

NORWAY

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Lock-down continues: Norwegian government continues all measures taken to combat the outbreak of coronavirus in Norway until April 13.

On March 12, 2020, the government implemented a number of measures in the hope of stopping the virus. The measures are the strongest and most radical we have had in Norway in peacetime. Kindergartens, schools and universities are closed. There are also small and large businesses, restaurants, gyms and concert venues. Many stores and businesses are without customers as a result of infection control measures.

According to government the measures seem to slow down the infection, but we need more time to see what effect they have. The government has laid down a strategy to limit the spread of infection, which means that each person who is infected should be infected to a maximum of one other person. Then the health care system will have the capacity to help anyone who needs it.

The health service is implementing a number of measures to have the capacity to provide treatment to the sick coronary infected, while providing immediate relief and treatment to patients with other serious illnesses.

Hospitals are now working to reduce planned treatments and surgeries and turn capacity over to patients in need of intensive care and respirators.

Information in English about layoffs and rights in Norway:

<https://www.fagforbundet.no/koronainformasjon/a/10952/corona-information-in-english-questions-and-answers-about-layoffs-quarantine-and-notices/>

And general information at:

<https://www.fagforbundet.no/koronainformasjon/>

Earlier update:

Agreements on working time have been reached both in municipal and health sector. These are exceptions from health and safety laws:

<https://www.fagforbundet.no/koronainformasjon/a/10898/apner-for-at-kommune-ansatte-kan-jobbe-mer/>

<https://fagbladet.no/nyheter/na-apner-fagforbundet-for-mye-mer-overtid-pa-grunn-av-koronakrisen-6.91.687136.9b71071be6>

Exception, retired health care workers can now work without losing their pension, Fagforbundet works for that also public utilities will get the same exception:

<https://www.fagforbundet.no/koronainformasjon/a/10902/pensjonert-helsepersonell-kan-jobbe-uten-a-tape-pensjon/>

FAQ from LO, lots of information from LO to union representatives and shop stewards about labour law, agreements, exceptions, plights, rights and so on;

https://www.lo.no/hva-vi-mener/lo-advokatene/nyheter-fra-lo-advokatene/corona_viruset_-_aktuelle_arbeidsrettslige_sporsmal/

Members who have been permitted do not have to pay fee to Fagforbundet:

<https://www.fagforbundet.no/koronainformasjon/a/10886/kontingentfritak-for-de-som-er-permitterte-eller-uten-inntekt/>