

NEWS ON CORONAVIRUS IN PORTUGAL

23.03.2020

Total cases:

1600

Cases
per million citizens:

157

PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

A STATE OF EMERGENCY
DECLARED ON MARCH 18
QUARANTINE UNTIL APRIL 2

ALLOWED:

✗ land border controls from 16 March until 15 April

✗ suspension of flights outside the EU except of flights from Portuguese-speaking countries, UK, USA, Canada, Venezuela and South Africa

✗ restaurants, most shops, nightclubs and bars closed

✗ public gatherings are banned, suspension of the right to strike and restrictions to protests

✗ public transport services operating at reduced levels

✗ suspension of classroom teaching activities at least until April 9

ARMED FORCES CAN BE DEPLOYED TO ENFORCE THE MEASURES

Cross border workers, goods traffic and people returning to their place of residence allowed to travel abroad

Supermarkets, pharmacies, bakeries, petrol stations and banks opened but with capacity restrictions

restaurants allowed to provide takeaway services

remote work & education recommended

PORTUGAL'S FIRST COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING CENTRE!

- opened on 18 March in Porto
- able to carry out a total of 400 tests per day
- is reserved only for people referred by health officials

4,3%GDP

GOVERNMENT'S AID PACKAGE
announced on 19 March 2020

EUR
9,2bn

1. Mitigation of economic impact

SECTORS MOST AFFECTED



HOTELS



TOURISM



RESTAURANTS



TEXTILES



CLOTHING



WOOD



MSE

MEASURES

- credit lines to support companies' treasury
- 60 million credit line for micro-enterprises in the tourism sector
- simplified lay off: support for the maintenance of employment contracts
- exemption from the payment of Social Security contributions
- acceleration of payments to companies by the Public Administration
- PT 2020: payment of incentives within 30 days
- financial incentives to ensure the normalization phase of the activity (up to a Minimum Wage per worker)
- strengthening the response capacity of Turismo de Portugal
- extension of deadlines for payment of taxes and other declaratory obligations

2. Social protection of workers and families



- financial support for employees, self-employed workers who have to stay at home to accompany their children up to 12 years old
- postponement of contributions payment for self-employed workers
- support for professional training for workers without occupation
- allocation of sickness benefit is no longer subject to a waiting period
- allocation of childcare and grandchildren subsidies in case of prophylactic isolation without dependence on the warranty period

3. Justice



- exceptional regime for suspension of deadlines, just impediment, justification of absences and postponement of due diligence

