

# Expert summary on the alleviation of the curfew restrictions

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## Introduction



Though the state of emergency has not been released yet, during the recent days the Government adopted various measures that aim the softening of the strict rules and intend to ensure that our lives will return to the new-normal way of living.

The most important rules concerned the step-by-step softening of the curfew. As a first step the Government adopted a decree on April 30, which was applicable to the entire territory of Hungary except for Budapest and Pest County. These measures were followed by two further steps concerning Pest count and Budapest in the last days.

Please find below the summary of the most important rules, as follows:











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## The first measures- 30 April 2020



### Territorial scope: the measures were applicable to Hungary except of Budapest and Pest County:

- 1. The curfew ordered in March was cancelled, however, some general protection rules shall still be applied:
  - Protection distance (possibly at least 1,5 metre) shall be applied anywhere (e.g. also at workplaces) where no further special rules are to be complied with;
  - Materials covering noses (e.g. masks, shawls, scarves) shall be usedIn stores and while using public transportation
  - · Public areas and parks may be visited in compliance with the rules
- 2. Persons over the age of 65:
  - Persons over the age of 65 can only go to the grocery stores, drug stores and pharmacies between 9 am and 12 pm;
  - During this period only persons over the age of 65 may stay in these stores;
  - The rules applicable to markets may be adopted by the mayor of municipality.
- 3. Main measures to the stores, restaurants, spas and other institutions:
  - all stores may be open and may be visited by customers
  - all baths and outdoor spas may be open and may be visited
  - all outdoor museums and zoo may be open and may be visited
  - services may be used by anyone
  - main measures to catering facilities: the protection distance shall be applied table by table, public land use fee shall not be paid for the terrace of the catering facility located in the public area until 1 September 2020



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## Territorial scope: the measures were applicable to Hungary except for Budapest

- 1. Measures applicable to catering facilities:
  - The ordered food or drink may be consumed in the inner (closed) part of the catering facility
  - General protection rules: the employees shall use in the area that consumers may visit materials covering the mouth and nose (e.g. masks, shawls, scarves), protection distance (possibly at least 1,5 metres) shall be kept.
- 2. Playgrounds:
  - The outdoor playground may be open and visited.
- 3. Main measures applicable to the accommodation establishments:
  - The accommodation establishment may welcome guests and guests are allowed to stay there.
- 4. Family events
  - from 1 June 2020, a family event following funeral and marriage may be held, if the number of participants does not exceed 200 people
  - from 1 June 2020, the marriage and a family event following the marriage can be held in catering facilities as well as in an accommodation establishment and music service can be provided.















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## Release in Budapest-16 May 2020

#### The release of the curfew regarding Budapest is valid from the midnight 17 May 2020

The release of the curfew regarding Budapest took place on 18 May, meaning that with a few exceptions the less severe measures which have already been applicable to the other parts of Hungary, shall be also be applicable to Budapest.

This means that also in Budapest protective distance shall be kept on public transportation, in shops and also at the workplaces, the protection rules applied to elderly persons shall also be complied with and at least in shops and while using public transportation services masks, scarves or shawls shall be worn.



What are these exceptions?

It is allowed to stay at the garden or terrace of restaurants, pubs and cafés and the ordered drinks and meals may be consumed there. However, it is still forbidden to go into these places unless the period until which take-away foods are given out for transportation (protection distance at these places shall be considered per table).















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