

Operations In the Municipality of Hornafjörður Following Stricter Infection Control Guidelines.

Following the rapid increase in Covid infections in the community, the government has decided to tighten disease control measures to combat the spread of infection. Today, on Monday, October 5th [new regulations](#) were passed where the Minister of Health decided to adopt the disease control measures proposed by the [Chief Epidemiologist in Iceland](#) to a large extent. The key changes are these:

- The main rule is that the maximum limit for gatherings has been lowered to 20 people.
- The exception to this is a 50 person maximum at funerals and 100 person maximum in certain stores.
- This will neither affect the operation of pre-schools and primary schools nor children's sports activities.
- In colleges and universities, there will be a limit of 25 people, with reference to the most common class size.
- Fitness centers will be closed, but swimming pools will remain open with a stricter gathering limit or 50% of the permitted maximum capacity according to the operating license.
- Pubs, clubs and arcades will be closed.
- The one-meter rule remains as well as the obligatory use of facemasks where it is not possible to guarantee a distance of one meter.
- Sports contests are permitted but the 1 meter proximity limit in changing rooms, and in other areas outside of competition and training, must be respected. Up to 50 people are allowed to gather to practise and compete.
- For the performing arts, music, filming and similar activities; the same applies as with sports with regard to exceptions from the 1 meter rule.

The National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police has declared a state of emergency in consultation with the Chief Epidemiologist, due to infections caused by COVID-19. The Chief Epidemiologist therefore instructs those who are particularly susceptible to infection, i.e. those who have underlying diseases and the elderly, to pay particularly close attention to disease control and avoid human all unnecessary human contact.

How This Affects Operations in the Municipality of Hornafjörður

The main principle is to follow the recommendations of the authorities and monitor the development of infections locally. The current status as of today, is that the number of infections has not increased, there are 6 individuals in isolation and two individuals in quarantine according to [The HSU website](#).

- The reception at the town hall is open, but individuals must make an appointment with the staff and all visitors are obliged to wear masks.
- The utility center is closed, contact 470 8027.
- The weighing is closed, contact 470 8025.
- The library is open with the same opening hours but staff is mindful of disease control and distance limitations.
- Operations in Ekran.
 - Open for day training but closed to outside visitors.

- Hot lunches are served daily.
- Coffee service on Wednesdays is temporarily suspended during the ban.
- Individuals at Ekran are encouraged to use face masks where it is not possible to adhere to the 1 meter rule.
- The Skjólgarður nursing home will not be permitting visitations as a general rule.
- Schools will operate as before.
- The swimming pool is open, based on the current gathering restrictions.