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1. Where and for how long do the actual restrictions apply?
The curfew/contact restrictions apply for all of Bavaria from Saturday, 21.03.2020, 0:00, to Sunday, 10.05.2020, 24:00.

2. May I leave my flat/house under the actual restrictions?
Under the actual restrictions you are only allowed to leave your flat/house if there are good reasons. These would be in particular:

a) job related/professional activities
b) the use of medical and veterinary services (e.g. visits to doctors, medical treatment; blood donations are expressly permitted) as well as visits to members of assisting professions if this is medically necessary/urgent (e.g. psycho- and physiotherapists, practices for podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy),

c) buying supplies/everyday items and shopping in the following shops that can now be open: food stores, beverage markets, banks and ATMs, pharmacies, drugstores, medical supply stores, opticians, hearing aid acousticians, sale of press articles, branches of the letter and mail order business, post offices, DIY and garden markets, garden centres, tree nurseries, pet supplies, petrol stations, car repair shops, bicycle repair shops, dry cleaners and online trading. (Cf. No. 42 of the FAQ)

(d) visiting (life) partners, elderly, sick people or people with disabilities (outside institutions) and exercising the right of custody in the relevant private area
(e) accompanying persons that need assistance and minors
(f) accompanying dying persons and funerals within the immediate family circle,
(g) sport and exercise in the open air, either alone or with members of your own household or with ONE additional person (from 20.04.2020) that doesn’t live in your household, yet without forming any bigger group.
(h) caring for animals (e.g. walking the dog).

3. Can I move to another flat/house? My rental agreement expires soon

Everyone is required to keep contacts with other people apart from the members of their own household to an absolute minimum. Signing a rental agreement and the handing over of a flat are not explicitly prohibited. It is important to consider whether the appointment must really take place now or if it can be postponed to a later date. If not, during the meeting e.g. between tenant and landlord, a minimum
distance of 1.5 m must be observed. Hygiene rules (no shaking hands, washing hands) should be observed. A moving company may carry out the removal, because professional activities are allowed. If you cannot let a moving company carry out the removal, it is possible to do it with people living in your household, or, if that is not possible either, you are strongly advised to organize it with a minimum of people (and contact among them), who do not live in your household.

4. Can I take my vehicle to a garage, e.g. to have the tyres changed?

Visiting a garage is a valid reason for leaving your house/flat. However, all work that is not necessary should be postponed to a later date. Purely cosmetic repairs should be avoided.

Changing tyres from winter to summer tyres, as well as changing tyres for safety reasons (e.g. worn tyres) is permitted.

Please keep a minimum distance of 1.5 m from other people and observe the general rules of hygiene.

5. Can I have my car cleaned at a car wash?

Yes, this is possible, if this isn’t the only reason for leaving your home. So if you are leaving your home for one of the valid reasons defined above, e.g. on your way to a filling station, to buy food or go to a pharmacy, you may include a visit to the car wash in this trip. Still there must be no crowds in the area of the washing facilities! The minimum distance must be maintained at all times! Please check carefully whether it is really necessary to have your car washed. In particular, avoid rush hours and choose a different date if there are queues in front of the car wash you are driving to. Car wash operators must take suitable measures to ensure that the minimum distance of 1.5 metres between customers can be maintained. They must also present their concept of protective and hygienic measures to the authorities on request.

6. What water sports are permitted?

Fishing - alone, with another person not living in the same household or with members of your own household - is permitted.

It is allowed to practice sport and exercise in the open air alone or with persons of one's own household or with another person not living in the same household in the form of:

- using sailing boats or rowing boats or kayaks
- stand-up paddling
- kitesurfing, windsurfing
etc.

Harbours, club facilities, dry berths and other leisure facilities may not be used for this purpose, as their operation is prohibited. Only publicly accessible boat ramps/slipways may be used.

The operation of exclusively machine-powered sports- and leisure boats and other water vehicles is not allowed, as this does not count as "sporting activities".

The following regulations also apply:

- visiting and staying at sport boat harbours, club grounds, dry berths, boat halls etc. are not necessary activities of daily life. They are leisure time activities and are therefore not permitted at the moment.
- crane operation in marinas is only permitted in justified emergencies (e.g. water ingress in boats already in the water).

Launching and taking boats out of the water e.g. to work on them (preparation for launching, painting, sanding, etc.) does not constitute a valid reason for leaving one's own household and must be regarded as the pursuit of a hobby, which does not fall under the exceptions for sport. An exception applies to commercial enterprises (boat repair companies).

7. Can I take my dog to a dog salon?

In very urgent cases you can take your dog to a dog salon, but you should arrange an appointment in advance. The prescribed safety measures (distance and hygiene rules) must also be observed in the dog salon. It is recommended for the customer to wait outside in the car during the dog care.

