

## COVID-19 Emergency Regulation



A COVID-19 patient being treated in hospital. © Photo: Städtisches Klinikum Görlitz gGmbH

The Saxon state government has decided to further **amend the Saxon COVID-19 Emergency Regulation**.

**This regulation will apply from 14 January 2022 to 6 February 2022 inclusive.**

In addition to adjusting known regulations, there are also plans to ease restrictions, given the recent decline in infections, which is expected to continue.

If the **7-day incidence rate** drops below **1500**, if fewer than **1300 beds** are occupied by **COVID-19 patients in general wards** at Saxon hospitals, and if fewer than **420 ICU beds** are occupied by **COVID-19 patients** at Saxon hospitals on three consecutive days, this easing of restrictions shall apply from the fifth day onwards.

**These requirements are currently being met, meaning restrictions can be eased in accordance with Section 21a.**

If the **7-day incidence rate** or bed occupancy at **general wards** or **ICUs** exceeds the aforementioned thresholds on three consecutive days, the easing of restrictions will cease to apply, effective 2 days later.

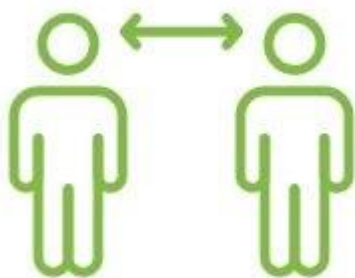
## **2Gplus rule**

The **2Gplus rule** will be implemented for a number of institutions and facilities: Access to/use of the relevant facilities shall be limited to vaccinated and recovered persons only, though they must also be able to provide a negative test taken that same day.

- Exempt from mandatory testing: Persons who have had their booster vaccination, children aged 6 and under, persons not recommended for vaccination under STIKO (German Standing Committee on Vaccination) guidelines, fully vaccinated persons (2 doses) WITH proof of recovery, fully vaccinated persons (2 doses) whose most recent dose was between 14 days and 3 months prior.

## **An overview of the COVID-19 measures**

### **Private households**



- **1 household + 1 person rule** – Private gatherings may be only between one household and one additional person if they involve at least one unvaccinated person, with the exception of children under 16.
- **Curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.** for **unvaccinated persons** in hotspot districts and independent municipalities when the 7-day incidence rate is over 1500.
- **Alcohol ban** in certain public places or certain publicly accessible establishments defined by the districts or independent municipalities.

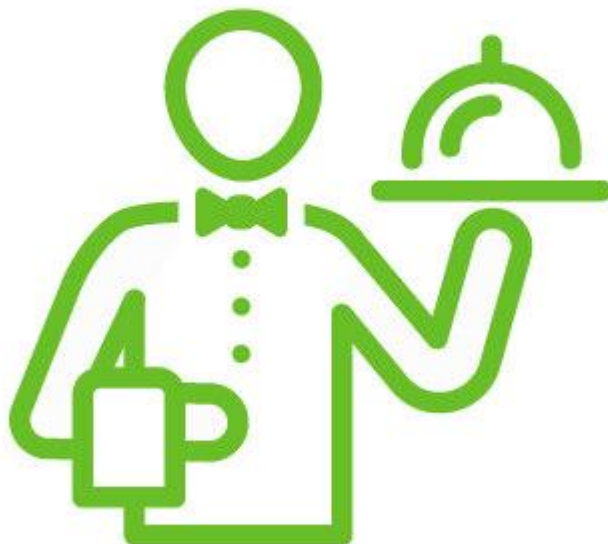
- Private gatherings involving only vaccinated or recovered persons are permitted insofar as there are **no more than ten persons**. This ten-person limit does not include children aged 16 and under.

### **FFP2 masks or equivalent respirator masks**



- The wearing of FFP2 masks or equivalent respirator masks is mandatory in settings such as indoor spaces at establishments/institutions, companies, shops and government offices/authorities if these involve publicly accessible traffic areas and services where physical distancing is not possible.

