

# Corona: Information and measures

We are implementing the measures that have been imposed by the Belgian National Security Council to contain the further spread of coronavirus and protect at risk groups. Hereby we provide you an overview of these measures, that are applicable until April 5th 2020. We are taking a step back temporarily, in hopes of being able to share a healthy, even more dazzling city with you after this date.

## What is coronavirus?

At the end of 2019, a novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 ) was detected in China. The virus has since spread to Belgium. The Belgian health authorities are doing everything possible to protect everyone's health. You can find all the information about this virus online at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/>.

## Can I still travel to Antwerp from abroad?

Belgium has closed its borders to all non-essential travel. You can no longer visit Antwerp travelling from abroad.

## Can I visit Antwerp when I am in Belgium?

All non-essential travel in Belgium is forbidden, everyone needs to remain at home. The movement of people in Belgium is only allowed when absolutely necessary as in travel to work, for basic necessities (food, pharmacy, post, bank or gas) or for health reasons

## Antwerp Convention Bureau

The ACB Team is at your service to answer any questions you may have. Site visits and introductory visits are temporarily cancelled. Please let us know how we can assist you after 5 April. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are searching for a solution for your event or conference as a result of these new measures. Do you have questions? Contact one of our employees at: +32 (0)3 338 95 83 or via mail: [info@antwerpconventionbureau.be](mailto:info@antwerpconventionbureau.be).

## Cafés, restaurants, hotels, shops and leisure and sports activities

- Events venues and conference venues will remain closed (Lotto Arena, FMCCA, Sportpaleis, Handelsbeurs, Waagnatie, Antwerp Expo,...).
- Museums, churches, cultural centres and sports centres will remain closed.
- All events will be cancelled or postponed.
- Clubs, cinemas, cafés and restaurants will be closed. Home delivery and drive-in are also allowed.
- The Antwerp zoo is closed, the parks will remain open for the time being.
- All museum tours and city walks are cancelled.
- Hotels are allowed to remain open but only for essential travels and all rules regarding social distancing must be respected. All the restaurants in hotels are closed. Check the hotel websites for further information.
- Only food shops, animal feed shops, newsstands and chemist will remain opened, also on weekends. No other types of shops will be opened.

## Public transport

Public transport will continue to operate but must be organised in such a way that passengers can maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from each other. The authorities have, however, requested that you limit your use of public transport to essential travel and essential times, preferably outside the rush hour. Please also pay attention to basic hygiene.

## Travel

- This essential travel is currently allowed: to food shops, the doctor, the post office, the bank, the chemist, to refuel a vehicle or assist people in need
- Physical exercise outdoors is also permitted. It is vital that you maintain a reasonable distance.
- Gatherings are not permitted.

**Cruiseships**

Cruise ships may moor in the city and stock up on supplies. They may not disembark in the city, however, meaning passengers may not leave the ship.

**What should I do?**

Pay even more attention to hygiene: wash your hands with soap and water, cough and sneeze in the crook of your arm, don't kiss others, do not shake people's hands, maintain a safe distance and stay at home if you feel sick.