8. Where can I find more cases/examples of what is allowed under the actual restrictions?

a) Frequently asked questions and answers concerning the temporary restrictions can be found on the webpages of the Bayerisches Staatsministerium des Innern, für Sport und Integration.

b) Frequently asked questions and answers from the field of agriculture and forestry (including e.g. fishing) can be found on the website of the Bavarian State Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry at http://www.stmelf.bayern.de/coronavirus.

c) Especially for hunters you will find questions and answers at https://www.wildtierportal.bayern.de/corona.

d) answers concerning repatriation and return travel to Germany can be found on the website of the Federal Foreign Office:
questions and answers concerning crisis management, the general situation, travel restrictions, border controls, quarantine, private provision, public life/events and migration can also be found on the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior:


These and other links to FAQ pages of various other ministries/authorities can also be found at https://www.hassberge.de/topmenu/startseite/corona-virus.html (webpage of Haßberge district office)

9. How are violations of the actual restrictions legally sanctioned?

Violations of the actual restrictions constitute an administrative regulatory offence and can be punished with a fine of up to 25,000 EUR. For example, leaving one's own home without good reason will result in a fine of €150.00. The Bavarian catalogue of fines can be found at https://www.stmgp.bayern.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-03-27_bussgeldkatalog__stmgpstmi.pdf.

10. Is compliance with the actual restrictions checked and enforced?

If you don’t comply with the restrictions and regulations, you may receive a fine of up to €25,000. For example, leaving one's own home without good reason will result in a fine of €150.00. The published catalogue of fines can be found at https://www.verkuendung-bayern.de/baymbl/2020-223/.

11. How many confirmed cases of Corona-infections are there in the Haßberge district?

There have been 150 confirmed cases of a Corona virus infection in the Haßberge district so far (as of 30.04.2020, 10.30 hrs). As 103 persons have been declared healthy after an infection, 4 patients have died, 43 persons are still counted as infected. Other cases have been tested and we are awaiting results.

12. Where can I find information about the general „Corona-situation“ in the Haßberge district?

Regarding the general situation in the district, you can contact the citizens’ helpline of the Haßberge district administration office at the number 09521/27-600. The citizens’ helpline can be called Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 16.00 hrs. On 1 May
(public holiday) the citizens’ helpline is not available. We also publish current information at [http://www.hassberge.de](http://www.hassberge.de).

The citizens' helpline of the Haßberge district is a service for the citizens of the district. Citizens from other districts or cities can obtain information about the local „Corona-situation“ from the local authorities. Calls from citizens who are not residents of the Haßberge district cannot be processed.

13. Where can I find information about the Corona virus in general?

The citizens’ helpline of the Haßberge district office is not able to answer questions about the Corona virus in general by telephone.

The Haßberge district has posted information about the Corona virus on its homepage [http://www.hassberge.de](http://www.hassberge.de)

You will also find information on the website of the Bavarian State Office for Health and Food Safety at [www.lgl.bayern.de](http://www.lgl.bayern.de)

or on the website of the Robert Koch Institute at [www.rki.de](http://www.rki.de)

For general questions about the corona virus, it is also possible to contact the Corona Hotline of the Bavarian State Office for Health and Food Safety by telephone at 09131/68085101

All questions about the Corona pandemic, whether about health issues, restrictions, childcare or school, or about emergency aid and other support for small businesses and freelancers, can also be directed to the Corona Hotline of the Bavarian State Government - 089/122 220. This hotline is available daily, including public holidays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nursing staff in hospitals, rehabilitation clinics, nursing homes, institutions for the elderly, and of disabled and outpatient care services as well as emergency service personnel can apply for a one-time corona bonus, online at [http://www.corona-pflegebonus.bayern.de](http://www.corona-pflegebonus.bayern.de) with the Bavarian State Office for Nursing (Bayerisches Landesamt für Pflege). Anyone who regularly works more than 25 hours per week receives 500 €. Eligible persons who regularly work 25 hours per week or less receive 300 €. All that is required is a confirmation from your employer and a copy of your identity card. The application can also be made via smartphone or tablet, and the required evidence can be photographed and uploaded using the mobile device. The premium is to be granted independently of the care bonus of 1,500 € currently under discussion at the federal level. If you have any questions regarding the care bonus, call 09521-27-495.
14. What are the typical symptoms of a Corona virus infection?
There is no conclusive list of corona symptoms. Essentially, these are symptoms of
colds and flu. It is possible to find out more about the symptoms on the website of
the Bavarian State Office for Health and Food Safety at

www.lgl.bayern.de

or on the website of the Robert Koch Institute at

www.rki.de

15. Who do I have to inform if I believe that I am infected with the
Corona virus?

The citizens' helpline is not the right point of contact for such reports.
If you feel you have been infected with the Corona virus call your family doctor (Do
not go there!) If the family doctor believes there is reason to assume there is an
infection with the Corona virus, he or she reports the data to the district
administration office. The affected persons will then receive an appointment for a
test directly from the district administration office.

Even if the family doctor already affirms the necessity of a test, this is not sufficient
for an unannounced visit to the test centre. Please come to the test station only
with a valid appointment.

The tested persons will be informed about their results. (cf. FAQ 19)

16. I am not able to leave the house/my flat and therefore would like to
be tested at home

Please contact the Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Bayern (KVB) at the telephone
number 116117. They will arrange an appointment with you and carry out the test at
your home (see also FAQ 19).

17. Where can I be tested?

If a test is considered necessary by the health authorities, you will be told where this
test will take place.

18. Can I be tested for the Corona virus if I want to (Without being told to
do so by health authorities)?

No, you cannot. Only persons that have explicitly been given a definite appointment
including a date, time and place are tested at the moment.
19. Who informs me about the results of my Corona virus test and how long do I have to wait?

