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# New coronavirus: Situation in Switzerland



Data on confirmed cases of coronavirus infections and deaths due to the disease, the epidemiological situation, the search for antibodies, the advisory body, press conferences and news can all be found here.

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Press conference, 18 October 2020, 2.15pm

## Epidemiological situation in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein

From 17 September 2020, the daily situation reports will be published from Monday to Friday. A meaningful overview of the epidemiological situation and trends is provided by the [weekly analytical situation report](#). It is published every Thursday morning.

| 16.10.2020, 8am            | New*   | Total since the start of the epidemic |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Laboratory-confirmed cases | 3,105  | 74,422                                |
| Hospitalisations           | 68     | 5,276                                 |
| Deaths                     | 5      | 1,823                                 |
| COVID-19 tests             | 21 628 | 1,578,103                             |

\* from 15.10.2020, 8am

The following data are available from 20 cantons and the Principality of Liechtenstein. The figures are updated at least every Wednesday and Friday.

| Contact Tracing                                              | Total  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| People in isolation                                          | 7,311  |
| Of whom contacts in quarantine                               | 12,964 |
| Additional people in quarantine after arrival in Switzerland | 12,232 |

### Daily report

The number of newly registered cases in 72 hours over the weekend corresponds with the number of cases reported during this period.

As before, the cases are displayed by case date in the graph for the past 4 weeks, so that an evaluation of the weekend figures to the day is possible with a few days delay.

**Situation report on the epidemiological situation in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein** available in [German](#) (PDF, 357 kB, 16.10.2020); [French](#) (PDF, 290 kB, 16.10.2020) or [Italian](#) (PDF, 461 kB, 16.10.2020)

**Data from the situation report** available in [German](#) (XLS, 28 kB, 16.10.2020); [French](#) (XLS, 28 kB, 16.10.2020) or [Italian](#) (XLS, 28 kB, 16.10.2020)

The figures published here are based on notifications received early today from laboratories, medical practices and hospitals. They may therefore differ from those communicated by the cantons.

### Weekly report

#### 15.10.2020: Week 41

**Weekly situation report on the epidemiological situation in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein** available in [German](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 15.10.2020); [French](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 15.10.2020) or [Italian](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 15.10.2020)

### Previous situation and weekly reports

German:

- [2020\\_Q1](#) (ZIP, 9 MB, 28.08.2020)
- [2020\\_Q2](#) (ZIP, 55 MB, 28.08.2020)
- [2020\\_Q3](#) (ZIP, 45 MB, 05.10.2020)
- [2020\\_Q4](#) (ZIP, 6 MB, 16.10.2020)

French:

- [2020\\_Q1](#) (ZIP, 12 MB, 28.08.2020)
- [2020\\_Q2](#) (ZIP, 75 MB, 28.08.2020)

 [2020\\_Q3](#) (ZIP, 46 MB, 05.10.2020)

 [2020\\_Q4](#) (ZIP, 6 MB, 16.10.2020)

Italian:

 [2020\\_Q1](#) (ZIP, 5 MB, 28.08.2020)

 [2020\\_Q2](#) (ZIP, 62 MB, 28.08.2020)

 [2020\\_Q3](#) (ZIP, 56 MB, 05.10.2020)

 [2020\\_Q4](#) (ZIP, 7 MB, 16.10.2020)

Since calendar week 25 (second quarter of 2020), weekly reports on the epidemiological situation have also been published. All previous reports are included in the above ZIP files.

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## Graphical representation of data

Below you can find links to charts.



