

Supplement

	Jan-06 to Feb-02	Feb-03 to Mar-01	Mar-02 to Apr-05	Apr-06 to May-03	May-04 to May-31	Jun-01 to Jul-05	Jul-06 to Aug-02	
Albania (1)			13-03			01-06		
Bosnia and Herzegovina (2)			15-03		13-05			
Bulgaria (3) (4)			13-03			14-06		
Croatia (6) (7)		10-03		27-04				
Greece (9)			23-03			01-07		
Kosovo (10)			13-03			01-06		
Moldova (11)			17-03		15-05			
Montenegro (12)				*	**			
North Macedonia (14)			13/03/2020 ***	17-04****	21-04	N/A	N/A	
Romania (15)			24-03		15-05			
Slovenia (18)			20-03	17-04				
Serbia (22)		15-03			06-05		03-07	
Turkey (24) (25) (26)				11-04 £	12-04 04	18-04 <	23-04 ◇	26-04 ~

Supplement Figure 1. Lockdowns instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Aug-03 to Aug-30	Aug-31 to Oct-04	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29	Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04	Apr-05 to May-02	May-03 to May-30	May-31 to Jul-04	Jul-05 to Aug-01
Albania												
Bosnia and Herzegovina												
Bulgaria (5)				27-11		31-01		22-03	31-03			
Croatia (7) (8)				28-11			01-03		12-04			
Greece			7-11		#							13-07
Kosovo												
Moldova												
Montenegro (13)							N/B	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Macedonia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romania (16) (17)				09-11 %			08-02					
Slovenia (19) (20) (21)			24-10		18-01			01-04	11-04			
Serbia (23)		###					17-03	21-03				
Turkey (26) (27)				04-12					12-04	29-04	17-05	

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

Key

Yes	No	Easing of restrictions

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

*beginning of april

**end of april

NB, Montenegro lockdown in April and February was implemented for 2 cities only

***Lockdown implemented in Debar and Center Zhupa

****Lockdown implemented for all North Macedonia

\$ Croatia, two-week lockdown in Primorje-Gorski Kotar County and the city of Rijeka

Greece, amidst the lockdown hairdressers and bookshops re-opened on 14th December 2020

% Romania, partial lockdown

£ Turkey, applicable to 31 cities

< Turkey, lockdown ends on 19-04-20 and is applicable to 31 cities and provinces

< Turkey, four-day lockdown from 23-04-20 to 26-04-20 in Istanbul and 30 other major cities

~ Turkey, four-day lockdown in 31 cities

= Turkey, on media reports dated 30-11-20 report that beginning that week there would be a weekend lockdown from Friday 21:00 to Monday 5:00. On 01-03-21 it was announced that lockdowns would be lifted in cities with low and medium infection rates, whereas in cities with high and very high infection rates, lockdowns will only apply on Sundays.

+ Turkey, on 12/04/2021 it was announced that weekend lockdowns would be imposed in most of the country