If your test is positive (you have been infected), the health authorities receive immediate information from the laboratory and will contact you immediately. The evaluation and notification of positive test results often takes can take up to 1 week. The notification about negative (no infection detected) test results is given secondarily, which is why it can take up to two weeks before you are informed about a negative test result by the sampling centre.

20. I am pregnant and concerned/have questions concerning the Corona virus – where can I find help/information?

Please contact your gynaecologist or contact the Haßberge district Health Office directly. Here you should talk to

Irene Wenzel-Hinterstößer: 09521/27413
Karin Martini, 09521/27414
Christiane Seidel: 09521/27415

In addition, you will find frequently asked questions and answers about pregnancy and the Corona virus on the website of the Berufsverband für Frauenärzte e.V (Gynaecologists’ Association):

21. Are schools or kindergartens closed because of the Corona virus?

From Monday, 16.03.2020, until 26.04.2020 all schools and kindergartens in Bavaria, and thus also in the Haßberge district are closed.

From 27 April 2020 schools with the graduating classes of secondary and vocational schools will reopen under strict precautions. Lessons begin in detail:

- at Mittelschulen and corresponding special education centres, which teach according to the curricula of general schools, in year 9 (if registered for an examination) or 10,
- at special education centres in grade 9
- at Realschulen and the corresponding schools for special education in grade 10,
- at 3-stage and 4-stage business schools in grade 10 and at the 2-stage business schools in grade 11 as well as at the corresponding schools for special educational needs,
- at grammar schools in grade 12
- at vocational secondary schools and the corresponding schools for special educational needs in grades 12 and 13
- at vocational schools and the corresponding schools for special pedagogical support in the classes with upcoming examinations in 2020, the classes of the full-time primary vocational school year (BGJ), for pupils in classes for vocational preparation who are registered for examinations to obtain a secondary qualification and for classes organized by the cooperation partner in cooperative classes for vocational preparation,
- at all Berufsfachschulen, in each case in the final classes, as well as at the corresponding schools for special educational needs,
- at all Fachschulen (regardless of the duration of the training and whether part-time or full-time) - in each case the final classes, as well as at the corresponding schools for special educational needs,
- at all Fachakademien (regardless of the duration of the training and whether part-time or full-time), the graduating classes, as well as at the corresponding schools for special educational support

For all other classes the schools will remain closed. After May 11 it will be decided if and when the schools will be opened for more students of other ages. Kindergartens and Kinderkrippen will also remain closed. (Cf. FAQ 22)

For urgent questions from parents and teachers, the Ministry of Education has set up a hotline (Corona virus telephone hotline of the Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs: **089 / 21 86 – 2971** from 7:30 to 18:00 on weekdays and 11:00 to 16:00 on Sundays.

Further answers and information can be found at [https://www.km.bayern.de/ministerium/meldung/6945/faq-zum-unterrichtsbetrieb-an-bayerns-schulen.html](https://www.km.bayern.de/ministerium/meldung/6945/faq-zum-unterrichtsbetrieb-an-bayerns-schulen.html).

**22. Is there emergency care for younger children or school children?**

Emergency care is provided at schools and kindergartens and (curative) child day-care centres. However, the possibility of using this emergency care is subject to certain conditions. For this reason, it is essential to contact the school/kindergarten in advance (by telephone or e-mail):

Who is being looked after:
- pupils
  - grades 1 to 4 at primary schools and at the primary level of special schools
  - grades 5 and 6 at secondary schools and the corresponding special schools,
  - in higher grades, if their disability or impairments require full-time supervision and support, and
- children attending a preparatory school, day care centre, nursery or therapeutic day care centre.

- that show no symptoms of disease,
- which have not been in contact with infected persons, or 14 days have elapsed since contact with an infected person and which show no symptoms of disease, and
- have not stayed in an area that was designated a risk area by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) at the time of their stay, or that was designated as such within 14 days thereafter, or that has been so for 14 days since returning from that risk area and shows no symptoms of disease

From Monday, 27 April 2020, families are entitled to emergency care if
(a) only one parent is active in critical infrastructure; or
(b) one parent is a pupil in the classroom of the final year of secondary education from 27 April, or
(c) a single parent works (regardless of the question what part of the infrastructure or what job they work in)

In all three cases it is necessary that the legal guardian is prevented from caring for the child due to official or operational necessities in this activity and that the child cannot be cared for by another adult living in the household.

Jobs in the „critical infrastructure“ are:

All activities in facilities that serve to maintain or supply health care, such as
- medical and nursing staff in hospitals and medical practices (incl. dentists)
- pharmacies
- health authorities
- Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians
- rescue services including Air Rescue
- caretaker and other supply personnel (e.g. hospital kitchen)
- cleaning personnel
- administration and management
- employees of health insurance companies, with a confirmation from the employer

!!! From Montag, 23.03.2020 2020 even if only one parent works in this field
their children are eligible for emergency care!

All activities (nursing, care and maintenance of operations) in institutions for inpatient care of the elderly, assistance for the disabled, child and youth welfare
and women's support (women's shelters, specialist counselling centres/emergency calls, intervention centres)

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All activities in other child and youth welfare institutions (Care and maintenance of the facility; also day care personnel!!)

