

City: Oslo (NO)

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

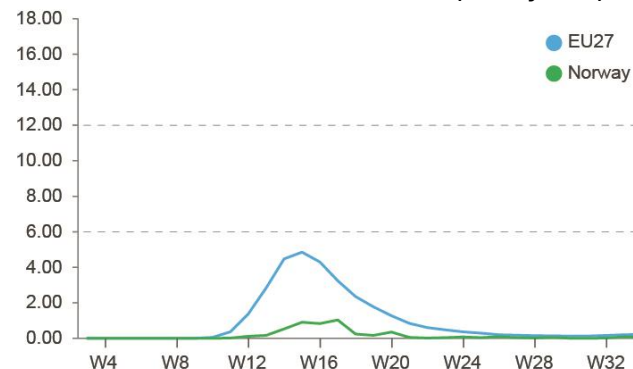
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Oslo.

General information¹

Type of territory	City
City population ()	624 000
FUA population (2013)	1 279 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	Low

*COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants shown at the corresponding national level (Norway).

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



Policy answers at local level - Measures²

Health security	Date	Perspective ³
Oslo Municipality opens support hotline for those who suspect they may be infected with Covid-19.	9-Mar	ST
Central crisis management is established in the municipality of Oslo.	11-Mar	ST
Information on Covid 19 will be sent to everyone in Oslo via SMS	11-Mar	ST
The Municipality of Oslo is developing a childcare program for socially critical staff with young children	12-Mar	ST
Call to wear masks not just on public transport.	21-Sep	ST
Registration of customers and visitors who stay more than 15 minutes in points of sale.	21 Sept.	ST
Recruitment of health professionals.	Mar	ST
City of Oslo opens seven outpatient clinics for Covid 19.	Mar	ST
Daily way of life and work		
The deployment of city bikes is accelerated, so that the bikes will be available in the next week, thus helping to reduce the pressure on public transport.	12-Mar	ST
Closure of all schools, kindergartens, libraries, sport facilities, museums, swimming pools.	12-Mar	ST
Support to vulnerable populations		
Multilingual support regarding COVID-19	12-Mar	ST
Increased capacity of health services	11-Aug	ST
Restricted hours for health centres and nursing homes	Mar	ST
Support to economic actors & recovery		
City Council is making a reserve of NOK 1.9 billion in revised budget for 2020 to cover extraordinary costs and lost income following the pandemic and funds for activity packages aimed at lowering unemployment in Oslo.	19-May	ST
The Municipality of Oslo adjusts the sales tax for alcohol by 50% for 2020. The municipality also offers the extension of the deadline for payment of the tax to September 1, both for sales and points of sale.	Mar	ST

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_lpop1* 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.).

² Main sources used: <https://www.oslo.kommune.no/>

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