

Health security instructions for Lapland's tourism and restaurant sector

These health security instructions have been updated in cooperation with the sector on 2 October 2020. These instructions apply to tourism and restaurant sector activities as well as international tourism, domestic tourism and services provided for local inhabitants.

Central issues that must be taken into account for the health security of activities:

- Use of face masks by customers and employees for all activities occurring indoors. The use of face masks shall also apply to evening restaurant and bar activities and parties. All employees working in customer service or those who come into direct contact with customers must use face masks, if no protective screens are in use.
- Use of the Koronavilkku contact tracing app by customers and employees. Employers that make use of the Koronavilkku app compulsory are doing an important deed for promoting occupational health and safety.
- Restaurateurs are asked to pay special attention to the air ventilation and filtration of their restaurant premises, and for the possibility of customers to stay in a certain area or within their own group while at the restaurant. It should also be noted that lowering the noise levels in the restaurant will also allow people to chat without compromising social distancing rules.
- Restaurateurs and evening event organisers are requested to gather contact details from all customers, in case infections need to be traced.

When organising public events, the decision LAAVI/1227/2020 issued by the Regional State Administrative Agency of Lapland should be taken into consideration. This decision states that public gatherings with more than 50 attendees may only be organised if safety can be guaranteed according to the instructions issued by THL (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare) and OKM (Ministry of Education and Culture).

Copy of the decision issued by the Regional State Administrative Agency of Lapland for its jurisdictions dated 22 September 2020 based on Section 58 of the Communicable Diseases Act (in Finnish).

http://www.avi.fi/documents/10191/17217812/LAAVI_1227_2020+p%C3%A4%C3%A4t%C3%B6s+TTL+58+%C2%A7%20yleis%C3%B6tilaisuudet+lokakuu%281%29.pdf/0175ebe3-554b-479f-b1c7-59545e74085d

Instructions issued by THL and OKM (in Finnish): Instructions for preventing coronavirus infections at public events and gatherings, and instructions for the use of public spaces 21 September 2020 (in Finnish).

<https://minedu.fi/documents/1410845/22330894/Ohje+yleis%C3%B6tilaisuuksiin+yleisiin+kokoontumisiin+ja+julkisten+tilojen+k%C3%A4ytt%C3%B6%C3%B6n+21.9.2020.pdf/bef30f76-8187-9d78-1444-bb0686c8eeb6/Ohje+yleis%C3%B6tilaisuuksiin+yleisiin+kokoontumisiin+ja+julkisten+tilojen+k%C3%A4ytt%C3%B6%C3%B6n+21.9.2020.pdf?version=1.3&t=1600765844124>

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