### **Dining, culture and tourism, churches**



- Indoor dining may only be open from **6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** (if incidence thresholds have been reached, then only until 8 p.m.), with **2Gplus rules** in place. The **2G rules** continue to apply for outdoor settings.
- **Hotspot rules for dining:** In districts and independent municipalities where the 7-day incidence rate for new infections has exceeded 1500 on three consecutive days, dining establishments must close 48 hours later (i.e. from the fifth day). Once the 7-day incidence has been below the threshold of 1500 for three consecutive days, they will be able to reopen 48 hours later.
- Overnight accommodation can operate insofar as the **2Gplus rules** are applied on arrival, as can tourist bus and train services.
- Museums, memorials and exhibitions can be **open**, insofar as the **2G rules** are applied.
- Other cultural and recreational facilities (e.g. cinemas and theatres) can operate insofar as the **2Gplus rules** and capacity limits are applied (organisers can choose: either 50% of total capacity with maximum 500 guests at a time, or 25% of total capacity with maximum 1000 guests at a time).
- Church services and other gatherings of churches and religious communities are permitted, insofar as the **3G rules** are applied.
- Discos, bars and clubs must remain **closed**.

## Schools and education



- The **compulsory schooling requirement has been lifted** for all schools; schooling is not compulsory.
- Schools and day-care centres remain open.
- Day-care centres and primary schools are **operating with restrictions** - closed groups and reduced opening hours (day-care centres).
- Universities, training establishments, Berufsakademie Sachsen vocational academy - **3G rules** apply for attending lectures.
- Extracurricular (advanced) training and continued education establishments may run face-to-face classes with **2G rules** and contact tracing (except in the event that the incidence thresholds are exceeded, in which case only services for children aged 18 and under, including minders, will be allowed to run, with 3G rules in place)

## Retail and services involving physical proximity



- Retail and wholesale businesses - including hardware stores and garden centres - may only be open from **6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**, insofar as **2G rules** are applied.
- Retail relating to **basic supplies** (e.g. groceries, animal needs, off-licences, pharmacies and medical supplies stores) remains **open without restriction**.
- Services involving physical proximity can operate, insofar as the **2G rules** are applied.
- You can visit a hairdresser if you can provide **proof of 3G compliance**.

### **Public transport**



- **FFP2 masks mandatory** on buses and trains

### **Sport and recreation**



- Sporting events can be held with spectators. Spectators must comply with the **2Gplus rules**. (If the thresholds are exceeded, only professional sport may proceed - without spectators)  
Contact tracing must also be performed. Maximum crowd numbers are limited to 50% of maximum capacity, but no more than 500 spectators, or 25% of maximum capacity and no more than 1000 spectators.
- The following rules apply for sporting complexes, gyms and similar establishments:
  - Indoor sporting complexes: **2Gplus rules** and contact tracing
  - Outdoor sporting complexes: **2G rules** and contact tracing (only the 2G rules apply for ski lifts)
  - In the event that the threshold values are exceeded: Sport is only permitted for children and adolescents aged 18 and under; minders must comply with the 3G rules.
- Pools and saunas are open, insofar as **2Gplus rules** and contact tracing are applied (they will be closed if the threshold values are exceeded, except in cases involving rehabilitation and medical purposes, job-related practical training etc., in which case the 3G rules with contact tracing will apply.).
- Solariums can remain open, insofar as the **2G rules** and contact tracing are applied (they will be closed if the threshold values are exceeded, except in cases involving rehabilitation and medical purposes).

## Other areas

- Open-air events are limited to a maximum of **1000 attendees** (if the threshold values are exceeded, attendees are limited to 200). Capacity limits apply for indoor gatherings (organisers can choose: either 50% of maximum capacity with no more than 500 guests at a time, or 25% of maximum capacity with no more than 1000 guests at a time).
- Driving schools can operate, insofar as **2G rules** are applied to learners and **3G rules** for instructors.
- Travel agencies, insurance agencies, investment consultancy firms, business consultancy firms and financial service providers may operate, insofar as the **2G rules** are applied (they must close if the threshold values are exceeded).
- Amusement arcades, casinos and betting shops can operate, insofar as the **2Gplus rules** and contact tracing are applied (these must be **closed** to visitors in the event that threshold values are exceeded, except for: handing in and collecting lottery tickets, and payment transactions at betting shops - with **2G rules** applied).
- Party, committee or voters' association meetings are permitted, insofar as the **2G rules** are applied (in the event that threshold values are exceeded, only mandatory meetings can be held with **3G rules** in place - if they cannot be held online for legal or factual reasons).