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1. COVID-19 pandemic in Croatia





COVID-19 in Croatia

BEGINNING

- February 25, 2020 - First case
- March 19, 2020 - more than 100 cases
- March 21, 2020 - 200 cases
- March 27, 2020 - more than 500 cases
- April 2, 2020 - more than 1.000 cases



COVID-19 in Croatia

BEGINNING





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Government set:

- www.koronavirus.hr
- special telephone number 113
- mobile application "Stop COVID-19"



COVID-19 in Croatia

LOCKDOWN

- March 16, 2020 - all educational institutions closed
- Online classes for 5th – 8th grades of primary schools and all grades of secondary schools
- Public TV program for lower grades of primary schools



COVID-19 in Croatia

RELEASE OF MEASURES IN 3 PHASES

- **Phase 1: April 27, 2020**
opening of shops, public transport, training
- **Phase 2: May 4, 2020**
full work of the health system, hairdressers, beauticians, barbers
- **Phase 3: May 11, 2020**
gatherings of up to 10 people, work of shopping centers, kindergartens, classrooms



COVID-19 in Croatia

NEW NORMAL

Horizontal epidemiological measures:

- physical distancing, the highest hygienic standards and space disinfection
- work from home, remote meetings, raised temperature and respiratory syndromes -> exclusion from workplace
- face masks are mandatory in all closed spaces and public transport
- stay at home recommendation for elderly people, people with chronic diseases and other people at increased risk of COVID-19
- public gathering restrictions
- schools: combination of normal and teleworking



COVID-19 in Croatia

ASSESSMENT OF INFECTION IN POPULATION

- June 2020: antibodies to coronavirus detected in less than 2% (80 000) of the total Croatian population
- mid-July 2020: antibodies to coronavirus detected in 2.4 % of the total population



COVID-19 in Croatia

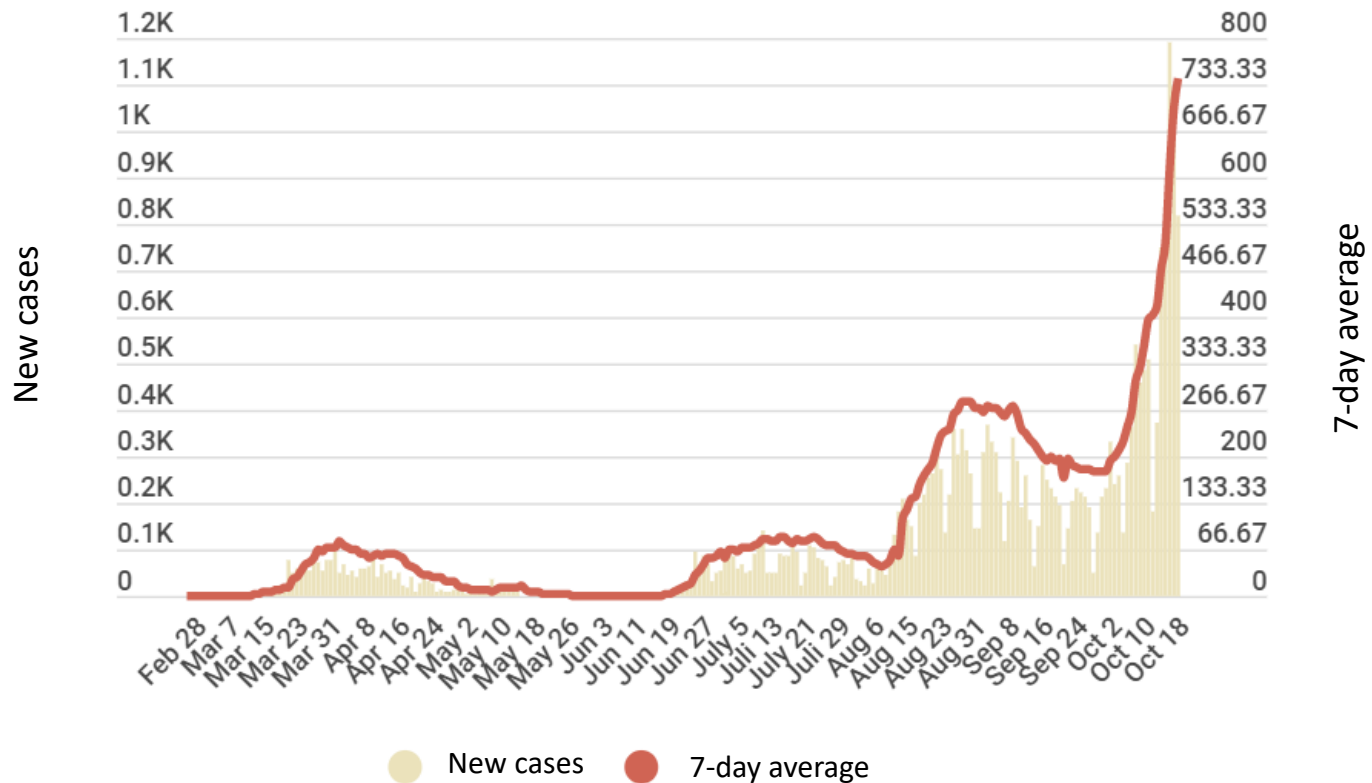
CURRENT SITUATION (18.10.2020)

