

These are the rules for the winter season

On September 20, the Austrian Federal Government presented its roadmap for the winter. This overview summarizes the rough roadmap presented in the press conference of the federal government. As soon as more details are available, we will inform you again and provide an info sheet with all the applying rules.

The already existing staged plan for autumn also constitutes the basis for the winter season's regulations:

- **Stage 1: Currently valid**
- Stage 2: 7 days after the intensive care bed utilization rate of 15 % has been exceeded throughout Austria (300 occupied intensive care beds)
- Stage 3: 7 days after the intensive care bed utilization rate of 20 % has been exceeded throughout Austria (400 occupied intensive care beds)

For the individual areas, this means:

Catering and accomodation

- **Stage 1 (currently valid):** 3G-Rule: Guests must present a valid negative test result, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. Antigen tests are only valid for 24 hours instead of 48 hours.
- **From Stage 2:** Antigen tests for self-administration („living room tests“) are no longer valid as entry requirement
- Should **stage 3** come into force, even rapid antigen tests (e.g. test lane or pharmacies) will no longer be accepted as entry requirement. Then, only a valid negative PCR test result, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery will be accepted as entry requirement.

Cable cars

- **Stages 1 (currently valid) to 3:** Visitors of the cable car operations are required to wear a FFP2 mask.
- From the beginning of the season (October): introduction of the **3G rule:**
- 3G verification is to be checked when tickets are sold. A feasible implementation for operators and visitors is currently being worked on (for example, introduction of automatic control for online ticket sales).
- Visitors must carry their valid 3G certificate with them at all times and show it during random checks.
- The obligation of wearing a FFP2 mask continues to apply.

Après Ski and night gastronomy



- The same rules generally apply for après-ski as for night gastronomy.
- **Stage 1 (currently valid):** Guests must present a valid negative PCR test result, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. Antibody proofs or antigen tests are not sufficient.
- **From Stage 2:** For night catering establishments and après-ski, the 2G rule (vaccinated and recovered - no tests as proof) will be introduced.
- Regulation for **unvaccinated employees:** mandatory wearing of a FFP2 mask as well as regular testing by means of PCR test - at least 3 times per week.

Advent and Christmas markets



- **Stage 1:** Since September 15th 2021, the following rules apply for advent and christmas markets as occasional markets (not only mere commodity markets):
 - Access with 3G proof: Valid negative test result, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. Antigen tests are only valid for 24 hours instead of 48. A viable solution for operators and visitors is currently being worked on.
 - From an expected number of visitors of more than 500 persons, every occasional market must obtain a permit from the locally competent district administrative authority.
- **From Stage 2:** Antigen tests for self-administration („living room tests“) are no longer valid as entry requirement
- Should **stage 3** come into force: rapid antigen tests will no longer be accepted as entry requirement. (entry only with valid negative PCR test result, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery).

The following applies to all areas: If the infection rates make it necessary, the federal government can decide on measures that go beyond level 3 - in particular restrictions for the unvaccinated. We will continuously keep you informed.