministry of Culture (Kulturministeriet) has issued guidelines with recommendations for resuming indoor activities of sports clubs and associations as well as reopening sports and association facilities (phases two and three). The guidelines agreed by the sector partnership have been uploaded to [www.kum.dk](http://www.kum.dk).

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### **Are public cultural and recreational institutions allowed to stay open?**

As from 8 June 2020, public cultural and recreational institutions can open premises for sports and recreational activities, including gambling arcades, play areas, water parks, public swimming pools and fitness centres. Premises used as music venues with a standing audience must stay closed to the public.

Restaurants and cafes at public cultural and recreational institutions are allowed to stay open from 5 am to midnight. Moreover, the establishments are allowed to stay open to sell food and drinks not consumed on-site (takeaway) from midnight to 5 am if they have the requisite licences under other relevant legislation.

Premises of public cultural and recreational institutions open to the public must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each user, member, guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one user, member, guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to users, members, guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between users, members, guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

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### **Are camping areas and holiday resorts allowed to stay open?**

Yes. The letting of camping sites and cabins is not banned by legislation. Pertaining activities like indoor play areas, water parks, gambling arcades etc. can open as from 8 June 2020.

Restaurants and cafes at camping areas and holiday resorts are allowed to stay open from 5 am to midnight. Moreover, the establishments are allowed to stay open to sell food and drinks not consumed on-site (takeaway) from midnight to 5 am if they have the requisite licences under other relevant legislation. Other premises at camping areas and holiday resorts such as kiosks, shared kitchen facilities as well as shower and toilet facilities can also stay open.

Premises open to the public must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.

- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

Moreover, citizens are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct to the extent possible.

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### **Can outdoor swimming areas and outdoor swimming pools etc. stay open?**

Yes. Outdoor swimming areas, outdoor swimming pools etc. can stay open.

However, it is not allowed to organise or attend events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants, such as water polo tournaments or water aerobics, in or at an outdoor swimming area or swimming pool etc.

Where more than 50 people have gathered in a public place, including in and at an outdoor swimming area, an outdoor swimming pool etc., even though it is not an event, activity or the like, the police can issue a dispersal order if the police find that the people present constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

Pertaining toilet facilities, changing rooms and showers can open if the requirements of minimum free floor area, information posters and the possibility of maintaining good hygiene are met.

All visitor facilities open to the public at the outdoor swimming area/swimming pool must also:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

As the authority responsible for the field of sports, the Ministry of Culture (Kulturministeriet) has issued guidelines with recommendations for resuming outdoor activities of sports clubs and associations. The guidelines agreed by the sector partnership have been uploaded to [www.kum.dk](http://www.kum.dk).

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### **Are Internet cafes, pottery cafes etc. allowed to stay open?**

Internet cafes, pottery cafes etc. can open again as from 8 June 2020.

Cafes must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests.

- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.

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#### **Are zoos, public aquariums etc. allowed to stay open?**

Yes. Zoos, animal parks, public aquariums etc. can stay open.

Premises at zoos open to the public must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions..
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

Moreover, citizens are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct to the extent possible.

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#### **Are circus shows allowed?**

Yes. Circus shows with a seated audience of no more than 500 participants are allowed.

Premises open to the public must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

Moreover, citizens are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct to the extent possible.

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#### **Can permanent and mobile amusement parts etc. stay open?**

Yes. Permanent and mobile amusement parks etc., including their indoor premises, can stay open. However, it is not allowed to organise or attend events, activities etc. with more than 50 participants.

The ban on gatherings does not apply to amusement facilities at permanent and mobile amusement parks. More than 50 people can therefore be at the amusement facilities.

However, permanent and mobile amusement parks etc. must keep closed to the public all amusement rides whose operating mode is not safe in view of the risk of infection with the novel coronavirus. In the assessment of whether amusement facilities must be kept closed, it must be taken into account whether the amusement ride has strong movements or rotation and whether the amusement ride triggers screaming and shouting. However, an amusement facility can stay open if barrier screens have been mounted to effectively prevent the spread of infection or if there is only one party on each ride.