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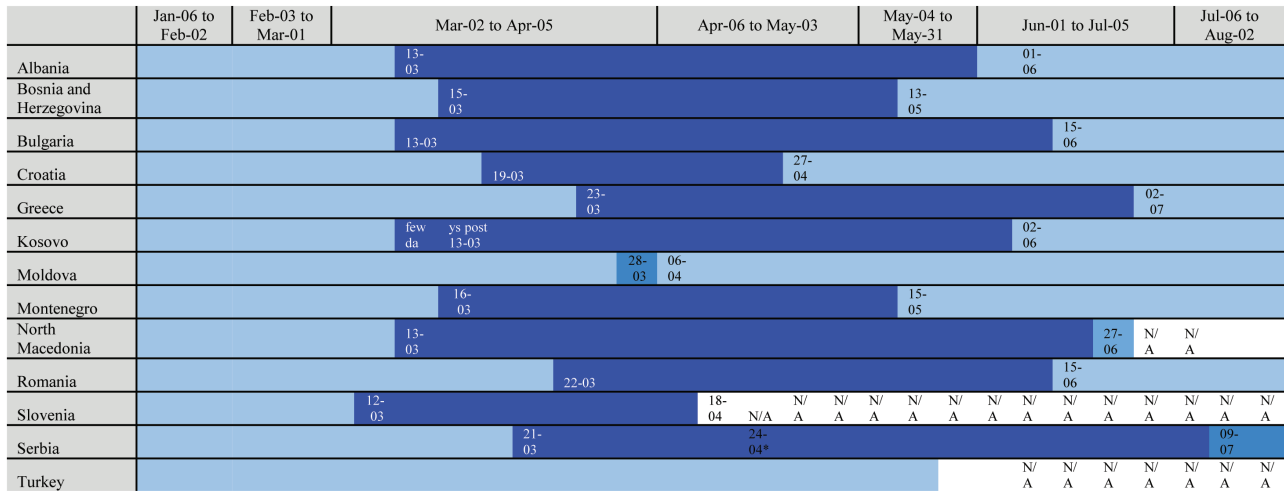
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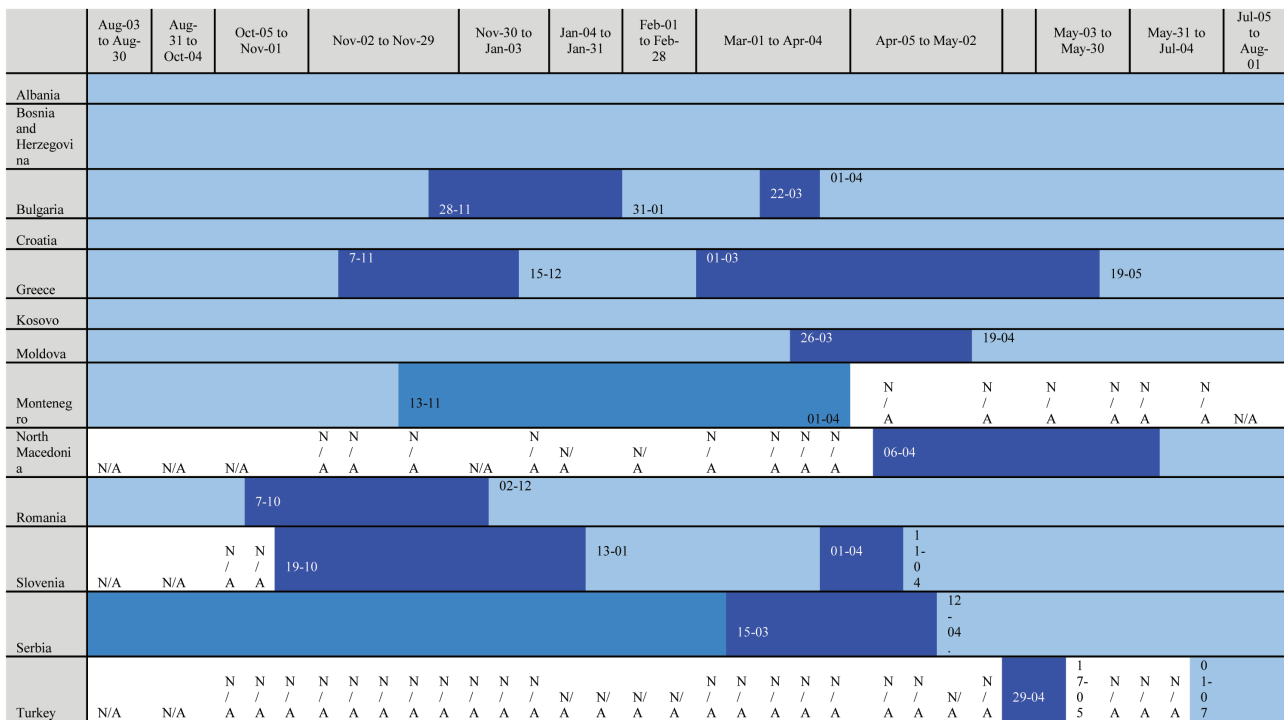
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Supplement Figure 2. Mitigations involving non-essential shops instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021



N.B. The closure periods (in days) are illustrated within the figure

Key

Non-Essential Shops	
Closed	Open

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

*hairdressers, beauty parlors were re-opened.