All activities in facilities that serve the maintenance of non-police danger prevention (fire brigade and civil defence) and their supply

All activities in institutions that serve to maintain public safety and order (especially security authorities), e.g. police

Activities with public utilities (electricity, gas, water, telecommunications, postal services, transport companies, petrol stations)

Activities at waste disposal companies (e.g. waste collection) which are indispensable

Activities in the food supply sector:
- food production
- food transport
- food trade (supermarkets, bakeries, butcheries)
- maintenance work in the field of food supply
  (e.g. meat inspection at slaughterhouses, animal health inspections, certification, import controls)

Activities in passenger and freight transport
- (e.g. truck drivers, train drivers, pilots, air traffic controllers)

Activities in the media sector (esp. news and information and risk and crisis communication, e.g. journalists in reporting, but not leisure magazines etc.)

Relevant everyday supplies:
- banks
- drugstores

Activities at institutions/services that ensure the state’s, judiciary’s and administration’s capacity to act

When will the children be supervised:
- During their regular school/care time
- Further childcare times vary and must be requested individually from the school/kindergarten

Please ask the school or bus company if your child can take the (regular) school bus.

Note on the extension of the emergency care e.g. for single parents:
From Monday, April 27, 2020, even if only one parent works in critical infrastructure and cannot provide childcare due to official or operational necessities, their children are entitled to emergency care. In addition, working single parents can take their children to emergency care regardless of whether they work in a critical infrastructure sector or not.


23. Does my employer have to formally release me from work, if I have to stay at home to look after my children, because schools or kindergartens etc. are closed?

**There are no fixed general regulations for this problem.** The employer does not have to release the employee from work. The question of release from work must be discussed individually with the employer. Information, or more detailed information for the employer is provided under No. 38 of this FAQ.

24. Are there special rules of conduct for employees of schools, kindergartens, crèches), that had indirect contact (including a third person) with someone infected with the Corona virus?

General hygienic precautions must be observed and the facility’s rules of conduct apply. These can be obtained from the management/head person of the facility.

25. Who decides if someone has to go into quarantine (=domestic isolation)?

The quarantine (domestic isolation) is ordered by the public health department. For this purpose, the affected person is contacted by the public health department. Further information cf. [www.rki.de/covid-19](http://www.rki.de/covid-19)

The quarantine serves to protect the population from infection with the novel coronavirus. It is a temporary isolation of persons suspected of being infected or of persons who may be excreting the virus. The quarantine is intended to prevent or slow the spread of the disease.

In Germany ordering a quarantine is regulated in the Infection Protection Act (IfSG). Violation of an ordered quarantine is a criminal offence and can be punished with a fine or imprisonment.

Foreign citizens are also advised to inform their embassy about the quarantine order.
26. Who has to go into quarantine (=domestic isolation)?
Quarantine is ordered for persons that are likely to be infected due to
- direct contact with infected persons
- stay in risk area and typical symptoms

27. Is my compliance with the quarantine regulations/isolation controlled?
The public health department orders quarantine/domestic isolation in individual cases. Each person affected is contacted daily by the health office, usually by telephone. In addition to checking the quarantined person’s state of health, the call also serves to check whether the ordered quarantine is being maintained. If there is any doubt that the quarantined person is not adhering to the quarantine regulations, the police can check whether the regulations are being observed.

28. Am I told if/when my quarantine/domestic isolation is over
The public health department informs the person concerned when the ordered quarantine/domestic isolation is lifted. This is done in the course of the daily calls by the Health Office.

29. Do I get a confirmation (form my employer), if the health authorities have put me in quarantine/domestic isolation?
Yes, you can get a confirmation from the public health department on request. This is usually sent as e-mail.

30. What is a „Kontaktperson“ (contact, in the context of the Corona pandemic)?
Contact persons are persons who have been in close contact with an infected person or who may have been in unintentional direct contact with an infected person. Contact persons are not third parties in whose case direct/close contact with an infected person can be ruled out or where unintentional contact with an infected person is unlikely.

31. Do doctors/hospitals work as usual??
Hospitals and doctors' surgeries work under higher hygiene standards now. It is important that patients do not enter family doctor's offices or especially visitors do not enter hospitals unannounced.
Patients which are likely to be infected (cf. Question 17) should urgently contact the transport service / on-call service of the Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Bayern (KVB) at the telephone number **116117**.

Citizens who wish to contact the doctor or hospital due to suspected Corona symptoms **must call the doctor or hospital beforehand and point out that they seem to have Corona symptoms.**

**32. Does the Corona pandemic have an effect on the opening hours and availability of the district administration (Landratsamt)?**

The Haßberge District Office will be closed for visitors from Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice. This also applies to the branch offices of the registration office in Ebern and Hofheim, to the registration/driving licence/road traffic authority in Haßfurt, Am Ziegelbrunn, to the office of Kreisjugendring/Jugendpflege in Haßfurt, for the civil/underground engineering administration and the horticulture office in Uchenhofener Straße in Haßfurt, for the district development office at Tränkberg in Haßfurt as well as for the public health department and the waste management services in Zwerchmaingasse in Haßfurt.

In case of urgent matters that cannot be postponed, appointments can be made with the respective office by phone or e-mail. Appointments with the registration or driving licence office can only be made by phone (cf. FAQ no. 35).

The town halls in the area of the administrative district of Haßberge will also be closed to visitors until further notice from Wednesday, 18 March 2020 for the same reason. The concerns of the citizens will of course continue to be dealt with. However, please contact us by telephone or in writing (e.g. by e-mail). The aim of this measure is to allow public services and administration to continue to act without restrictions by minimising the risk of the coronavirus spreading among their personnel.