Restaurants, ice cream vendors, souvenir shops etc. at permanent and mobile amusement parks can stay open.

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#### **Do put-and-take fisheries fall within the scope of the ban?**

Basically no. Recreational angling at a put-and-take fishery is not an event, activity or the like that falls within the scope of the ban on gatherings of more than 50 people.

Ordinary visits to a put-and-take fishery are therefore allowed, normally even if there are more than 50 people.

However, if an event or activity such as an angling event for more than 50 people is organised at a put-and-take fishery, the event will fall within the scope of the ban.

It always depends on an assessment of the specific circumstances whether it is an event, activity or the like.

Where more than 50 people have gathered in a public place, including at a put-and-take fishery, even though it is not an event, activity or the like, the police can issue a dispersal order if the police find that the people present constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

However, the police urge people to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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#### **Are drive-in events such as drive-in movies, drive-in bingo, drive-in religious services and drive-in concerts allowed?**

Drive-in events fall within the scope of the Executive Order on Public Entertainment. Prior permission to hold an event must therefore be obtained from the police. The police may issue conditions for a permission, including conditions intended to reduce the risk of spreading the disease and conditions intended to maintain peace and order. A safety plan must be prepared for certain events.

Restaurants and cafes are allowed to stay open from 5 am to midnight to sell food and drinks. Moreover, the establishments are allowed to stay open to sell food and drinks not consumed on-site (takeaway) from midnight to 5 am if they have the requisite licences under other relevant legislation.

Where more than 50 people have gathered in a public place even though it is not an event, activity or the like, the police can issue a dispersal order if the police find that the people present constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

Stage performances etc. that are not otherwise allowed cannot be made lawful by being converted into a drive-in event.

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#### **Is it allowed to organise and attend activities like indoor and outdoor dog training lessons?**

Yes. Therefore, dog training lessons and other group activities can be organised when no more than 50 people gather for the activity.

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#### **Can pubs etc. let their guests use pool tables, jukeboxes, dart games, slot machines etc.?**

Yes. Guests at pubs etc. can use pool tables, jukeboxes, dart games, slot machines etc.

The Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs (Erhvervsministeriet) has collaborated with the relevant authorities, business and industry and the labour market parties to prepare guidelines for a careful layout of restaurants, cafes, amusement parks, hotels, holiday resorts etc. in light of the outbreak of COVID-19, including on the cleaning of common contact points. The recommended guidelines have been uploaded to [virksomhedsguiden.dk](https://virksomhedsguiden.dk).

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### **Are museums allowed to stay open?**

Yes, museums are allowed to stay open. Restaurants and cafes at museums are also allowed to stay open to sell food and drinks.

Museums open to the public must:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each guest or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one guest or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to guests and visitors to the extent possible.
- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between guests and visitors – also at checkouts.

The police can issue a dispersal order if more than 50 people have gathered at the location in a way that is considered by the police to constitute a particular risk of infection with the novel coronavirus.

If a dispersal order is deemed insufficient, the police can also issue a temporary ban on loitering at the location.

Moreover, citizens are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct to the extent possible.

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## RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES ETC.

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### **Are the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and other religious communities allowed to stay open?**

Yes. The ban on gatherings of more than 50 people does not apply at premises usually at the disposal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and other religious communities, whereas the ban on gatherings of more than 500 people applies.

The police cannot issue a dispersal order if the police find that the people present constitute a particular risk of infection with novel coronavirus.

Nor does the maximum number of participants of 50 apply to burial and funeral services, including graveside services at cemeteries in connection with funerals, whereas the ban on gatherings of more than 500 people applies.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and other religious communities otherwise fall within the scope of the current ban on gatherings of more than 50 people if religious ceremonies are performed outside of premises that are usually at the disposal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark or another religious community, in which cases the police have the right to issue a dispersal order. This also applies to events like walking funeral processions, as a walking funeral procession will not be considered part of a funeral service and is therefore subject to the maximum number of 50 participants.

