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# The alert state ends at midnight. Mandatory measures become recommendations

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The state of alert came into effect on May 15, 2020, after two months of emergency. The first case of Covid in the country was detected on February 26, 2020.

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**March 8 is the last day that Romania will be under alert because of Covid. All mandatory measures - including wearing a mask inside - will become recommendations starting Wednesday at 00:01.**

The lifting of the state of alert in Romania was announced on March 4, by President Klaus Iohannis, and Alexandru Rafila, Minister of Health, explained on Tuesday the legislative changes that will enter into force after midnight.

Main changes starting March 9:

- the mask will no longer be mandatory, neither in open spaces nor in closed spaces, but will be recommended;
- the operating schedule of commercial activities will no longer be limited;
- the number of people will no longer be limited to events or other activities, and their access will be made without the presentation of the green certificate;
- people confirmed with Covid are no longer checked for compliance;
- entry into Romania will be made without the Covid electronic certificate;
- there will be no more units dedicated to patients with Covid;

Alexandru Rafila specified that, in fact, by raising the alert status, all restrictions will be lifted, even if Romania is still in a phase of community transmission.

The Minister of Health made "professional recommendations" so that the number of infections does not increase much. "Individual prudence and responsibility must be the main attributes of the next period," he said.

The recommendations of the Minister for the Population are: to wear the mask in crowded spaces, in public transport and in enclosed spaces; hand washing and use of an antiseptic; testing for people with symptoms and receiving specific treatment; isolation in case of illness.

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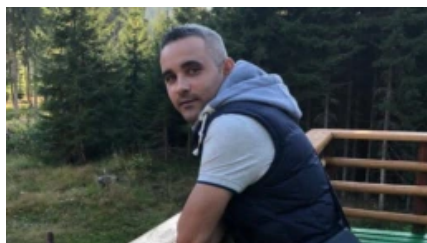


Rafila said that quarantine could be maintained, but that a decision in this regard should be taken by the National Committee for Emergency Situations.

Regarding travel to other countries, he warned Romanians that "most European countries keep this certificate, to consult the conditions of travel."

According to [avocatnet.ro](https://www.avocatnet.ro), the PLF form will have to be completed in 72 hours before entering Romania and no later than 24 hours after crossing the border, because GEO 129/2021 on its use is not related to the alert status. The government has said it will make a decision.

Another important measure from a legislative point of view is that the expired identity documents will be able to be used for another 90 days from the lifting of the alert status, during which time they will have to be renewed.



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## How Romania presents itself when the state of alert is raised

The state of alert was introduced in Romania on May 15, 2020, after two months of emergency. The first case of Covid in the country was detected on February 26, 2020.

On [the last day of the alert](#), 5,461 new cases of Covid and 101 deaths were recorded. There were 696 patients in intensive care.

More than 115,000 people confirmed with Covid are either in solitary confinement at home or in quarantine at home, but also in isolation or institutionalized quarantine.

As of Tuesday, the total number of people detected with Covid in Romania was 2,776,910 cases. Also, 64,094 people confirmed confirmed with coronavirus.

3,052 doses of Covid vaccine were given on Tuesday. According to CNCAV, so far 8,114,415 people have been vaccinated, 8,076,153 receiving the full schedule and 2,542,833 being immunized with the third dose.



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