Information on agreements/measures in response to the Covid-19 crisis - DENMARK

On February 27, the first case of covid-19 was detected in Denmark. The number rapidly increased and Wednesday 11th March the number was 517 and it led to the following announcement from the Danish Government (link to the numbers and monitoring of the outbreak here):

- Students in all public youth and higher education are sent home as soon as possible and no later than by Friday. Private educational institutions are encouraged to do the same. Provisional two weeks from Friday, March 13, 2020.
- All schools and daycare facilities will be closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 and for a fortnight. Municipalities establish emergency care.
- All public servants who do not perform critical functions will be sent home from work on Friday, March 13, 2020 and for the next two weeks. They should work from home as far as possible. All public servants are paid. Critical functions include health personnel, the elderly and care sector, police and emergency services.
- All indoor public cultural institutions, libraries, leisure facilities and the like are now closing. Private offers of the same nature are encouraged to do the same. Provisional two weeks from Friday, March 13, 2020. Public service providers are exempt from news and emergency preparedness.
- Employees in the private labor market are encouraged to work from home, walk or vacation, as far as possible.
- Limit use of public transport
- Visits to nursing homes and hospitals should be limited with immediate effect.
- The government proposes urgent legislation that allows for especially necessary measures - such as closing schools and daycare centers.
- Assemblies for over 100 are prohibited once the emergency legislation is passed, indoor gatherings of over 100 people are banned.

Then followed several other initiatives:

- A national level tri-partite agreement is set to mitigate imminent financial and labour market consequences. The government pledged to cover 75 percent of a full-time employee’s monthly salary, up to a limit of 23,000 DKK (3,100 Euros) per month, with the remaining 25 percent paid by the company, when employees are in risk of being laid off. For short-term/ temporary workers, the government offers to cover up to 90 percent of the salary for hourly paid people, up to a limit of 26,000 DKK (3,500 Euros) per month. So far, the agreement covers private businesses that otherwise would have to lay off at least
30 percent or more than 50 employees. The new wage compensation scheme will be valid until June 9 2020 with effect from March 9 2020. (March 15) Read more [here](Danish) (Danish)

- At a press conference on March 17, our Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen came up with several other restrictions to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Cafes, restaurants, bars and discos must now also remain closed. In the future, the Danes may not gather in groups of more than 10 people - neither outside nor inside. In addition, all companies with close body contact as with the hairdresser, masseur, tattoo artist, sports center and fitness center must stay closed - for the period up to 30 March.

- An agreement in the hospitality sector has been now complimented by a commitment of the government to cover up till 90 percent of employees’ salary in the hotel- and restaurant sector for workers who are laid off (March 17).

- The compensation for self-employed was addressed as part of new government measures that were welcomed by unions as this was not covered by the tripartite agreement. The new measures will offer compensation to self-employed who loses 30 percent or more of their turnover. The government will offer a 75 percent compensation with a max of 3,100 Euros per month (extended to 4,660 euros if the spouse is co-worker). (March 18)

- At a press conference on March 23, our Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen announced that the lock down of Danish society in line with the announcement on March 11th and March 17th will be extended to 13 April. In this way, the current lock down of large sections of society continues with, among other things, closed schools, day care centers, libraries, restaurants and much more. It also means that the restrictions on not meeting more than 10 people continue, which has led to stripes of cancellation of events.

**Latest figures from Denmark as off 30 March**

Tested: 21,378  
Infected: 2,555  
In hospitals: 499  
In intensive care: 131  
Deaths: 72