**33. Can I have my hunting license extended/renewed at the moment?**

The office of the lower hunting authority of the Haßberge district is closed until further notice. However, your hunting license can still be extended, provided that the hunting and legal reliability and personal suitability are available. Please send us your hunting license booklet and the confirmation of your hunting liability insurance. Please make sure that your insurance is valid for a sufficient period of time – that is until 31.3.2023 if a three-year hunting license is desired.

If your hunting license cannot be extended, we also need a passport sized photo that is as up-to-date as possible. We will send you the renewed hunting license together with an invoice by registered mail.
34. Extension of Fishing licenses

For an extension of your fishing license please contact the local administration in your community (Gemeinde). Please contact them by telephone first to discuss the further procedure.

35. Are there special regulations/opening hours for the vehicle registration and driving license office?

It is possible to make an appointment by telephone at the vehicle registration or driving licence office.

Appointments are currently made at 15-minute intervals. Citizens are requested to wait in front of the main entrance at the agreed time. Admission is granted by the staff. Only one person at a time is allowed in the registration or driving licence office. After performing the relevant activities, the persons will be escorted back outside by the staff. Appointments can be made at:

| Zulassungsstelle: 09521 27-123 (vehicle registration) | Führerscheinstelle: 09521 27-121 (driving licenses) |

An alternative to visiting the registration office, is to choose an internet-based vehicle registration or deregistration. Access to this online service has been made easier and can currently be used without a special electronic ID card. Registration is simple: all that is required is a service account with a user name and password. The registration for such a service account can be accessed via the homepage of the Haßberge district at [www.hassberge.de](http://www.hassberge.de). Citizens are asked to use this possibility, so that a more efficient handling of registrations is possible.

Deregistration:

Only vehicles that were registered after 1 January 2015 and have a registration certificate Part 1 and badges with security codes can be deregistered online.

Registration, deregistration, change of owner:

After you have entered and electronically transmitted the necessary data/documents, the registration authority will send you the new vehicle documents and registration plates by post.

The vehicle registration office in Ebern is open again

This office is open again for customer traffic - but only after prior appointment (by email: zulassung@hassberge.de or by telephone via the road traffic authority in
36. Does the Job Centre still work/open?

Due to the current situation the job centre of the Haßberge district has been closed since Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

In cases of financial emergencies there is the possibility of a personal meeting. To make an appointment for this and for all other matters, call 09521/929-885, or call 09521/929-885 to report unemployment. The Haßberge Job Center can also be reached by fax at 09521/929913-351.

Employers can contact the toll-free hotline at **0800 4 555 20**.

Applications for benefits and other documents can be put into the department's mailbox or sent by e-mail to **jobcenter-Hassberge@jobcenter-ge.de** or via **www.Jobcenter.digital.de**.

For a limited period of time access to basic security for jobseekers under Social Code Book II (SGBII) has been made easier. Accordingly, the website of the Federal Employment Agency now provides new information for applicants such as solo self-employed persons or recipients of short-time work benefits in the current Corona pandemic. At **www.arbeitsagentur.de** you will find answers to the most important questions before you contact the Haßberge Jobcenter.

37. Are there any restrictions concerning visits in hospitals, (geriatric) care facilities, homes for handicapped people?

As a result of the actual restriction, residents in old people's and nursing homes may not be visited. Dying persons may be accompanied by immediate members of their family.

Visits to hospitals are now only permitted in three cases:
(a) to accompany dying persons,
(b) for parents who want to see their sick child; and
(c) for fathers visiting their new-born children and the mother.

38. Where can I find legal information for companies and employers?

Companies face the challenge of coping with the economic consequences of the Corona pandemic. If employees are absent or short-time work has to be ordered, questions of employment law also arise.

For such questions the district office has set up a special page at [https://www.wirtschaftsraum-hassberge.de/corona](https://www.wirtschaftsraum-hassberge.de/corona)
On the page of the Chamber of Crafts of Lower Franconia you can find information at https://www.hwk-ufr.de/coronavirus
further notes or FAQ's have been added.

Further information can be found on the information portal "Coronavirus of the IHK Würzburg-Schweinfurt" at www.wuerzburg.ihk.de/coronavirus

39. Immediate emergency payments (Sofortgeld “Corona”) for entrepreneurs and the independent professions?

From now on, the application for immediate payments can only be made online. The previous procedure (i.e. sending applications by e-mail or fax) is no longer possible and such applications can no longer be processed! The fastest way to get to the online application is https://soforthilfe-corona.bayern/.

- the emergency aid of the Federal Government was integrated into the Bavarian aid programme, and the upper limit was increased (depending on the number of employees)
- in the online application procedure, the number of employees has to be given at the very beginning and it is then decided if your application falls under the federal or state programme;
- it remains the responsibility of the district governments (here: Government of Lower Franconia) to decide about the applications;
- because the federal subsidy programme has been integrated into the Bavarian one, the guidelines have been supplemented for applicants with up to 10 employees.

A brief explanation can be found at https://www.stmwi.bayern.de/soforthilfe-corona/. Please navigate to "+ eligible applicants".

The guidelines explaining under which conditions your business is entitled to immediate payments, can be downloaded from https://www.verkuendung-bayern.de/baymbl/2020-156/ (BayMBl. 2020 of 27.03.2020, No. 156).

