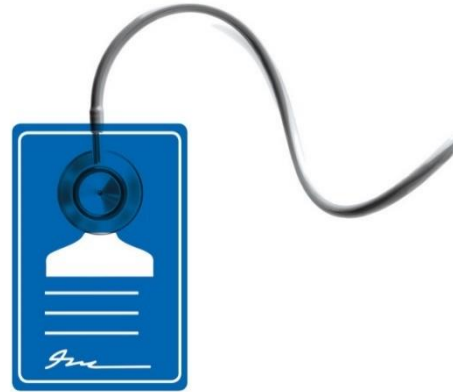


# Briefing



## COVID-19

### Summary of restrictive measures - Hungary

**7 December 2020**

**The briefing summarizes the general government measures introduced to mitigate the economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic. How long does the emergency last? What are the latest rules for entering Hungary? Changes in teleworking rules.**

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#### **Coronavirus – Re-announcement of the state of emergency – Hungary**

- as of 4 November 2020
- will be constantly reviewed by the Government
- during it, the Government may suspend the application of certain laws or derogate from the provisions of laws.

#### **Coronavirus – The rules of entry – Hungary**

**Rules on the entry of Hungarian citizens** in passenger traffic:

- may undergo a medical examination and must be tolerated
- in case of suspicion of infection is placed in home quarantine
- if there is no suspicion of infection it is obligatory to be placed in home quarantine for 10 days from the date of entry
- in case of negative test results performed twice within five days, at least 48 hours apart, an exemption may be granted

### **Rules on the entry of foreign citizens in passenger traffic:**

- generally, a non-Hungarian citizen may not enter Hungary

#### **Exceptions for example:**

- participation in court or official proceedings
- access to health care
- travel in passenger traffic related to work connected with transport activity
- for these justifiable reasons, the competent police authority may grant entry to the country at the request of the foreign citizen
- may undergo a medical examination and must be tolerated
- in case of suspicion of infection, it is prohibited to enter Hungary
- if there is no suspicion of infection it is obligatory to go to quarantine designated by the competent epidemiological authority for 10 days from entry
- in case of negative test results performed twice within five days, at least 48 hours apart, an exemption may be granted

### **Exceptions from the general rules of entry ban:**

#### **1. Rules on trips between affiliated companies:**

- persons arriving from abroad may enter Hungary without restriction if they are the senior managers or employees of a Hungarian company or a company registered in another state which is the affiliated company of another business entity registered abroad
- the person intending to enter is obliged to prove that he is traveling on business

#### **2. Provisions for business travel:**

- Hungarian citizen may return home from abroad without restrictions if the reason for the trip from Hungary was a business activity
- it must be credibly proven upon return to Hungary
- non-Hungarian citizen may enter without restriction if the reason for the entry is a business activity
- it must be credibly proven upon entry to Hungary

#### **3. Rules on transiting:**

- non-Hungarian citizens arriving from abroad in passenger traffic may enter Hungary for the purpose of transiting if they subject themselves to medical examination on entry, and the medical examination does not establish the suspicion of COVID-19 infection
- further conditions of the entry:
- shall fulfil the conditions of entry prescribed in the Schengen Borders Code
- credibly prove the purpose of their travel and the destination country
- and ensure that they are allowed to enter the destination country

### **Coronavirus – Notification obligation for strategic companies – Hungary**

- as of 30 October 2020

- the deadline has been extended, the notification obligation which is mandatory for strategic companies in connection with legal transactions concluded by 30 June 2020 instead of 31 December 2020
- there is no notification obligation for affiliated companies

### **Coronavirus – Public transport – Hungary**

in Budapest, as well as in the cities with county status, public transport services are to be provided more frequently on working days between 7 am and 9 am, and between 3 pm and 7 pm

### **Coronavirus – Parking fee does not need to be paid – Hungary**

- as of 4 November 2020, there no parking fee is payable in public places
- from 7 November 2020, in a residential area, a commercial parking facility can be used without paying a parking fee from 7 pm to 7 am
- between 23 November and 11 December 2020, from 7 pm to 7 am, the surface parking lots in the public area of governmental bodies and governmental owned companies can be used free of charge by anyone.

### **Coronavirus – Teleworking regulation during the state of emergency – Hungary**

- Government decree in force from 12 November 2020 allows teleworking rules to be applied to the home office
- the employer and the employee have the possibility to deviate from the rules of the Labour Code on telework by agreement
- during the state of emergency, the special occupational safety regulations pertaining to teleworking specified in the Act on Labor Safety do not need to be applied
- it is sufficient if the employer informs the employee about the rules on the safe and non-hazardous working conditions

### **Coronavirus – Protected purchase period – Hungary**

- solely the persons over the age of 65 can visit the grocery stores, drugstores, and pharmacies from 9 am to 11 am Monday to Friday, and from 8 am to 10 am on Saturdays and Sundays
- a person over the age of 65 is free to visit grocery stores, drugstores, and pharmacies outside the protected purchase period

### **Coronavirus – Expiration of the official documents – Hungary**

- expiring official documents issued by the Hungarian authority are valid for 60 days after the end of the state of emergency
- there is no place to replace an expiring document
- the new period of validity does not need to be entered into the register neither indicated on the document

## **Coronavirus – Not obligatory to wear a mask in rest breaks – Hungary**

- The employer and the employee may agree that, while working in the shop, the employer shall provide a rest break during which the employees do not need to use the mask.
- To a break, the employer may only designate a room
  - (a) which is not used to store products sold in the shop; and
  - (b) in which the buyer may not be present.

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