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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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.

29.10.2020, 8am	New*	Total since the start of the epidemic
Laboratory-confirmed cases	9,386	145,044
Hospitalisations	287	6,700
Deaths	31	1,985
COVID-19 tests	35,230	1,895,175

* from 28.10.2020, 8am

The following data are available from 21 cantons and the Principality of Liechtenstein. The figures are updated at least every Wednesday and Friday.

Contact Tracing	Total
People in isolation	31,334
Of whom contacts in quarantine	24,948
Additional people in quarantine after arrival in Switzerland	13,594

Daily report

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, 335 kB, 29.10.2020); French (PDF, 278 kB, 29.10.2020) or Italian (PDF, 427 kB, 29.10.2020)

Data from the situation report available in German (XLS, 29 kB, 29.10.2020); French (XLS, 29 kB, 29.10.2020) or Italian (XLS, 29 kB, 29.10.2020)

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

29.10.2020: Week 43

Weekly situation report on the epidemiological situation in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein available in German (PDF, 1 MB, 29.10.2020); French (PDF, 3 MB, 29.10.2020) or Italian (PDF, 1 MB, 29.10.2020)

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, 11 MB, 29.10.2020)

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, 11 MB, 29.10.2020)

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, 13 MB, 29.10.2020)

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)

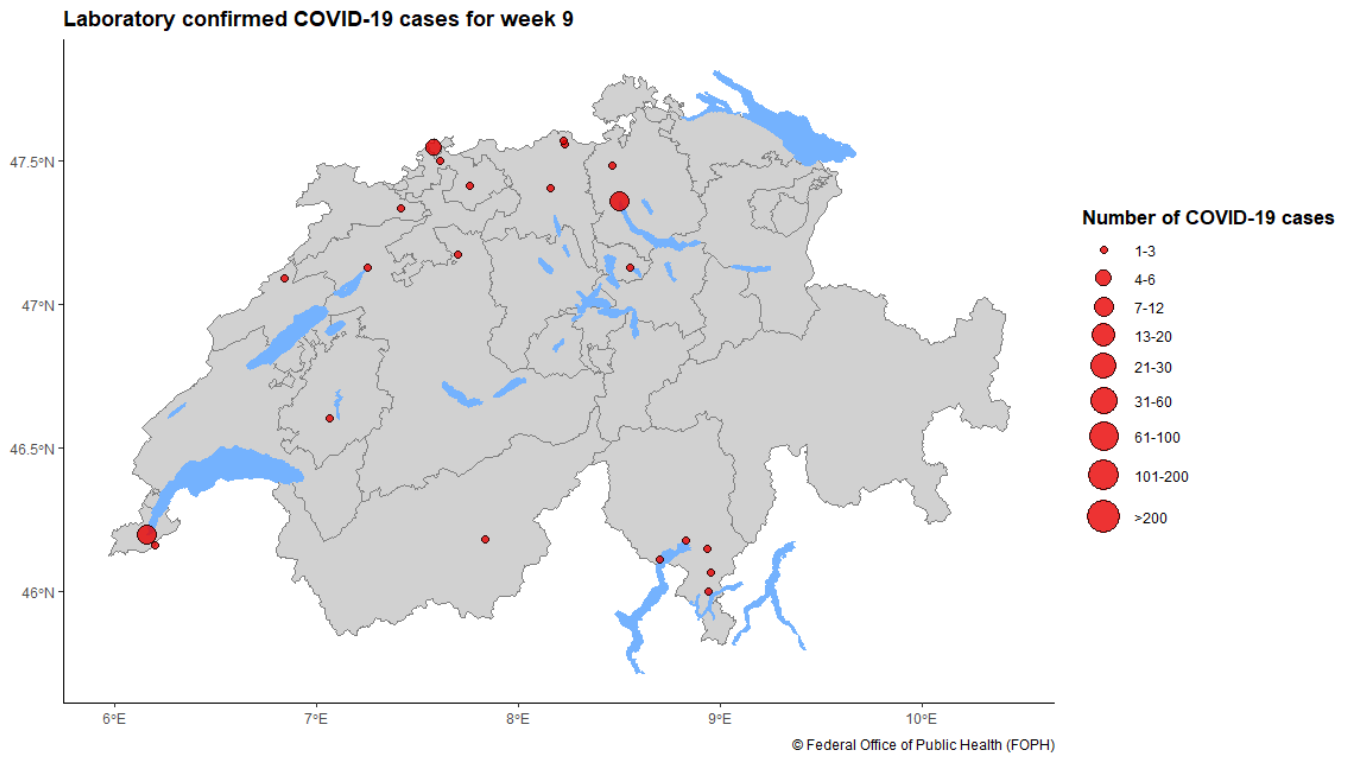
Development over time (in German or French)