Before submitting an application, it is advisable to read the FAQ pages on the homepage of the government or the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

40. No immediate emergency payments (Sofortgeld “Corona”) for persons self-employed in secondary employment

Even if the regulation do not explicitly say so: "Self-employed/freelancers in secondary employment" (i.e. all those in a normal employment who run a small sideline business in their free time) do not, in principle, meet the criteria for being able to apply for immediate emergency payments. To do so, the problematic
economic situation that has would have to such as to threaten their existence, which is not likely in the case of a typical sideline business, especially as immediate cash benefits are of secondary importance. Wages, short-time work benefits, unemployment benefits and basic social security (Grundsicherung) for the self-employed should primarily be used to secure the liquidity of the part-time business. To avoid "false applications" (possibly leading to penal consequences), it is recommended to refrain from applying for "Sofortgeld Corona". Of course, there remains the possibility to apply for basic social security (Grundsicherung) for self-employed persons, tax deferral, etc.

41. Is the food supply in the Haßberge district secure?

The food supply of the population in the district is working without restrictions. Most other shops and restaurants etc. must comply with the restrictions of the Bavarian Government from Wednesday 18.03.2020. In the FAQ's 42 - 44 regulations for businesses and companies are described in more detail.

42. Are there restrictions for businesses?

The business world is experiencing partial restrictions imposed by the state government.

Until 26.04.2020 the only shops that were allowed to open were
- food retailers, beverage markets, banks, pharmacies, drugstores, medical supply stores, opticians, hearing aid acousticians, stores for press articles, branches of the letter and mail order business, post offices, DIY and garden centres, garden centres, tree nurseries, pet supplies, petrol stations, car repair shops, bicycle repair shops, dry cleaners and online trading businesses.

From 27.04.2020 it is legal to be open for
- car dealers, bicycle dealers, bookstores and
- all shops, department stores and shopping centres up to a maximum sales area of 800 m² may reopen, if the operator takes appropriate measures to ensure that the number of customers present in the shop at the same time does not exceed one customer per 20 m² of sales area.

It is permitted to reduce the sales area accessible to customers to a maximum of 800 square metres by means of barriers etc.

Grocery stores, DIY superstores, garden centres, the motor vehicle dealers and all other shops that have been allowed to stay open due to providing goods/services need for everyday life may continue to open more than 800 square metres.
The principle of "one customer for every 20 square metres of sales area" applies to all shops.

From 04.05.2020 on hairdressers, chiropodists and physiotherapists will also be allowed to open again. In these professions masks must be worn and special and strict hygiene-regulations must be followed.

On application, the responsible authorities in the district may grant exemptions for other businesses that are absolutely necessary to supply the population with necessary goods, provided that this is justifiable under the actual infection protection regulations. The opening of shopping centres and department stores is only permitted under the named exceptions. This applies for the time being from 18 March to 19 April 2020 inclusive.

If the opening of shops and similar businesses is permitted under the exceptions concerning supplying the population with existential goods, the opening hours for the shops are different from § 3 LadSchG:

a. on working days from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
b. on Sundays and public holidays from 12:00 to 18:00.

This applies for the time from 18 March to 10.05.2020.

A current positive list of businesses and shops which are allowed to remain open can be found on the homepage of the Haßberge district at www.hassberge.de.

You can find further information at https://www.hwk-ufr.de/coronavirus and www.wuerzburg.ihk.de/coronavirus

43. Are there any restrictions concerning gastronomy businesses?

As a result of the restrictions imposed Bavarian government, the catering industry/gastronomy businesses in Bavaria will be completely shut down and will be limited to TO-GO (without seating), Drive-In and delivery services. Possible changes at Whitsun are being considered and the decision on this will be announced in good time.

44. Are there restrictions for hotels and other forms of accommodation?

The operation of hotels and other forms of lodging and the provision of any accommodation for private tourist purposes is prohibited. This does not apply to hotels, lodging establishments and accommodation of any kind that accept exclusively business travellers for stays that cannot be postponed. Possible changes at Whitsun are being considered and the decision on this will be announced in good time.
45. Do all the waste disposal services still work? (Restmüll-, Bio-, Altpapier-, Gelbe Tonne)?

The collection of waste, organic waste, waste paper and the yellow bin on the set dates is secured and works. Until further notice it is possible to put out the residual waste bin (4-weekly, red lid) for the waste collection every 14 days. At the moment you are also allowed to put ONE additional garbage bag (usual domestic-size) next to the residual waste bin (Restmülltonne).

Due to the high risk of ignition, please only dispose of completely emptied spray cans in the yellow bin. Batteries and rechargeable batteries must not go into the yellow bin either - they should be disposed of at the local stores or the recycling centre. Households that do not have a yellow bin are requested to dispose of their empty sales packaging at the municipal recycling depots from Monday, 20.04.2020 (for opening hours, please see http://www.awhas.de). Collection by means of plastic bags (put next to the bins) ended on 20.04.2020.

In this context it is important to note that in order to protect waste disposal personnel and to contain further infections, households with
(a) suspected cases of COVID-19; and
(b) persons infected with coronavirus with only slight Corona symptoms
are required to dispose of their recyclable materials, waste paper, organic waste and sales packaging (yellow bin) via the residual waste bin. As an alternative to the residual waste bin, additional standard domestic-size garbage bags, which must be tied, can also be used for residual waste collection. Glass waste can, however, be disposed of separately as before.

