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Factsheet for case **AT-2020-12/589**

Occupational safety measures concerning the corona virus

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Country	Austria, applies nationwide
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Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Protection of workers at the workplace – Occupational health and safety
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Background information

The Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Nursing and Consumer Protection in accordance with Section 2 No. 1 of the COVID-19 Measures Act (see sources), formulates the prohibition of entering public places in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19. One of the exceptions to this prohibition is when it is required for professional purposes. Specific preventive measures in such cases are to be taken.

Content of measure

The prohibition to enter public places does not apply (among few other reasons) if it is required for professional purposes. In such a case, it is to be ensured that a distance of at least one meter can be maintained between people at the place of professional activity, unless the risk of infection can be minimized by taking appropriate protective measures. The mandatory wearing of a mechanical protective device that covers the mouth and nose area as a barrier against droplet infection in areas where this is not mandatory due to other legal provisions is only permitted if the employer and employee agree. It should be ensured that a professional activity should preferably take place outside the workplace, if this is possible and employers and employees agree on this.

Use of measure

The protective measures are widely adhered to.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Social insurance	Employees All companies	Companies

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Unknown

involvement of social partners is unknown.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 16 March 2020: Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Nursing and Consumer Protection in accordance with Section 2 No. 1 of the COVID-19 Measures Act (expired 30 April 2020) (www.ris.bka.gv.at)
- 07 April 2020: CORONAVIRUS: Information for employers on employee protection (www.auva.at)