

Major events are cancelled. All public areas of the city of Mainz remain closed to the public. Schools are being prepared to start up classes again.

Today, the administrative staff of Mainz, under the leadership of Lord Mayor Michael Ebling, met with the head of the responsible health office Mainz-Bingen and made the following decisions based on the federal and state governments' regulations from April 15th, 2020.

- The following major events will be cancelled until 31 August 2020: Mainzer Johannisnacht, Weinfest im Kirchenstück, Ebersheimer Weinwanderung, Mainzer Bierbörse, Mainzer Sommerlichter, Mainzer Weinmarkt (first weekend 27-30 August 2020), "Summer in the City", Sommerschwüle, Seniorensommerfest, market breakfast. The Gutenberg Marathon and the Open Ohr festival have already been cancelled.
- All district festivals will be cancelled until July 2020. Whether and which district festivals can take place from August 2020 on will be decided at a later date.
- According to the state guidelines, stores up to 800 square meters of retail space can open again for business starting Monday 20 April 2020. The Ordnungsamt (public order office) of the state capital Mainz performs checks whether the requirements for hygiene and the control of access are complied with. The citizen's hotline will be staffed and can be contacted from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at 0 61 31 - 12 44 99 with all questions about the current legal regulation of the state, for example on topics such as the contact ban, cancelation of events and other regulations.
- All public areas of the city administration will remain closed to the public until 3 May 2020. In urgent cases, an appointment by telephone is still possible.
- All public sports venues, playgrounds and barbecue areas will remain closed until 3 May 2020.
- Museums, archives and libraries as well as the Peter-Cornelius-Konservatorium and the Volkshochschule Mainz will remain closed to the public until 3 May 2020. In the meantime, a concept for opening up with appropriate hygiene measures is being developed.
- The city, as the school authority, is working on the preparations for appropriate hygiene and protective measures for the schools. These include concepts for cleaning and surface disinfection, providing soap and paper towels for hand washing. In doing so, the city is following the country's guidelines.
- Emergency care in daycare centers will be maintained and expanded in accordance with the country's guidelines.
- Daycare, Krippe and Kindergarten fees (including Hort fees and school lunch fees) will continue to be suspended. This applies to public and private institutions.
- The youth centers will remain closed until 3 May 2020 and all events planned there will be canceled.
- The funeral halls at all Mainz cemeteries will remain closed until 3 May 2020. Funerals may continue to be attended by a maximum of 5 people.
- From 20 April 2020, the two large recycling yards of the city of Mainz will resume normal operations, with some restrictions. Starting 4 May 2020, the recycling yards in the districts will also open.

Lord Mayor Michael Ebling says: "Although we see a pleasing trend in the development of infection rates, as the rate of infection decreases, we may not reduce our efforts yet! We must continue to limit our contacts and distance ourselves while keeping together as a society. The prohibitions and restrictions are designed to protect all people from further infection. I am grateful that citizens are patient and disciplined, because that will allow us to further curb the development of the virus."

The administrative staff of the state capital Mainz will continue to monitor the further development of the spread of coronavirus infections and adapt its measures accordingly. The management staff will meet regularly.

Up-to-date information from the Mainz City Council on the protective measures to control coronavirus infections can be found at www.mainz.de/coronavirus.

<https://www.mainz.de/verwaltung-und-politik/verwaltungsorganisation/pressemeldung.php?showpm=true&pmurl=https://www.mainz.de/newsdesk/publications/Mainz/181010100000190996.php>