

City: Katowice (PL)

This series of fact sheets only includes measures taken by the above-mentioned city 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 city 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

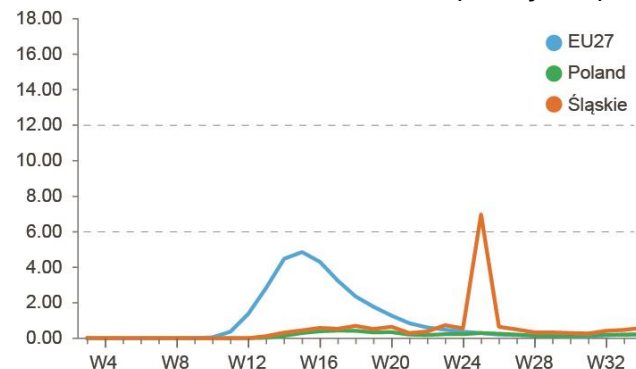
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Katowice.

General information¹

Type of territory	City
City population (2014)	302 000
FUA population (2014)	2 562 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	Low

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

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



Policy answers at local level - Measures²

Health security	Date	Perspective ³
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sending buses to collect samples from residents 	28 Apr	ST
Daily way of life and work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support for cultural workers and cultural organisations during the pandemic Exemption from rent for artists Payment of the full amount of the subsidy for non-public nurseries 	5 May 5 May 28 Apr	ST / MT ST ST
Support to vulnerable populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
Support to economic actors & recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online database with the companies that can offer online services or offering financial and legal advice Exemption of businesses from property tax, rubbish collection charges and rent in municipal building Co-financing of a part of the labor costs of NGO employees by PUP Katowice Tax exemption for NGOs and support for NGOs that support the fight against the coronavirus Creation of the Crisis Advisory Point for Katowice companies 	29 Apr 29 Apr 16 Apr 16 Apr 8 May	MT / LT ST / MT ST / MT ST / MT ST / 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	✓		✓	

¹ Data source: EUROSTAT (*urb_pop1* and *urb_cp0p1*), 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.).

² Sources: <https://koronawirus.katowice.eu/>; EUROCITIES;

³ ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term