

# NEWS ON CORONAVIRUS IN POLAND

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**Total cases:**

**7582**

**Cases per million citizens:**

**200**

## NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES:

Poland's GDP in 2020 will probably shrink by 4.5% y/y (ING data)

Every 4th person employed in the economy (4.2 m ppl) works in industries exposed to the economic effects of restrictions

~70% of Polish micro-enterprises recorded a decline in revenues in March

Industries affected the most account for 27% of the GDP

- 16% trade
- 6% transportation
- 1% accommodation & gastronomy
- 1% entertainment & leisure
- 1% other services (hairdressing, beauty, fitness clubs)
- 2% travel agencies, cleaning and security services

- THE CURRENT RULES FOR PROTECTION EXTENDED TO **APRIL 19**
- AIR AND INTERNATIONAL RAIL TRAFFIC SUSPENDED UNTIL **APRIL 26**
- CLOSING NATIONAL BORDER UNTIL **MAY 3**

## OPPORTUNITIES:

increase of gross market value of e-commerce orders in March 2020 by 68% y/y (IdoShell)

The biggest increases in e-commerce in March 2020:

- groceries
- health and beauty (pharmacies, online drugstores)
- books and multimedia
- gifts and accessories
- home and garden industry

Increase of online book sales by 120% in March

Increase in sales value of antibacterial gels (by 2000%), spirit (687%), yeast (by 467%)

**New!**

## INTRODUCTION OF CORRESPONDENCE VOTING IN THE MAY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Adopted by Sejm and awaiting now Senate approval. This will be the only form of voting available.



The Shield 2.0 adopted by Sejm on 9th April will go to the Senate on 15-16th April

- PLN 100 bn (4,5%GDP) "financial shield" to help MSMEs companies maintain jobs and prevent mass bankruptcies:
  - ➔ PLN25bn to micro-enterprises (employing at least one employee)
  - ➔ PLN50bn to small and medium enterprises
  - ➔ PLN25bn to large enterprises
- exemption from 50% ZUS contributions for 3 months for small enterprises employing 10 to 49 employees and 100% for social cooperatives
- additional 14-day care allowance for taking care of children up to 8 years old

## SOLIDARITY ACTIVITIES



**AID**

- Santander Bank Polska has transferred PLN2m for the purchase of necessary medical equipment to 8 Polish hospitals
- PKN Orlen donated PLN6m to support hospitals
- The PGNiG Group donated PLN4m for aid activities - PLN1m will go to medical facilities in the cities where the Group companies operate
- The company Drutex has announced that it will finance the renovation of one and the equipment of four hospitals located in Pomorskie voivodeship
- the Azoty Group provided PLN 750,000 to hospitals and aid institutions



**R&D**

- Polish start-up Mudita designed a "simple and inexpensive to manufacture breathing apparatus called Breath
- #DrukarzeDlaSzpitala (Printers for hospital) action concerns the production of protective equipment thanks to the use of 3D printing technology that is equipped by universities, technology parks, and companies
- The National Center for Research and Development announced that PLN 200 m. Enterprises who work on diagnostics, treatment, and prevention of viral diseases can apply for the European funds under the Fast Path "Coronavirus"



**IMPROVEMENT IN PAYMENTS**

- The Polish Chamber of Commerce has launched the "I will not let you close" campaign based on a system of advance payments for services
- Kaufland shortens the payment period for suppliers
- PERN shortening invoice payment deadlines



**GOOD PRACTICES**

- Polish dress-makers will sew protective masks for health care
- Go! e-Commerce educational initiative is 3 cycles of free online workshops that will allow many businesses to survive the crisis
- #zostanwpolsce (#stayinpoland) is an action supporting domestic entrepreneurs from sectors that are most affected by the current situation and encourage people to plan a holiday in the country, to choose products of Polish producers and to use the services of family businesses and companies with Polish capital



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