- 25 580 confirmed cases
- 363 died
- 7 day incidence of COVID-19 cases/100000 pop.
125,7
- 385 072 people tested (10% of total population)



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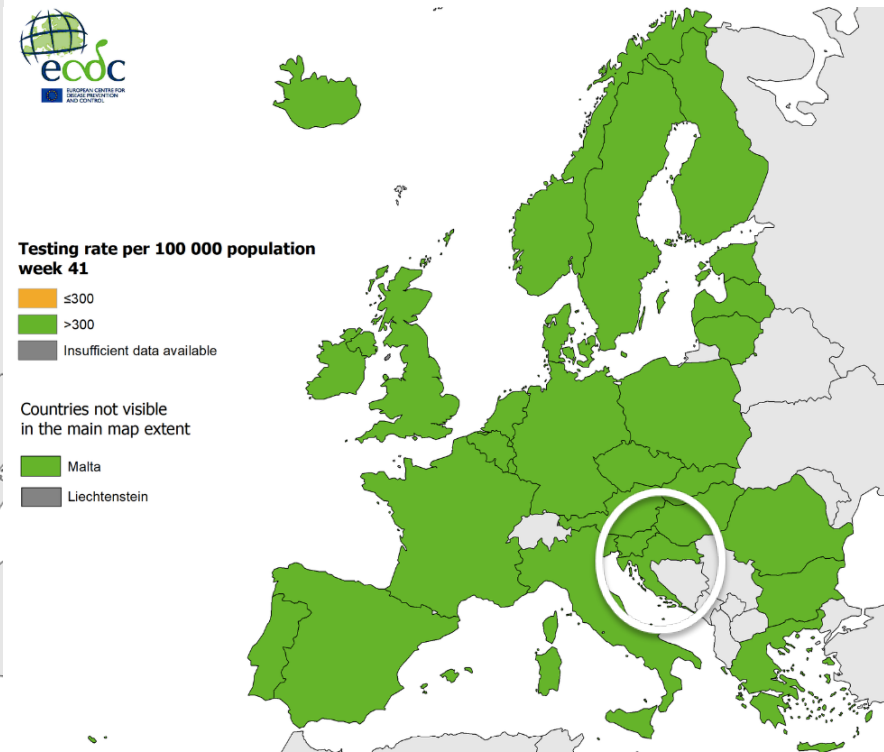
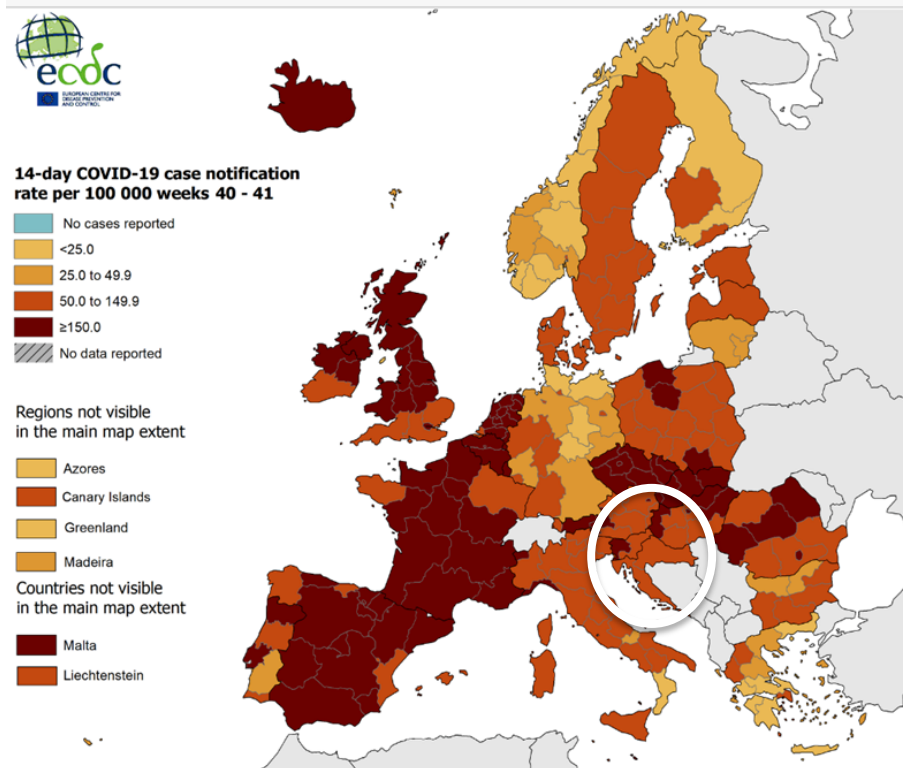
CURRENT SITUATION





