



Lines to take regarding new COVID-19 restrictions and reported cases of the Omicron variant in Denmark

New COVID-19 restrictions in Denmark

- As announced on 8 December 2021, the Danish Government and a majority of the Epidemics Committee of the Danish Parliament have decided to introduce further restrictions to control the recent spread of the COVID-19 virus in Denmark.
- The decision has been made after involving and per recommendation of the Epidemic Commission as well as relevant health authorities.
- The restrictions are temporary and will become effective on 10 December 2021. So far, the restrictions are expected to last for a period of 4 weeks.
- The restrictions include closing down the nightlife, limiting the opening hours of restaurants until 12 AM, extending the requirement of the use of masks in public spaces and limiting indoor public events with more than 50 standing attendees.
- Moreover, it is recommended that working from home to a large extent is reintroduced in both public and private workplaces and that meetings, seminars etc. are conducted virtually. It is additionally recommended that larger work-related social events be cancelled.
- Furthermore, children in primary school will attend school virtually from home from 15 December 2021 to 4 January 2022, both days included.
- Further information, including the full list of restrictions as well implementation dates, will be available on <https://en.coronasmitte.dk/> in due course.

Reported cases of the Omicron variant in Denmark

- Like in many other countries, the Omicron variant has also been detected in Denmark. As of 9 December 2021, the Danish health authorities have reported 796 cases of persons infected with the Omicron variant in Denmark.
- The increase in the number of detected cases of the Omicron variant in Denmark is partly due to the high levels of testing and sequencing efforts, which the Danish health authorities continue to carry out.
- For instance, in the week starting 22 November 2021, a total of 28,783 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Denmark. Almost half (45.3%) of all positive cases reported in Denmark that week were sequenced.
- On 25 November 2021, the Danish health authorities recommended a booster vaccine to all adults over the age of 18. The Danish revaccination programme is now well underway and expected to be rolled out faster in light of the recent spread.
- So far, 1 million persons in Denmark have been vaccinated with a third booster dose.