

## **Update to International Students and Potential Visitors – Quarantine in Lithuania**

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**Government of the Republic of Lithuania announced a quarantine in the country. Quarantine period begins in March 16, 00:00 and will last till March 30, 24:00. Here below follows major restrictions and recommendations for everybody staying in Lithuania. Please follow them in your daily activities. State hot-line for emergencies related to COVID-19 – dial 1808 .**

Foreigners are not allowed to enter Lithuania. Exceptions apply for special cases only (foreigners having residence permits, and some other). The number of land border crossing points is reduced to major ones. International airports and sea port in Klaipėda stays open. The temporary period of transit through Lithuania (without mandatory stop for isolation) will last till March 19, 00:00.

Citizens of Lithuania are not allowed to leave country. Exceptions apply for those who leave to the country of their permanent residency, go their working place, or with permission of the chief of State Border Control.

Intensity of intercity and out-city transportation is reduced – only seats in a distance of at least 1 m from each other will be allowed for occupation. The same recommendation applies to city public transport. Disinfection of all public transport will be performed in terminal stops.

Work in the country's public sector will be organized in distance mode. Exceptions apply only for those services which can't be performed in distance mode. Private businesses is strongly recommended to shift to distance mode as well.

Attendance of any public cultural, leisure, entertainment, sports and similar events and establishments also providing services in such places is prohibited.

Avoiding payments in cash is recommended.

Organisation of any public events in open or closed areas is prohibited, also people gathering in one place is prohibited.

Operation of public catering services, restaurants, cafes, bars, night clubs and other places of entertainment is prohibited. Exceptions apply to food to go services.

Any shops (also in supermarkets) shall be closed. Exceptions apply to food shops, veterinary pharmacies, pharmacies and optic shops. Same apply to public markets – only trade by food products is allowed. Providing any of beauty services is prohibited. Any internet trade is allowed including trade when goods are delivered to the place of customer.

Prohibited attending hospitalised patients with exception to terminal condition patient and children under 14 years under condition that appointed physician issues a permission.

Following services will be provided in distance mode: prescription of drugs and medical assistance devices, patient consultations, issuing and prolongation of electronic certificates of incapacity due to illness, consultations physician to physician, appointment of necessary medical investigations, consultations by nursing and care staff.

Essential information on measures applied for prevention and control of COVID-19 issued by Government of Lithuania can be found in the website: <http://lrv.lt/lt/aktuali-informacija/informacija-del-naujojo-koronaviruso/svarbiausia-informacija> . As information is in Lithuanian language, we recommend using page translation tools in your web browser. State hot-line for emergencies related to COVID-19 – dial 1808 .