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# COVID-19

IN CROATIA



# Coronavirus pandemic in Croatia

Latest news on outbreak, 21.05.2020



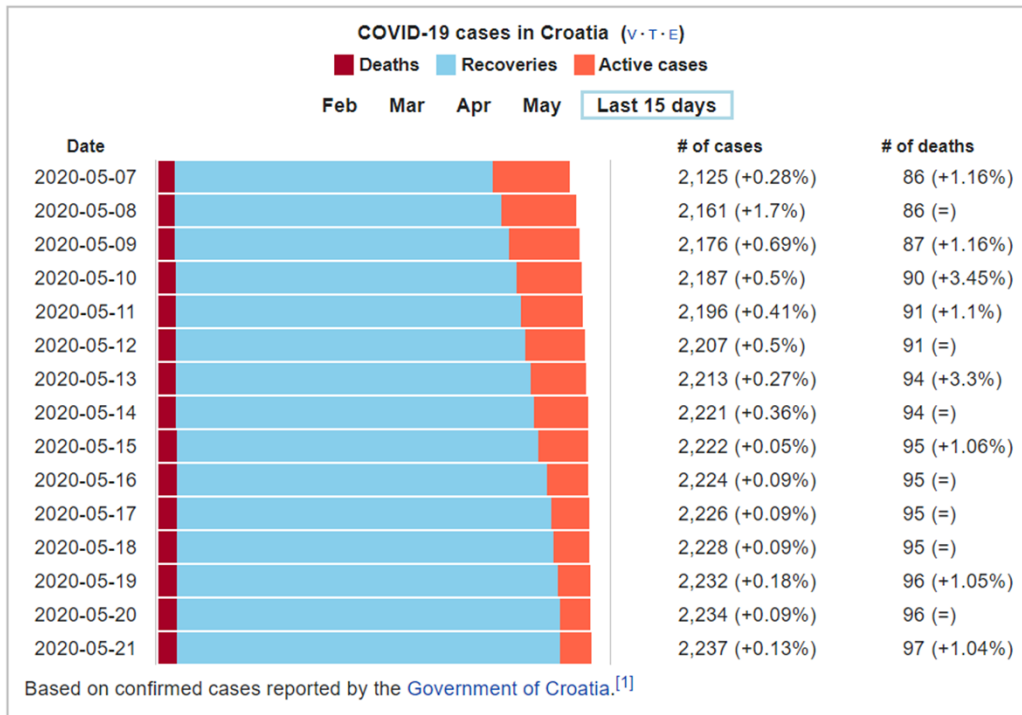
## Outbreak of Coronavirus in Croatia

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK

**On 19 May, four new cases were recorded.** The number of recovered increased by 21, while the number of patients on ventilators did not change. One death was reported.

**On 20 May, two new cases were confirmed. Eleven patients recovered, while the number of patients on ventilators decreased to eight.** No deaths were reported. The same day Croatian National Theatre Ivan pl. Zajc in Rijeka was reopened.

**On 21 May, three new cases were confirmed.** No recoveries were recorded, while the number of patients on ventilators increased to nine. One death was reported.



# Coronavirus Infographic

From latest news on 21.05.2020.

## COVID-19

### Situation in Croatia

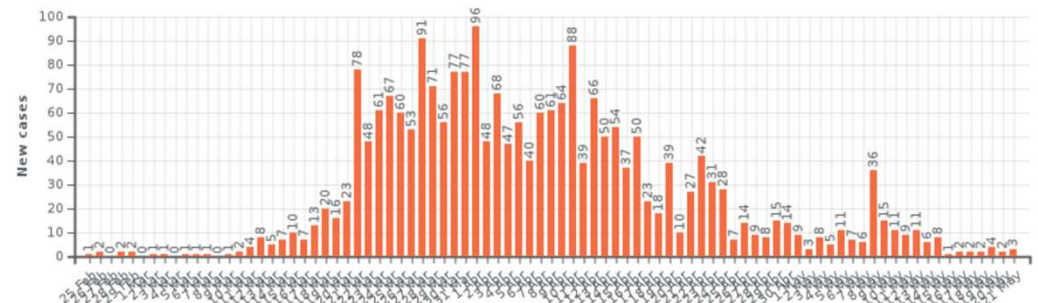
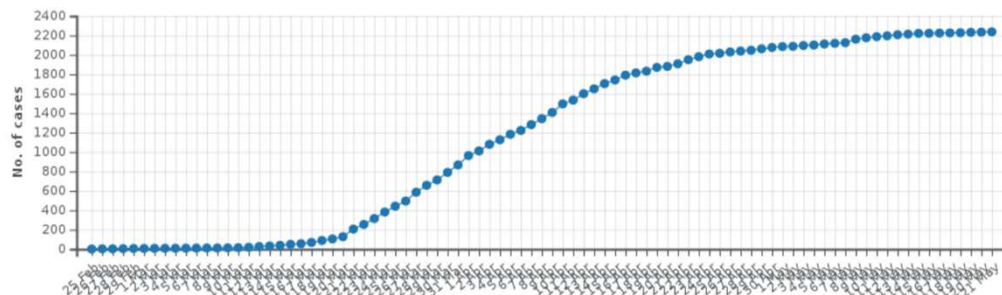
Croatia currently has one of the best epidemiologic situations in Europe. Croatia has handled the health threat from coronavirus extremely well, both in terms of measures taken and communication. The authorities reacted quicker than most as they watched the horror unfold across the Adriatic in Italy, and an extremely effective National Civil Protection Headquarters has kept infections and deaths well below the European average. And this despite the additional challenges brought on by the Zagreb earthquakes.