Conducted tests (in German or French)

› Explanations

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, 11 MB, 29.10.2020)
- Data on the number of tests conducted (XLS, 16 kB, 29.10.2020)



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

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COVID-19 management: Strategic basis at federal and cantonal level

The federal government and the cantons have interrelated tasks in the management of COVID-19. This results in a need to coordinate assessments, reconcile measures and define processes. This brief strategy paper sets out to clarify the basic principles governing these issues over the months to come. It aims to protect the health of the population in Switzerland and minimise the impact of the outbreak and spread of SARS-CoV-2 as far as possible.

PDF: COVID-19 management: Strategic bases of the Swiss Conference of the Cantonal Ministers of Public Health (GDK) and the FDHA-FOPH (in German (PDF, 768 kB, 22.10.2020) and French (PDF, 779 kB, 22.10.2020))

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 German (PDF, 1 MB, 07.05.2020); French (PDF, 1 MB, 07.05.2020) or Italian (PDF, 1 MB, 07.05.2020)

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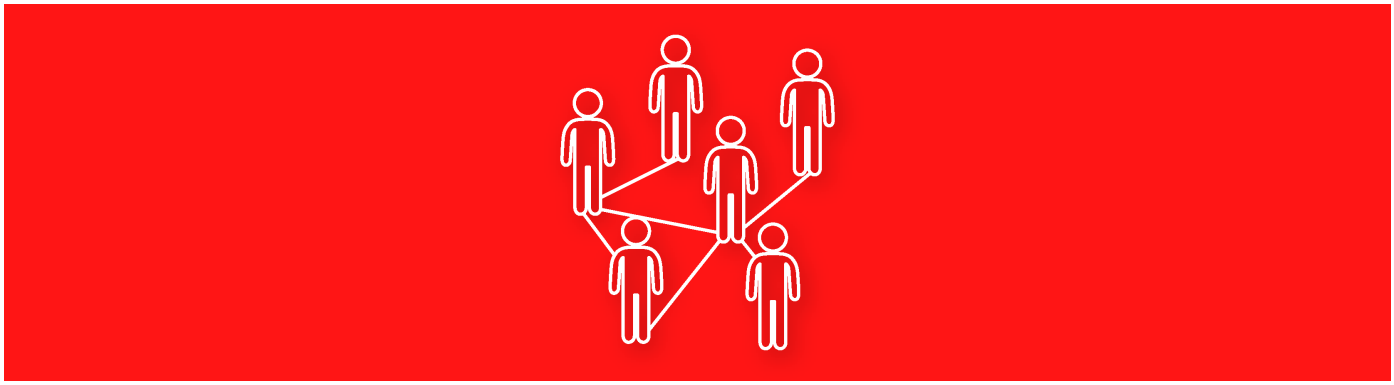
SwissCovid app and contact tracing, vaccine against Covid-19, search for antibodies, scientific advisory body



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 Innvoation (SERI).

Further information may be found on the website of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force.

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28.10.2020: New measures, rapid tests and change to travel quarantine

19.10.2020: Confederation imposes tougher measures to combat coronavirus

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

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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!»

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Rules and prohibitions of the Federal Council, information about the corona virus, when you have to stay at home

Sign language

The rules and prohibitions of the Federal Council, information about the corona virus, when you have to stay at home

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.

Please refer instead to our webpages, which are continuously updated.

Under Contacts and links you will find contact information for the FOPH, other federal agencies and the cantons.

Print contact

Are you experiencing symptoms? Take the coronavirus check!