**Distribution by canton, age and sex** (in [German](#) or [French](#))



**Development over time** (in [German](#) or [French](#))



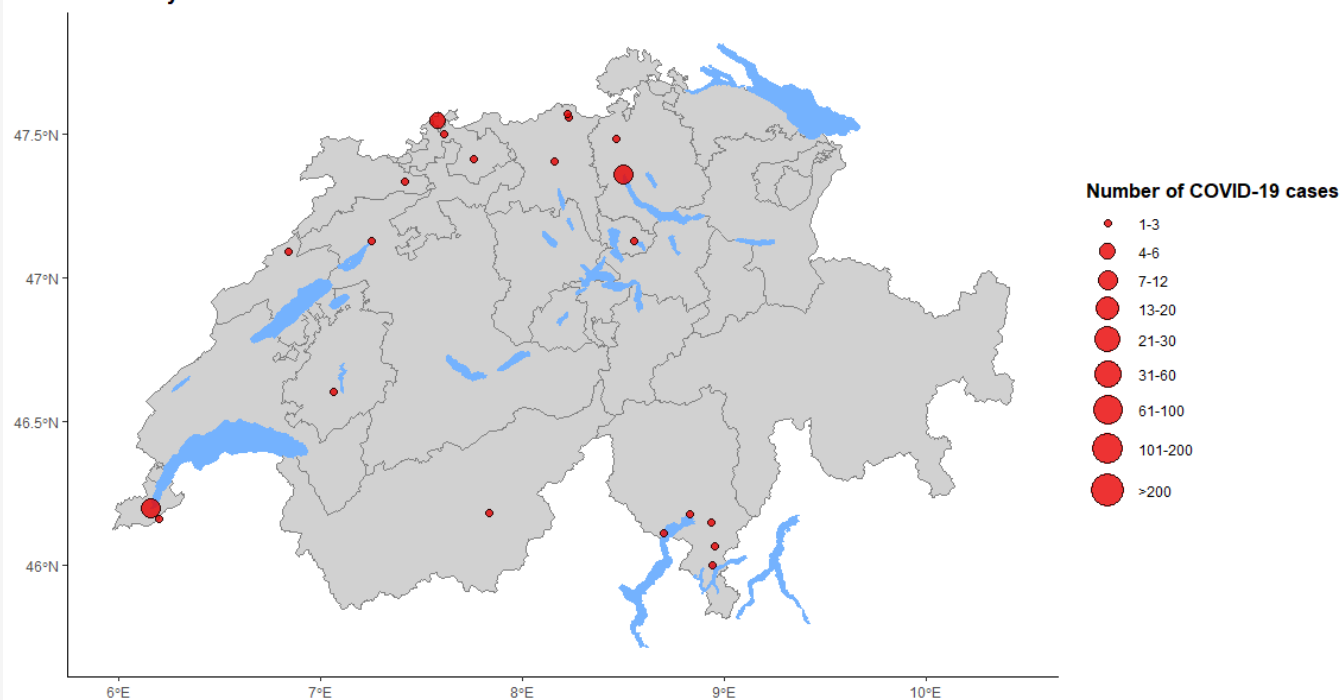
**Conducted tests** (in [German](#) or [French](#))

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You can download the basic data behind the charts here:

- [Demographic data by canton and age group](#) (XLS, 121 kB, 24.05.2020)
- [Data on laboratory tests and deaths](#) (XLS, 10 MB, 16.10.2020)
- [Data on the number of tests conducted](#) (XLS, 16 kB, 16.10.2020)

### Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases for week 9



The graphic shows the geographical distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases over time.

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## Monitoring and interim report

On the [Monitoring](#) page you will find current reports on the population's mobility behaviour, the monitoring of precautionary measures and the economic situation. The reports to date on compliance monitoring are similarly posted there.

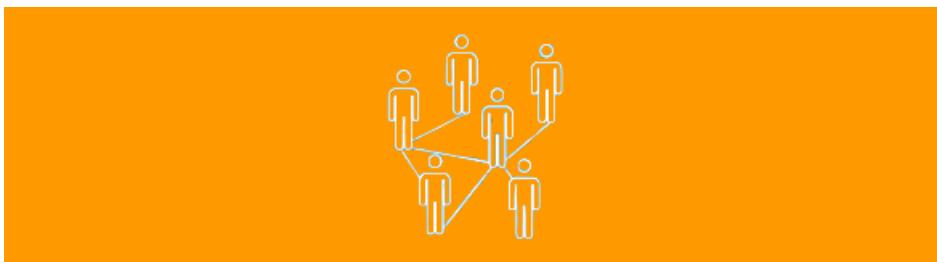
## Interim report regarding the new coronavirus in Switzerland and in the Principality of Liechtenstein

The report sets out the general epidemiological situation and the impact of the measures taken by the government with regard to the new coronavirus. It is being released to coincide with the first phase of measures being eased.

