

COVID-19 COUNTRY OVERVIEW

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Country	Russia
Data last updated	26-Apr-2021
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Key changes for this update

Brief summary of current covid situation / status	<p>Reported new cases and fatalities have remained steady since late March.</p> <p>Russian authorities have declared the period of May 4-7 to be non-work days as part of an effort to prevent a surge in infections. This period falls between the May Day and Victory Day holidays, effectively making May 1-10 non-business days.</p> <p>Although authorities have been using a largely localized approach, with each region responsible for its own measures, several restrictions continue to apply nationwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Facemasks are compulsory on public transport and in enclosed public spaces.- Mass events and public gatherings remain suspended.- Those at high risk are strongly advised to avoid public places and to suspend social contacts outside their immediate households.- Individuals are encouraged to work from home whenever possible. <p>However, nonessential businesses, retailers, theaters and cinemas, leisure facilities, educational institutions, and cultural venues have resumed operations in many regions.</p>
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Legislative changes since last update	n/a
Changes to statutory benefits since last update	<p>The President of Russia delivered the Address to the Federal Assembly on 21 April 2021. Key action items posed by President to the Assembly:</p> <p>"1. to expand the system of medical check-ups and periodic screenings, and relaunch them in full on July 1, 2021 for people of all ages.</p> <p>2. to take additional measures to prevent diseases that are the main causes of premature death: cardiovascular diseases, malignant tumours, respiratory system diseases.</p> <p>3. to develop by July 1 a comprehensive system of support for families with children, including following new social security payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- new benefit for all children aged between 8 and 16 from single-parents families (national average benefit will be 5,650 rubles)- monthly subsidy for women who register at a maternity centre during early pregnancy and who have financial problems (average benefit will be 6,350 rubles a month)- payments for taking care of a sick child aged up to 7 years inclusively are approved at 100 percent of the parent's salary as soon as this year- proposed to pay one additional one-off payment for the families that have school children, namely, 10,000 rubles per schoolchild. <p>4. maternity capital programme extended to 2026, expanded to include first child, and maternity capital adjusted to inflation (benefit now almost 640,000 rubles)."</p>

Vaccine rollout

What actions are public authorities taking to approve, purchase, prioritize populations and distribute the vaccine?	Vaccinations are currently free and voluntary. The vaccine is administered in a large number of public clinics and private and pop-up and mobile vaccination sites.
Public health vaccine prioritisation plan - please provide link	<p>Priority groups for vaccination include those 60+, those who have chronic conditions putting them at risk, students 18+, and those employed in the specified sectors.</p> <p>Official Coronavirus vaccine news: вакцина.стопкоронавирус.рф</p>

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How do individuals register for vaccination appointments - link to registration portal / instructions where applicable	To register for vaccination, one may use online portals: www.gosuslugi.ru For Moscow: www.mos.ru . www.emias.info .
Is it expected that the vaccine will be available via the private market?	Available in private clinics. The vaccine is still free, but a patient must pay for doctor consultation prior to vaccination.
What role is it expected employers may play in the roll out of the vaccine?	Employers are not currently involved in COVID 19 vaccine financing or distribution.
Are employers planning to offer vaccination to employees on-site?	There is no evidence of this yet.
Are employers planning to require employees to be vaccinated?	There is no evidence of this yet.
Are there any expected gaps in vaccine eligibility / cost coverage?	Any Russian citizen or foreign resident with state medical insurance policy / national insurance ID number is eligible for vaccination.
Other topics	
What is the process for COVID-19 testing?	COVID-19 diagnostic tests are covered in full with no additional costs by the compulsory medical insurance, but remain subject to epidemiological indications. Based on customer requests for private employee testing, local voluntary medical insurance providers are prepared to coordinate COVID-19 testing for additional costs. Those persons that screen positive are transferred into the public health system. For Moscow and the Moscow region there is still a requirement for certain categories of employers to conduct Covid-19 testing every 2 weeks for at least 10% of employees. This can be organized through Insurers or directly through medical facilities. The practice in other regions is subject to regional / municipal decrees.
Is COVID testing available privately?	Yes: Diagnostic tests (using PCR diagnostics); Antibody testing (IgM, IgG)
Are there any employee benefit coverage concerns?	For medical, all COVID-19 treatment after diagnostics and Post-Covid conditions (if stated in medical documents) must be organized and provided through the statutory medical system. For other insured benefits, under existing plan rules some insurers exclude epidemic and pandemic coverage.
Can coverage be continued post-termination?	Subject to contract terms
Have insurers made adjustments to premiums or payment terms?	Adjustments are being discussed on a case-by-case basis.
Are telemedicine services available?	Telemedicine is available from many traditional insurers and some dedicated providers. In the meantime, some local insurers are prepared to add this service at no additional charge.

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Which medical services are available virtually?	<p>See note above regarding telemedicine.</p> <p>Insurance companies also offer a 24-hour call center for emergency medical assistance that is staffed by medical professionals; many also offer access to a chat/rapid response from an on-call doctor through an app or website.</p> <p>Note: Most insurance and the national health service provide home doctor visits as a covered benefit as well.</p>
Are there new benefits available in the market?	<p>Some insurers are testing new benefits like COVID-19 rehabilitation, post-COVID-19 check-up programs, vaccination complications products.</p> <p>MMB offers Lifeaddwiser digital platform in Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - App-based, employees complete questionnaire - personalized recommendations - individual employee assessment - corporate wellbeing assessment
Are employers offering supports for remote work? e.g. allowances	<p>Mercer Marsh has conducted a survey on additional payments made by ERs for remote workers.</p> <p>This follows a change to the Labor Code, effective January 1, 2021, that provided guidelines around remote work.</p> <p>Based on 362 responses, 34% of employers confirmed they provide everything necessary for organizing the work process outside the office.</p> <p>20% of employers confirmed they make additional payments for remote workers, including following compensations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32% - Internet 27% - mobile 21% - electricity 12% - courier services
Is there any new legislation or trends in child care support?	No evidence of this yet
Which public agency / agencies are managing the response to COVID-19?	<p>Several federal agencies are working jointly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Health - Rospotrebnadzor (Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing)
Is there a local Mercer / MMB website dedicated to COVID-19 information?	https://coronavirus.marsh.com/ru/ru/coronavirus-risk-hub-russia.html .
Additional notes	The government has established a virtual hotline on COVID-19-related labor issues and questions (available in Russian only): https://онлайнинспекция.рф/covid19 .

*Max Roser, Hannah Ritchie, Esteban Ortiz-Ospina and Joe Hasell (2020) - "Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19)".

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