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State-wide restrictions on going out in Baden-Württemberg / federal government and states agree to lockdown from December 16 / information for residents in border areas

No change in entry quarantine regulations / border crossings are still possible / however, staying outside the home in Baden-Württemberg is only permitted with a valid reason

In view of the extremely high infection rate, further measures were decided on to contain the coronavirus pandemic in Baden-Württemberg at the end of last week. Since Saturday, December 12, restrictions on going out apply to everyone present in Baden-Württemberg. Being outside your home is allowed <u>only for valid reasons</u>. Anyone who violates this is guilty of a misdemeanor.

In addition, the federal and state governments have agreed to impose a lockdown from December 16. Most retail stores will be closed. The only shops and supermarkets that may open are those for day-to-day needs and basic supplies. Schools and daycare centers for children will be closed. There will be emergency care for certain groups of people. Consumption of alcohol in public is prohibited.

Especially important for residents of border areas in France and Switzerland: the restrictions on going out apply regardless of the scope of the coronavirus entry quarantine regulation, as this only regulates the issue of who has to go into quarantine after entry. This means a border crossing without a subsequent obligation to quarantine is still possible based on the exception rules that have applied hitherto. This also still includes the 24-hour rule. What is new is that due to the restrictions on going out <u>if you are staying in Baden-Württemberg you need a valid reason</u>, as regulated in the coronavirus provisions. However, it should still be noted that not everything that is allowed is reasonable.



Specifically, the following applies in Baden-Württemberg in relation to the restrictions on going out among other things since December 12, 2020.

- Staying outside your home is only permitted if you have a valid reason to do so.
- You may leave your home at any time to carry out job-related activities and to accompany or care for individuals in need of support or minors.
- Shopping is only allowed from 5am to 8pm.
- Sports and exercise are only allowed in the open air from 5am to 8pm, but only on your own, with one other individual who does not live in the same household or with members of your own household.
- After 8pm, traveling to attend any private gatherings is prohibited.
- If you need to travel to someone in need of care, this is permitted at any time of the day or night.
- The use of medical services is permitted at all times.
- Care for animals such as taking them for walks is permitted at all times.
- Exceptions for restrictions of contact and going out are specified for the period between December 24 and 26. There will be no easing of these on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.