COVID-19 in Croatia

CURRENT SITUATION – EU context





COVID-19 in Croatia

CURRENT SITUATION

Weekly rate of new hospital COVID-19 admissions



ECDC. Figure produced 15 October 2020.
Source: ECDC database compiled from public online sources

Croatia: Weekly rate of new ICU COVID-19 admissions

source ECDC



COVID-19 in Croatia

Organization of hospital health care

14 March - 4 May mobilization of the health care system

- organization of special hospitals („respiratory centers”) and adjustment of pre existing facilities for COVID positive patients
- assignment of medical staff to those facilities (anesthesiologists, pulmonologists) and re assignment of some colleagues to other non-COVID hospitals
- organization of work in 14-day shifts (depending on the capacities of the department/service) – 1/3 working, 1/3 on call, 1/3 at home
- treatment only for emergency and oncologic patients; outpatient service put on hold
- ban on the use of annual leave
- ban on working outside public health facilities (for those employed in them)

19 October - onward

- Reinstallation of previous measures



2. Croatian Medical Chamber during COVID-19 pandemic





Chamber & Pandemic

March 12, 2020

- **Webpage** containing latest coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)
 - instructions
 - recommendations
 - procedures

<https://www.hlk.hr/koronavirus-najnovije-informacije.aspx>



Chamber & Pandemic

March 19, 2020

- proposals for measures and procedures during the epidemic that were previously agreed and supported by the national professional societies (intensive care medicine, emergency medicine, anesthesiology, infectious diseases, cardiology)



Chamber & Pandemic

March 23, 2020

- urged for additional decisions from Ministry of Health to ensure the **continuity of parental care** for children of medical doctors and other health workers



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March 25, 2020

- requested from the Ministry of Health a **significant increase in the total number of tested persons** in Croatia and an **extension of the CNIPH criteria** for testing cases of suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection



Chamber & Pandemic

March 28, 2020

- president of Croatian Medical Chamber Krešimir Luetić, MD, PhD joined the **Expert group of the Crisis Headquarters of the Ministry of Health**



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April 7, 2020

- **humanitarian action** to raise financial aid for the purchase of personal protective equipment for doctors and other healthcare professionals



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April 21, 2020

- cooperation with Ruđer Bošković Technical School in Vinkovci on **protective visor production** using 3D printers
- **visor donation** through Chamber's county committees to doctors and other health professionals



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July 22, 2020

- two national umbrella medical organizations, Croatian Medical Chamber and Croatian Medical Association made join **public appeal to the citizens to behave responsibly** during the coronavirus epidemic



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September 23, 2020

- committee for Continuing Medical Education of CMC **awarded all members with 10 CME points** based on professional development by acquiring new knowledge about the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19 disease



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October 10, 2020

- Croatian Medical Chamber bought 15.000 pieces of PPE (FFP2 masks) to be distributed to medical professionals



Thank you for your attention!

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