COVID-19: Epidemiological interim report, dated 27 April 2020, available in [PDF German](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 07.05.2020); [PDF French](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 07.05.2020) or [PDF Italian](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 07.05.2020)

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## SwissCovid app and contact tracing, vaccine against Covid-19, search for antibodies, scientific advisory body



### SwissCovid app and contact tracing

Contact tracing is used to identify people who have been in close contact with persons who have been infected with the coronavirus. The SwissCovid app supports this process: it establishes whether we have been in close physical contact with an infected person. In this way, we can break the chains of transmission.

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### Vaccine against Covid-19

Intensive research on vaccines is being conducted around the world. The federal government is holding talks with various vaccine manufacturers with a view to concluding agreements and ensuring Switzerland has access to a vaccine.

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### Search for antibodies

How many people in Switzerland have already had the new coronavirus? Does having the infection and recovering from it mean you are then immune? A national study by the Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+), a network comprising 12 Swiss universities, has launched a national study to find the answers to these questions.

Based on a proposal by Professor Milo Puhan, Head of the Institute of Epidemiology at the University of Zurich, the study aims to establish:

- how many people in Switzerland have already been infected with new coronavirus;
- if having the infection creates immunity from renewed infection;
- if so, how long this immunity lasts.

This will involve testing and examining around 25,000 members of the general public and people in specific professional groups at regular intervals up to October 2020. A blood test determines whether a person has had the virus: the presence of antibodies in the blood indicates that they have.

We are providing funding and expertise for this study. The findings will provide valuable information which will help the cantons and the federal government to determine how to proceed in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, and to decide on a vaccination programme in Switzerland at a later date.

Link: <https://www.corona-immunitas.ch/> 

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## Scientific advisory body

The 'Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force' (SN-STF) is a scientific advisory body set up by the Confederation. Its members comprise researchers from across the Swiss scientific community. Through its work, the SN-STF is helping to overcome the coronavirus pandemic. It is providing its expertise in the fields of science and research to the relevant political authorities.

Since 1 August 2020, the Task Force has been headed by Martin Ackermann, expert in microbiology at the ETH Zurich and Eawag. The present head, Matthias Egger, is continuing to act as an expert for the SN-STF.

The SN-STF receives its mandate from the Federal Council's Coronavirus Crisis Unit (KSBC), the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI).

Further information may be found on the [website of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force](#) .

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Links

Press releases

- 16.10.2020: [Swiss Post supporting the SwissCovid app](#)
- 25.9.2020: [New recommendations for when children under 12 have symptoms of illness](#)
- 24.9.2020: [Go on and do it! Campaign to contain Covid-19 enters new phase](#)
- 11.9.2020: [Adjustment of threshold values of the SwissCovid App](#)
- 2.9.2020: [Large-scale events possible again under strict conditions](#)
- 5.8.2020: [List of countries and areas with an increased risk of infection as at 8 August 2020](#)
- 23.7.2020: [SwissCovid app: 2 million downloads](#)
- 13.7.2020: [Salt, Sunrise and Swisscom to send text about the SwissCovid app](#)
- 29.6.2020: [FOPH Infochannel on WhatsApp](#)
- 25.6.2020: [SwissCovid app available from 25 June](#)
- 15.6.2020: [Border re-openings as of 15 June](#)
- 5.6.2020: [Focus on contact tracing, campaign colour changes to blue](#)
- 4.6.2020: [Public security test and pilot phase for the SwissCovid app – first results available](#)
- 28.5.2020: [Public security test for the SwissCovid app](#)
- 30.4.2020: [Pink – the new colour of the public awareness campaign – indicates that further restrictions are being eased](#)
- 21.4.2020: [Keep up the good work – our motivational video](#)
- 14.4.2020: [Staying at home and playing Bunny Madness](#)
- 9.4.2020: [Online-game «Bunny Madness: Stay at home – Don't get caught!»](#)
- 27.3.2020: [Evaluation of anonymised data on gatherings](#)

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## Sign language

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## Measures and ordinances

Measures, easing of measures, conditions for reopening, permitted events or activities, still prohibited, criminal provisions, explanations

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### Contact

We are unable to respond to enquiries related to COVID-19 in writing.

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