Further information on waste management and disposal can be found on the homepage www.awhas.de.

46. Recycling yards / District waste centre

All municipal recycling yards in the district of Haßberge will be open again regularly from Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Private deliveries of waste and recyclable materials to the Wonfurt district waste centre are also permitted again during the daily business hours.

The collection of problematic waste at the recycling yards is still not possible at the moment.

To protect customers and employees, access to the premises is regulated at the recycling yards. Only a certain number of people are allowed on the recycling yard premises at the same time. Access to the premises is handled by appropriate
personnel. Customers waiting for admission in front of the recycling yard are urged to wait in their cars.

Furthermore, we would like to draw your attention to the following points:

- If you consider going to a recycling yard, waste disposal site or composting plants, it is important to consider whether this visit is necessary. "Clearing-out actions" must be postponed to a later date, as this is not a valid reason to leave your flat/house under the actual restrictions
- the instructions of the personnel must be followed
- staff at the recycling yard cannot help you to unload waste materials under any circumstances
- unloading must be carried out quickly
- a minimum distance of 2.00 m to other persons must be maintained

The opening hours of the central recycling facility at Wonfurt and the recycling yards as well as further information about waste disposal can be found at http://www.awhas.de – or under 09521/27-142.

47. Do buses and trains in the Haßberge district run according to the normal timetable?

As of Monday, 27 April 2020, with the gradual reopening of schools for the final and master classes the regular public transport's timetable is basically used again in the Haßberge district. Only the school bus line to Römmelsdorf is subject to a changed timetable: The bus in the afternoon at 15.35 clock only runs on Thursdays. The trips after 17.00 o'clock do not operate until further notice.

There may be changes at short notice due to a lack of drivers. Therefore, please always check with the respective transport company.

For the protection of the passengers and driving personnel, the following rules must be observed:

- From 27.04.2020 there all persons from the age of 6 years must wear a mask– meaning a mouth and nose protection - when waiting at roofed stops or train stations and when boarding public transport
- Entry and exit only at the rear door
- Please keep your distance – at least 1.50m whenever it is possible.

Anyone entering or staying in a means of transport or a public transport facility without covering their mouth and nose is committing an offence, which is punishable by a corresponding fine. Persons without mouth and nose protection are excluded from transport.
If you have any questions about the timetable, but also about the use of public transport, please contact your bus operator/bus company. Coach travels over long distances or in the context of tourism/holiday are still prohibited.

48. What about (public) events in the Haßberge district?

All events and meetings are prohibited nationwide until 03.05.2020, 24:00 hrs. Major public events remain prohibited at least until 31 August 2020. Blood donation events are not prohibited and will take place. Village or community festivals associated with putting up maypoles may not take place this year. Only commissioned companies or employees of municipalities are allowed to put up maypoles this year, but citizens may neither help nor watch. The typical pranks in the night between April 30 and May 1 can unfortunately also not take place this year.

Religious services are permitted from 04.05.2020 under the following conditions:

- maximum number of participants: 50 outdoors, whereas in buildings there can only be as many people as there are usable seats/spaces, with a minimum distance of 2 m between seats/spaces for participants
- minimum distance between participants: 1.5 m outdoors, in buildings 2 m.
- maximum duration: 60 minutes.
- obligation to cover your mouth and nose, exception: liturgical speaking and preaching.
- churches and religious communities have to provide infection-control concepts.

Political meetings/demonstrations are permitted from 04.05.2020 under the following conditions:

- maximum number of participants: 50
- only outdoors and stationary, with a minimum distance of 1.5 m between participants
- without distribution of flyers etc.
- maximum duration: 60 min
- maximum one meeting per calendar day with the same organiser
- or the same participants

Political meetings/demonstrations up to 03.05.2020:
Under current regulations, all assemblies (i.e. demonstrations and rallies) are prohibited until and including 03.04.2020 for reasons of infection control. Due to the special importance of the freedom of assembly, special permits may be granted in individual cases.

49. Are public amenities like libraries, swimming-pools and playgrounds open at the moment?
The operation of any facilities that are not necessary for everyday life but for leisure activities only is prohibited. These include in particular saunas and swimming pools, cinemas, conference and event rooms, clubs, bars and discotheques, amusement arcades, theatres, betting offices, club rooms, brothels, museums, guided tours of the city, sports halls, sports and playgrounds, golf courses, fitness studios, libraries, wellness centres, thermal baths, dance schools, zoos, amusement parks, further education and training centres, adult education centres, music schools and youth centres. **This applies from 17 March to 10.05.2020.** Only the state libraries and the libraries at universities and colleges can reopen from 27.04.2020 if they fulfil the new standards regarding hygiene and access.

50. Requests for supplies (from hospitals, family doctors and dentists, care facilities, midwives, medical supply shops and undertakers = qualified recipients)
At present, the district office cannot issue any material/medical supplies etc., as there is currently not enough material available. At present, it is not clear when the appropriate material will be available for distribution.

Private persons cannot be supplied with material by the district administration at all.

The district administration office is supposed to supply material to qualified recipients in the district. Requests concerning the need for medical and similar supplies should be sent to **psa-bedarf-corona@hassberge.de**. These requests are collected and evaluated according to their urgency.

Reading confirmations are sent by e-mail. If you have already made a request (including requests sent to the old address (**fuegk-material@hassberge.de**)), we would ask you to refrain from making further requests concerning the same case.

