

## Update 4: Belgium - Imposes New Social Distancing Measures Starting July 29, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

- On July 27, Belgium imposed new social distancing measures commencing July 29 due to increase in COVID-19 infections in past three weeks
- Last week, average number of cases increased to 279 per day from approximately 80 in early July
- This increased overall COVID-19 cases in the country to 66,428 with 9,822 related deaths
- Antwerp province is the worst-hit
- Indoor and outdoor public gathering have been limited to 100 and 200 people, respectively
- Work from home is encouraged
- Restaurants and bars will follow strict health protocols
- Team and contact sports will be limited
- The province of Antwerp will impose curfew from 11:30 pm (CEST) to 6:00 am (CEST)
- No events or festivals would be allowed in and around the city, and fitness centres will remain closed
- Last week, Belgium decided to curb easing of restrictions that was expected in August this year
- 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/](https://www.who.int/violenceprevention/about/participants/moh_belgium/en/)) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Belgium

### Source(s)

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-belgium/belgium-tightens-coronavirus-restrictions-after-surge-of-cases-idUSKCN24S1TH>

<https://www.france24.com/en/20200727-belgium-tightens-covid-19-restrictions-to-avoid-another-lockdown-amid-rise-in-cases>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

### 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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Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - 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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