Croatia currently has 2,237 cases of infection, which has resulted in 97 deaths. The majority of cases - 1,978 - have recovered.

The authorities also moved quickly not only to close borders, but also to localise infection by severely restricting all unnecessary travel between municipalities. Its famous tourist islands have remained almost totally corona-free. Only those with an island ID were permitted to use the ferries, and only then with a special purpose. So in terms of its approach to the virus, and the results, there is perhaps nowhere better than Croatia.

And then question on everyone's lips is - when can we travel to Croatia, and is Croatia corona travel safe?

Nothing is totally safe in these very uncertain times, but I would say that COMPARATIVELY speaking, Croatia is as safe as anywhere in Europe to come for a holiday IF conditions allow





# Information on borders & travel

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Latest news from 14.05.2020.

# Croatian and EU Borders

COVID – 19 update on 21.05.2020



The European Union has closed its borders to all non-European Union residents. Travel within the European Union is restricted on a country by country basis. Croatia has barred admission to all travelers except Croatian citizens and foreign national residents returning home, foreign citizens departing to their home countries, diplomats, law enforcement, medical workers, transport workers, and others with legitimate travel needs on a case by case basis. **This entrance restriction is currently in effect through June 15, and we believe it won't be prologued.**

## **IMPORTANT NEWS**

EU citizens are allowed to enter/exit Croatia in case of economical, business, tourist activities (confirmed by documents). In case of business meetings non EU citizens can also enter Croatia. To check if you satisfy all necessary conditions to enter Croatia, you can find out at: [uzg.covid@mup.hr](mailto:uzg.covid@mup.hr)



# Travel Requirements

Latest news & updates



## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Key takeaways were that EU citizens can enter, but only with an official invitation, proof of ownership of property in Croatia, or accommodation reservation. The crossing procedure currently takes 5-8 minutes. This is because in addition to checking your passport, they are manually adding all the details about your stay into the system. This is so that they can contact you in case of an outbreak of corona. By knowing where you are staying, they can monitor the situation. This is why I THINK (but please check with official sources), you can't just go anywhere without informing them in advance. They can only track a finite number of people, and that (I think) will be the number of people who will come in. All EU countries can now visit.

If you need more info, we suggest the best page in English for a situation in Croatia:

<https://www.total-croatia-news.com/travel/43677-croatia-coronavirus-travel>



# Tourism in Croatia in 2020

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# Tourism after COVID-19 outbreak

Things will change, we will adapt.



## IMPORTANT NEWS

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### Is it safe to travel to Croatia?

Croatian citizens are allowed to return to the Republic of Croatia and EU citizens are able to return to their countries of origin. Effective May 10<sup>th</sup> Croatian citizens are now allowed to enter Croatia and/or exit the country in compliance with measures outlined by the Civil Protection Directorate. When there are valid reasons to travel which include essential business travel, foreign citizens will also be able to enter the Republic of Croatia in compliance with the [recommendations](#) of the Croatia Institute of Public Health, along with foreign citizens who travel for urgent personal reasons.

If entering as a tourist we would advise having a voucher or official booking confirmation from the owner or the agent through whom the booking was made. If it is a confirmation issued by a travel company or agency the document should be on headed paper and have the company's stamp.

An official statement has clarified that booked accommodation includes proof of paid accommodation or reservation for a villa, apartment, hotel, or a motor yacht.

### No Quarantine or Self-Isolation requirement?

The quarantine requirements that had applied to anyone entering the country have now been withdrawn so 14 day self-isolation is no longer required however anyone entering the country will be issued with a set of social distancing rules and procedures.



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