**We would like to point out again that your request can only be considered if the district administration has any appropriate material. This is currently **not** the case. We also regret that at current we do not know when this will be the case.** Supplying
such goods is not per se the responsibility of the district administration, **but the responsibility of each institution.**

51. **Materials/supplies – Donations and commercial offers to the District Administration**

If you would like to donate material or make a commercial offer, please contact the district administration via e-mail: psa-bedarf-corona@hassberge.de

52. **How can I help? Where do I get help? Citizens help Citizens**

An overview (no claim to completeness) with all private offers of help and initiatives, which now exist in the Haßberge district can be found at www.hassberge.de. The list is sorted according to communities. Other persons or groups who are willing to help and who are not yet included in this list can contact the Haßberge district office at 09521/27-297.

53. **Volunteers with medical or nursing/caring training wanted**

The Association of nurses/caregivers in Bavaria (VdPB), in coordination with the Bavarian State Ministry of Health and Care (StMGP), has launched the internet platform [https://www.vdpb-bayern.de/pflegepool-fuer-bayern](https://www.vdpb-bayern.de/pflegepool-fuer-bayern), for people with training or experience in the nursing/caring profession, medical-technical radiology assistants (MTRA), medical-technical laboratory assistants (MTLA), surgical assistants (OTA), anaesthesia assistants (ATA), medical assistants (MFA), emergency paramedics, pharmaceutical-technical assistants (PTA) and midwives who are not currently actively working in their profession can register voluntarily.

The volunteers who have registered in the nursing pool will be deployed as voluntary project-related members of the BRK (Bavarian Red Cross) in the event of a disaster on the basis of the BayKSG. In this way, they are entitled to exemption, as well as continued salary/wages payments (Art. 17 para. 1 BayKSG). During their assignment the volunteers are released from the obligation of working for their employer and continue to receive their wages/salary. Self-employed volunteers receive compensation for their loss of earnings.

54. **Do I have to wear a face mask in private?**

From Monday, 27 April 2020 onwards, everybody from the age of 6 years must wear a mask when using public transport and in all shops. This obligation to cover your mouth and nose applies to customers, people accompanying them and the staff in
shops, shopping centres, markets and in public transport vehicles (busses and trains, including the waiting areas, stations, bus stops etc.), in taxis and hired cars driven by chauffeurs.

It is sufficient to wear a so-called "everyday mask" or “citizen mask”. These are not high-quality masks like FFP2 masks, which still should mainly be kept available for medical staff, nurses and rescue-services. Everyday masks are simple masks for your mouth and nose, which are sewn from regularly available materials in different variations. If no such mouth and nose cover is available, you can hold or tie a scarf or shawl to cover your mouth and nose. It is important to note that the mask, scarf or shawl you use covers both your mouth AND nose. This simple mask or device used to cover your mouth and nose is either supplied by yourself or it will be offered by the shop.

Please note that the District Office does not provide private persons with protective masks.

A mouth and nose cover (protective mask) is primarily intended to protect other people from fine droplets and particles from the exhaled air of the person wearing such a cover/mask (protection of others).

Visors made of plastic are not sufficient to serve as mouth and nose covers, as the protection of others is not completely guaranteed. With visors droplets can still be dispersed, especially due to the openings at their top and bottom, thus endangering especially other persons of small height or risk groups.

Wearing visors can therefore only be regarded as additional protection for one's eyes and does not free the wearer from having to wear a mouth and nose protection (everyday mask) or even a higher quality FFP2 mask.

55. Compensation for loss of earnings due to childcare
Parents who have suffered loss of earnings because they had to stay at home with their children or because of the closure of day-care facilities and schools in accordance with the Infection Protection Act, will be compensated for this. For a maximum period of six weeks, compensation amounting to 67 per cent of the net loss of earnings suffered by the person with custody (maximum 2,016 euros/month) is granted and 80 per cent of the social security contributions based on gross income are paid.

Self-employed persons can file applications themselves, while employees must contact their employer to claim compensation. The employer is responsible for paying the compensation, acting as a paying agent for the district government, and can then apply to the latter for reimbursement within three months. The employee has to
demonstrate to the employer that no other reasonable possibility of care could be guaranteed during this period.

The new compensation scheme for childcare includes working parents with custody rights for children under the age of 12. People with disabilities who depend on help, or foster parents that have taken children into their household in full-time care, can also apply for compensation. If they have to look after these children themselves because the care facilities or schools were temporarily closed under to the Infection Protection Act and the parents concerned suffer a loss of earnings as a result.

No compensation under this regulation is paid if you are ill. Sick employees receive the six-week continued payment by their employer and then the sickness benefit of the statutory health insurance. In case of illness, self-employed persons are covered by corresponding benefits from private insurance companies.

If there are other possibilities for the statutory, tariff-defined, company or individual continued payment of remuneration, these should be used first. This is the case, for example, if the employee with custody rights is still entitled to holiday time from previous years. A compensation claim does not apply even if the employee is entitled to a cash benefit for holidays not taken. If employees can work in flexible locations (e.g. home office) under reasonable conditions they have to look after their children themselves.

The online application form and further information can be found on the website of the Bavarian State Ministry of Health and Care at https://www.stmgp.bayern.de/coronavirus/massnahmen/#Elternhilfe.