Applies to: The media, almannavarnir.is, Administration and Chief Epidemiologist’s contacts.

STATUS REPORT

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Emergency / Distress Phase: COVID-19

Developments

The civil protection authorities’ Coordination Centre coordinates all action and disseminates information regarding COVID-19 all over the country. Dissemination of information, making of instructions and advice to the public, to institutions and enterprises. All instructions can be found on the Directorate of Health website, the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police Civil Protection website and the covid.is information website.

Statistical information for Iceland

One infection was diagnosed in Iceland in the last 24 hours. The number of people in Iceland with confirmed infections is currently 1,797, there are 131 in isolation and 1,656 have recovered. The total number of domestic infections is 1,455. A total of 47,573 samples have been taken, including 508 in the last 24 hours. 10 of the people diagnosed with COVID-19 in Iceland have passed away.

According to the National University Hospital as of 29/4 there are currently 6 patients in the hospital with COVID-19, of which none are in intensive care or on respirators. 129 are being monitored by the COVID-19 outpatient unit, including 6 children who are being monitored by the Children’s Hospital. 1695 individuals have recovered and 93 individuals have been discharged from the hospital. No employees are subject to quarantine or isolation.

Information sharing and projects


Two individuals were diagnosed in the last 24 hours, both of them in the capital area. Around 500 samples were taken in Iceland. There are currently no patients with COVID-19 in the hospital in Akureyri. Dr. Guðnason drew attention to the fact that those who have been diagnosed by deCODE either have fewer symptoms or are symptom free. However, they still receive the same treatment as those diagnosed by the National University Hospital, including isolation and contact tracing. The Chief Epidemiologist’s assessment is the same as it has been in the last few days. Analysis of samples is expected to continue. Hopefully there will not be any group infections. The next step is the lifting of restrictions on 4 May. The Ministry of Health’s notification has all further information regarding the lifting of restrictions. The Ministry of Health oversees the granting of exemptions from the ban on social gatherings; requests for exemptions from quarantining should be sent to svl@landlaeknir.is. It is very important for everyone to continue to practice personal disease protection in the months to come, i.e. hand-washing, using hand sanitiser, and intensive cleaning of surfaces. Also to avoid large groups of people. The 2-metre rule will not be abolished in the near future, but when the restrictions are lifted, it will become more difficult to follow. However, everyone must look to their own safety and follow this rule as much as they can. This is how we can prevent the epidemic from resurging. Dr. Guðnason also talked about the West
Fjords Health-Care Institution’s teleconference that was held today, in which measures to lift the restrictions on social gatherings in the area were discussed. He also mentioned the health-care services’ weekly review, which shows that the pressure has lessened.

Head of the Garðabær Support and Elder Services Svanhildur Þengilsdóttir introduced instructions for the municipalities’ welfare services regarding the relaxation of the ban on social gatherings and disease prevention measures due to COVID-19 that were published earlier in the week. The instructions were written by a multidisciplinary group and are intended to aid in disease prevention for those who belong to vulnerable groups, as well as staff members. It covers welfare services and municipal services for people with disabilities and the elderly. These services are diverse, and it is necessary to take into account the situation in each place when the instructions are adapted. Ms. Þengilsdóttir urged everyone to download the Rakning C-19 contact tracing app, since helping people remember where they have been will continue to be important if they become infected.

CS Víðir Reynisson drew attention to a notification regarding local travel this summer, including the use of camp-sites. It will be published in the near future. Instructions for people who have been in protective quarantine due to underlying illnesses are also in the works. Swimming pools and fitness centres are expected to be included in the next phase of relaxing the social gathering restrictions.

Other:
The Directorate of Labour: The Directorate of Labour will start accepting applications for payments for people under quarantine on 5 May, which means that employers can apply for subsidies to pay the salaries of their employees in cases where the Director of Health has ordered them to undergo quarantine. More information regarding that process can be found here.

Heilsuvera – Health care Centres - net chat
For comparison, in mid-March there were 800-900 net chats per day. Currently, a third of all net chats are about COVID-19.

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The website www.covid.is
Statistical information about the disease is updated once a day and published at 13:00h at https://www.covid.is/data. The website contains information about the measures that have been taken in Iceland due to the COVID-19 disease and on projects related thereto. The website contains information in nine languages. The covid.is statistics website has now received over 4.9 million visits.
New and revised instructions

- Instructions for welfare services
- Instructions regarding exemptions from quarantining
- Instructions. Guidelines for housing under quarantine
- Instructions for individuals visiting Iceland to attend burials of loved ones
- Relaxation of restrictions on 4 May – check-list for operators working with children and teens
- Quarantine measures for international arrivals
- Restrictions to be gradually lifted starting May 4

Upcoming

- Press conferences are held every day at 14:03 h.
- The next COVID-19 coordination meeting will be held on Thursday 30 April at 9:00h.
- As of 4 May, the Civil Protection Status Report - Emergency / Distress Phase: COVID-19 will be accessible through the Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management and the Directorate of Health websites. The reports will not be sent out via email. To begin with, the reports will be published in the afternoon, once or twice a week, or as necessary. Press conferences will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from May 4th.
Status
Iceland – today’s status

COVID-19 á Íslandi - Tölfræði
- Úpplysingar á síðunní eru sóttar úr gagnagrunni á miðnaetti.

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Af þeim sem greinst hafa með COVID-19 á Íslandi eru þið látin.

Fjöldi virkra smíta og þeirra sem er batnað

[Graph showing the number of active infections and recoveries over time]

Fjöldi látinna kemur ekki fram í þessu graf.
hegar gefnar eru út upplýsingar um hve smíðum hefur fjölsað miklum frá degnum áður er það ekki allt af að samanleika tala birtist í sölu dagsins.

Sjálvum er sú að birtning upplýsinga um smít taka mið af því hvæna synið var tekið en ekki hvæna það var greint.
Fjöldi smita á hverja 1.000 ibúa eftir aldri og kyni
- Uppfært á mánuðögum

Fjöldi virkra smita eftir aldri, fjöldi þeirra sem hefur náð sér og andlát

Hlutfall smitaðra sem greinast í söttkví
57%
þeirra sem hafa greinst voru í söttkví
Coronavirus – Global spread

According to Johns Hopkins, **3,132,363 individual cases** of COVID-19 have been confirmed today and **217,947 individuals** have died. An additional **938,037 individuals** have already recovered from the illness. According to the ECDC, the epidemic is currently considered to be a moderate public health threat for healthy individuals and very high threat for older adults and individuals with chronic underlying conditions. Cf. the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)](https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en) website for information on the development in each country. Cf. the ECDC risk assessment.

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