

## Latvian Covid-19 restrictions to be eased

On 15 February, the Government of Latvia approved a three-step plan proposed by the Ministry of Health to remove Covid-19 restrictions, taking into account the complicated healthcare situation and the growing spread of the virus.

See more about the easing of restrictions [here](#) (in Latvian).

Although the first step in removing of restrictions will take effect on 16 February, more significant easing of restrictions is planned for **1 March** as part of the second step of the plan.

The removal of restrictions related to the need for Covid-19 certificates after 1 March is summarised below:

### Covid-19 certificates for work

**Certificates for on-site work will still be required for employees:**

- whose work involves close contact with people
- who provide essential services to the public
- who have to work in an epidemiologically safe environment

**Certificate requirement retained for:**

- teachers and childcare workers
- social care and health care workers
- public sector employees who serve customers on a daily basis, or in prisons
- the provision of services (for which the client must present a certificate, if there is contact with the client)

**The employer has the right to assess responsibilities during the performance of which there is an increased risk of infection.** The employer is entitled to oblige workers to whom this applies to work only with a certificate confirming vaccination against Covid-19 or recovery from the virus.

As the number of infections decrease, it is planned to move to the **implementation of the third step of the plan from 1 April**, removing all restrictions.

### Covid-19 certificates for services

**Certificate requirement waived:**

- outdoors
- in retail outlets/centres
- in churches, at religious events

At the same time, service providers remain free to choose whether to provide services in an epidemiologically safe manner.

**This does not apply to services that are essential for human rights and public security**, for example:

- postal services
- public transport services
- financial services

**Certificate requirement retained for:**

- public events (sports, cultural events, etc.)
- discos, nightclubs, tourist attractions
- sports and amateur activities, including choir and dance rehearsals
- catering, for example, cafes, restaurants
- the provision of personalised services without the use of masks or FFP2 respirators without a valve, including beauty and wellness services