

Update 6: Belgium - Eases COVID-19 Restrictions Commencing October 1, 2020 Despite Steady Increase in Infections

- Authorities in Belgium will ease certain COVID-19 restrictions, commencing October 1, 2020
- Citizens will no longer require to wear a mask outdoors except in crowded places
- Mandatory quarantine period will be reduced from 14 days to one week for people with COVID-19 symptoms who eventually test negative for the infection
- Citizens will be able to have close physical contact with up to five people from outside their households each month
- However, private gathering will be limited to 10 guests
- Also, Belgium will prohibit travel to a destination classified as high risk for virus exposure starting September 25
- New measures come despite the steady increase in COVID-19 cases in the country
- Belgium reported a daily average of 1,374 new confirmed cases during the week of September 13-19
- Total tally increased to 106,887 confirmed cases with 9,959 related deaths (~9.3% of total cases)
- Authorities stated that even though the infection is still there, life must continue in an adapted way to try to control this epidemic
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (https://www.who.int/violenceprevention/about/participants/moh_belgium/en/) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Belgium

Source(s)

- <https://www.brusselstimes.com/news/belgium-all-news/health/132502/belgium-reduces-quarantine-to-7-days-from-october/>
- <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/masks-off-belgium-relaxes-virus-rules-rise-cases-73193834>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

Targets Affected:

Belgium

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
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