

Summary of the most important rules around the corona virus (SARS-CoV-2)

1. Have as **little contact with other people** as possible (apart from the family / relatives at home).
2. Contacts outside the apartment are only permitted if the following is observed:
 - a. **A minimum distance of 1.5 meters from other people** must be kept in public. This also applies to outdoor sports (but not to people who live in a shared apartment).
The gathering of **groups, picnics and barbecues in public is prohibited**.
 - b. Individuals are permitted to stay in public spaces. **A maximum of two people is allowed to come together in public** (this rule does not apply to people who live in a shared apartment).
3. Necessary activities are permitted, these are:
 - physical and sport activities outdoors,
 - urgent visits to the doctor
 - visits to pharmacies and drug stores
 - Purchases of food, goods and services for daily needs:
 - supermarkets
 - beverage markets
 - banks, savings banks
 - gas stations
4. All **services that are not absolutely necessary and in which the minimum distance of 1.5 meters from person to person cannot be respected are prohibited**. This applies in particular to:
 - Hairdressers
 - Tattoo studios
 - Nail salons
 - Beauty salons
5. **Only food stalls are allowed at weekly markets**. Important: a minimum distance of 1.5 meters between customers.
6. **Hardware stores** are closed to private customers.
7. **Playgrounds** should not be frequented.
 - All rules apply until April 18, 2020. An extension is possible.
 - Further general entry bans can be issued for certain public places.
 - Existing administrative offenses according to the Infection Protection Act and will be punished with fines of **up to 25.000 euros**.
 - **The police control compliance with these regulations.**

The official and complete general decree of the Ministry of Health of Lower Saxony on the restriction of social contacts from March 22, 2020 is available for download here:

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