Moreover, citizens are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

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**Can religious services or prayers be considered opinion-shaping gatherings?**

No. Ordinary religious services and prayers, such as Friday prayers, are not opinion-shaping gatherings.

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**Is the celebration of confirmations, weddings or other religious ceremonies allowed?**

Yes. The religious ceremony can be performed if the ceremony is held at the premises of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark or another religious community. In that case, the requirements of minimum free floor area, layout, information posters and the possibility of maintaining good hygiene must be met.

If the ceremony is performed outdoors, the ceremony can be attended by no more than 50 people, inclusive of the representatives of the church.

It should be noted that the general ban on gatherings of more than 50 people does not apply to parties and other celebrations in connection with a religious ceremony held in a private home or an adjacent garden, whereas it still applies to courtyards and the like which are at the disposal of residents from a large number of homes. Citizens are urged to cancel private gatherings or events for more than 50 participants and to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct. It is also essential to be aware of any guests at high risk of infection.

Parties with more than 50 participants are not allowed at village halls or restaurants.

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**SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVING CLOSE IN-PERSON CONTACT WITH CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS, SUCH AS HAIRDRESSERS**

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**Are service providers who come into close contact with clients and customers, such as hairdressers, allowed to stay open?**

Yes. Tattooists, body piercers, spa clinics, body lounges, beauty parlours, massage parlours, hairdressers and other premises at which clients are offered services involving close physical contact between the service provider and the client as well as on tanning studios are allowed to stay open as the temporary ban was lifted on 20 April 2020.

They are, however, required to:

- Ensure a free floor area of at least four square metres for each client, customer or visitor. However, establishments selling food, drinks or tobacco for consumption on-site may allow one client, customer or visitor for each two square metres of floor area unless the establishment has been designed mainly for standing guests. Moreover, one person for each two square metres of floor area can be allowed access to reading rooms at libraries and archives as well as premises with a seated audience for cultural events or TV productions.
- Ensure that all employees and other persons admitted to the premises observe the Danish Health Authority's recommendations on good hygiene and appropriate conduct.
- Display information posters telling people with symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate themselves at home.
- Display information posters on good hygiene and appropriate conduct in public spaces.
- Make water and soap and/or hand sanitizer (with an alcohol concentration of at least 70%) available to clients, customers and visitors to the extent possible.
- Ensure that employees and other persons admitted to the premises use gloves when selling and delivering non-wrapped food if they touch the food with their hands.

- Change the layout of premises to ensure social distancing between clients, customers and visitors – also at checkouts.

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### **Can spa clinics and beauty parlours stay open?**

Yes. Spa clinics and beauty parlours can stay open and provide services involving close physical contact with clients. Premises with saunas, steam rooms, whirlpool baths and the like can open again as from 8 June 2020.

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### **Are chiropodists and other state-authorised therapists allowed to stay open?**

Yes. The rules of the Executive Order do not apply to public and private hospitals and clinics nor to private clinics and shops run by authorised healthcare professionals or at which authorised healthcare professionals are employed.

Authorised healthcare professionals are persons listed in the Authorisation Register within one of the following categories:

- Nurse
- Social and healthcare assistant
- Medical doctor
- Dentist
- Paramedic
- Prosthetist and orthotist
- Prescribing pharmacist
- Medical laboratory technologist
- Occupational therapist
- Chiropodist
- Physiotherapist
- Midwife
- Chiropractor
- Clinical dietician
- Clinical dental technician
- Osteopath (including any non-authorised osteopath practising under the transition scheme)
- Optician and optometrist
- Radiographer
- Dental hygienist

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### **Are driving schools allowed to offer theory training and driving lessons?**

Theory training classes are considered events within the meaning of the Executive Order. Theory training classes are therefore allowed only for groups of no more than 50 people.

If classes are held in premises open to the public, the requirements of minimum free floor area, layout, information posters and the possibility of maintaining good hygiene must be met.

Driving lessons have been allowed again since 20 April 2020.

However, driving schools are urged to observe the health authorities' general recommendations on good hygiene, social distancing and appropriate conduct.

The police started conducting driving tests and driving theory tests again on 29 April 2020.

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