

Covid-19 - Guidelines for restaurants and accommodation regarding gatherings and physical distancing

Infection Control Measures for COVID-19 - Effective October 31. 2020

1. Shared facilities and contact surfaces are to be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day.
 2. As of **October 31**, maximum number of people gathered is **10 individuals** in any given area/space (children born 2015 and later not included).
 3. The rule of physical distancing must be adhered between individuals in different households.
 4. Employees must wear facemasks as well as guests except while seated.
 5. Children born 2011 and later are exempt from the 2 meter rule and wearing facemasks.
 6. Easy access to hand washing and hand sanitizer needs to be secured
 7. A sign must be put up at the entrance to restaurants and in the reception of an accommodation notifying guests to sanitize their hands upon arrival and departure. Hand sanitizer should be available in these locations.
 8. Different travel groups should be separated.
 9. Dining rooms/restaurants can be split up if each section/space can accommodate 10 people. Example: 9 guests and 1 waiter. A dining room can e.g. be split up by having empty tables in a row dividing the room to create separate spaces. A 1-meter distance between the spaces must be ensured.
 10. Wine and food menus are to be wiped clean for each new guest or provided as an electronic menu or a single use menu.
 11. The kitchen is considered one space. The dining room is considered one space (but can be split up if large enough so that the 2-meter rule can be adhered to).
 12. A distance of 2-meter has to be secured between tables/groups.
 13. Families and groups that have been in close contact/same household can sit together at the same table.
 14. At least one toilet must be specially marked for each separate section/space.
 15. Chefs and kitchen staff shall not leave the kitchen to serve food. They are to leave the food where kitchen and dining rooms meet and waiters shall then serve it to the customers.
 16. Chefs and kitchen staff must have a separate entrance and separate wc.
 17. A breakfast, lunch, or dinner buffet is not recommended but if it is offered:
 - a. Place a see-through screen between the buffet and guests faces if possible.
 - b. Have hand sanitizer at the table where people collect utensils, plates or drinks and posters should instruct guests to sanitize their hands before serving themselves at the buffet.
 - c. Change the serving utensils every thirty minutes while the buffet is open.
 18. Bear in mind that guests need to have easy access to the buffet and queues are to be avoided. The 2-meter distance rule must be respected.
 19. Overcrowding at the entrance must be avoided. The physical distancing must be adhered to but if it cannot be then facemasks must be provided. But use of facemasks cannot replace the physical distancing where that is possible.
 20. For live chat on general information regarding COVID-19 in Iceland go to covid.is
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