

Update 3: Belgium - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Increase in Infections

- Belgium will not enter into Phase 5 of its exit plan from COVID-19 lockdown in August
- Authorities implemented new restrictions to curb the spread of infections
- This comes as average infection rate increased by approximately 90% since last week
- The reproduction number rose above 1
- Starting July 25, wearing a face mask will become mandatory in public places, such as shopping streets, markets, and public buildings
- Maximum number of people allowed at events will not be increased
- Entertainment centers will remain closed until September 1, 2020
- Number of people Belgians are allowed to have interactions with on a weekly basis will remain restricted to 15
- Travelers returning to the country will be required to fill a form 48 hours before they arrive
- Mayors of cities and municipalities will be able to take additional measures themselves, including imposing strict lockdowns to combat local outbreaks
- 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/all-news/eu-affairs/123098/european-parliament-threatens-to-block-approved-eu-long-term-budget/>
- <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/07/23/belgium-restrictions-coronavirus-379814>

Targets Affected:

Belgium

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

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