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Albania	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bosnia and Herzegovina							
Bulgaria (2a)				13-03	15-06		
Croatia							
Greece (4a)				15-03	02-07		
Kosovo (5)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	09-06
Moldova (6)	***	***	**	***	***	***	***
Montenegro (7)				16-03			
North Macedonia (8a) (8b)				22-03	17-06		
Romania (9)						14-04	
Slovenia				10-03	04-05		
Serbia (11)				15-03	06-05	N/A	N/A
Turkey (12a) (12b)				§	01-06	N/A	N/A

Supplement Figure 3. Mitigations involving hotels and tourism instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Aug-03 to Aug-30	Aug-31 to Oct-04	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29	Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04	Apr-05 to May-02	May-03 to May-30	May-31 to Jul-04	Jul-05 to Aug-01
Albania	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bosnia and Herzegovina (1)												
Bulgaria (2b)				28-11	04-01	22-03	01-04					
Croatia (3a) (3b)											01-06 (Except for vaccinated people)	###
Greece (4b)				7-11	15-12	01-03	14-05*					
Kosovo (5)				23-11**	22-2**		6	N	N	N	N	31
Moldova (6)	***	***	**	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	**
Montenegro (7)				22/12**		02-04						
North Macedonia (8a) (8b)				10-11**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	15-05
Romania												15-06
Slovenia (10)				19-10	03-12			22-03	N	N	N	N
Serbia (11)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	01-06^^
Turkey (12a) (12b)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15-04!!	22-06

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

Key

Hotels & Tourism			
Closed Hotels/Tourism	Open for Charters and Boats	Open with restrictions	Open Hotels/Tourism

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

* No start date could be found but closing date was 9th June 2020

** Restrictions: -

- 23/11 to 21/2: in the evening

- 22/2 to 5/4: with curfews

- 6/4: food is only served in rooms

- 22/12 to 1/4: with curfews

*** Hotels open but tourism banned, and no dates could be found

§ some hotels closed

-- was already closed but no start date found

^^ Serbia benefitting from 'quarantine tourism'

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Albania (1)			13-03									01-06	
Bosnia and Herzegovina													
Bulgaria (3a-d)			20-03					06-05					
Croatia (4a,b,c)			19-03					11-05					
Greece (5a,b,c)			23-03				*					01-07	
Kosovo(6a,b)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Moldova(7a-f)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23-03	##	27-04		15-05				
Montenegro(8a)							01-04	10-05					
North Macedonia(9a,b)							22-03	28-05				N/A	N/A
Romania (10a-f)							25-03*	15-05*				01-06	
Slovenia (11a-i)			29-03	*^	30-04								
Serbia (12)			18-03	&			27-04***	06-05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Turkey (13a,b,c)			18-03								01-06	N/A	

Supplement Figure 4. Mitigations involving movement restrictions instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Aug-03 to Aug-30	Aug-31 to Oct-04	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29				Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04	Apr-05 to May-02	May-03 to May-30	May-31 to Jul-04	Jul-05 to Aug-01		
Albania(1)																	
Bosnia and Herzegovina																	
Bulgaria(3a-d)					2	7-	1	1					0	1-	0	3	
Croatia (4a,b,c)					23-12				08-01								
Greece(5a,b,c)					7-11				14-12								
Kosovo (6a,b)	N/A	Mid-August*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	01-06		
Moldova(7a-f)	30-09			30-11								03-05	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Montenegro(8a)					###	25-11	08-01	1	2-	0	1	1	2	7-	0	06-05	
North Macedonia(9a,b)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Romania(10a-f)					9-11								15-05				
Slovenia (11a-i)				19-10()	2	7-	1	0	24-25/12*					12	!!	23-04!!!	30-04!!!
Serbia(12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Turkey(13a,b,c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29-04-17-05		

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

Key

Movement Restrictions	
Yes	No

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

* with fines imposed

+¹ no dates found

**temporary suspension

-Slovenia - allowing residents to move across boundaries to visit another household, till 20:00 of 25th December,2020

##Moldova - unless stated otherwise all measures mentioned relate to People over 63 years of age must remain in their accommodation except for essential purposes

*[^] Montenegro -

08-01 - the ban on leaving one's own community was lifted.

