

City: Zaragoza (ES)

This series of fact sheets includes measures taken by the above-mentioned regional authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various regional authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

Contextual information

Territory concerned by measures

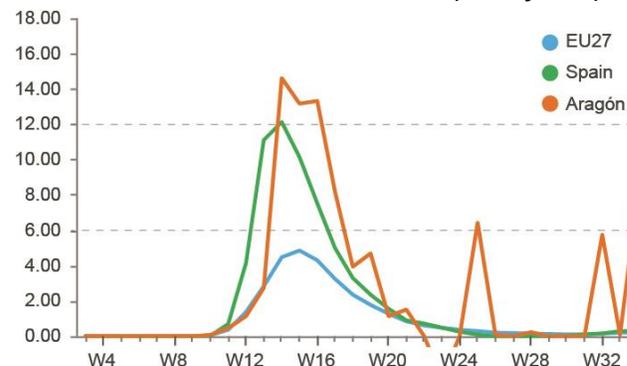
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Iași.

General informationⁱ

Type of territory	City
City population (2018)	675 000
FUA population (2018)	769 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	High

*COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants shown at the corresponding NUTS2 level (Aragón)

COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



Policy answers at local level - Measuresⁱⁱ

Health security	Date	Perspective ⁱⁱⁱ
• Free public transport for auxiliary services & health personnel.	24-Mar	ST
• Free parking spaces for workers of hospitals and clinics.	1-Apr	MT
• Daily disinfection of all bizis (citybikes) and stations.	27-Apr	ST/ MT
• Hydrogel dispensers in public transportation system.	14-May	ST/ MT
• Mandatory use of face masks in public spaces.	20-May	ST/ MT
Daily way of life and work		
• Limitation of bus and tram capacity.	19-Mar	ST
• Transforming various city streets on walking streets during weekends to facilitate social distancing + All the streets of Zaragoza: limiting the maximum speed to 10 and 30 km/h.	7-May	ST/ MT/ LT
• Adaptation of urban bus frequency.	11-May	ST
• Refunded tickets in municipal theaters.	29-May	ST
Support to vulnerable populations		
• Home delivery service for vulnerable people	1-May	ST/ MT
• Food and water for elderly	1-May	ST
• Helpline for vulnerable people	5-May	ST
• Support for homeless people (food, shelter, etc.)	20-May	ST/ MT
Support to economic actors & recovery		
• Shops, hotels and companies without activity during the state of alarm, are exempt from a series of local taxes.	10-Mar	ST
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• The Zaragoza City Council is not going to initiate legal actions to regain possession of any of its municipal homes nor is it going to claim rents. It also suspends the aforementioned launches of	1-May	ST

- municipal housing until the end of the state of alarm period.
- Extension of night tables and terraces 9-May MT/ LT
 - Initiative “We will return if you return”: visibility will be given to the shops of the city and the people behind it. Each business will design exclusive promotions and experiences that citizens can download to enjoy when the businesses reopen at the end of the lockdown. 9-May MT/ LT
 - Training: online courses that promote the digitization of small businesses. 1-Jul MT

Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit
Health security	✓			
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓	✓	
Support to vulnerable populations	✓			
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓	✓	✓	

ⁱ Data source: EUROSTAT (*urb_pop1* and *urb_cpop1*), and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh.).

ⁱⁱ Sources used: <https://www.zaragoza.es/sede/portal/coronavirus/>

ⁱⁱⁱ ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.