12-01- night-time curfew between 10:00 p.m. and 05:00 a.m. applies throughout the country. The ban on inter-community travel on weekends has been lifted.

11-02 - countrywide night-time curfew will apply between 09:00 p.m. and 05:00 a.m. (local time). Travel between municipalities is prohibited from Friday at 09:00 p.m. (local time) until Monday at 05:00 a.m

19-03 - ban of movement in certain municipalities, in others the ban is only applicable during the weekend

27-04 - general travel ban now only applies in the municipalities of Andrijevica, Pljevlja and Šavnik

06-05 - only in the municipality of Andrijevica

*¹ Romania - 15/05 - stay at home orders lifted, however restriction to travel outside the locality/metropolitan area still in place till 01/06

& Serbia : 18-03 - all population prohibited from movement in public places from 5pm-5am on workdays, persons over 65 years of age or older - in populated areas over 5000 inhabitants and persons over 70 years of age or older - in populated areas up to 5000 inhabitants - total lockdown during all hours except Saturday 04:00-07:00

*** Serbia : persons over 65 years are allowed to go for a 1 hour walk each day in the interval between 18:00-01:00
^^Slovenia - movement limited to the municipality of residence.

() Slovenia - (19-10) ban of movement among statistical regions.

(27-10)temporary partial restriction of movement among municipalities

!! Slovenia - 12-02 - removal of ban of movement between municipalities

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	Jan-06 to Feb-02	Feb-03 to Mar-01	Mar-02 to Apr-05	Apr-06 to May-03	May-04 to May-31	Jun-01 to Jul-05	Jul-06 to Aug-02	Aug-03 to Aug-30	Aug-31 to Oct-04	
Albania (1)										
Bosnia and Herzegovina (2)	11-03							01-09		
Bulgaria (3a) (3b)	13-03							15-09		
Croatia (4a) (4b)	16-03							11-05		
Greece (5a) (5b)	10-03							15-09		
Kosovo (6a) (6b)	(March)							15-09		
Moldova (7a) (7b)	11-03*							*	14-09*	N/A N/A
Montenegro (8)	16-03*							25-09*		
North Macedonia (9)	13-03* 27-03<<							09-09*		2-10*
Romania (10a) (10b)	11-03							15-06		
Slovenia (11a) (11b)	12-03							18-05*	25-05*	01-06*
Serbia (12)	15-03							06-05!!	10-08**	
Turkey (13a)	16-03							Mid June		

Supplements Figure 6. Mitigations involving schools restrictions instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29	Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04	Apr-05 to May-02	May-03 to May-30	May-31 to Jul-04	Jul-05 to Aug-01	
Albania (1)	01-03										
Bosnia and Herzegovina (2)											
Bulgaria (3c) (3d)	28-11				31-01			17-03			
Croatia (4c) (4d)	18-01					19-04					
Greece (5c) (5d) (5e) (5f)	5-11*	9-11***	14-11***				12-04*	11-05*			
Kosovo (6b) (6c)					25-01^	N	N	N	N	N	
Moldova (7c)	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	N/A	
Montenegro (8)	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	N/A	
North Macedonia (9)	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	/	N/A	N/A	
Romania (10c)	09-11				08-02						
Slovenia (11b)	19-10				25-01//			03-03??	01-04	11-04	
Serbia (12)	11-15				15-03				19-04§		
Turkey (13b)	17-11 §										

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

Key

Schools				
Closed	Closed due to recess	Open with onsite learning and online	Fully open	Closed with online learning

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

<< Kindergarten, secondary and post-secondary schools started online as of 27/3/20

* staggered opening of schools starting from: - kindergarten, primary, secondary and the remainder

** - open with onsite learning for 1-4 year old, open with hybrid learning for older students.

!! - some teaching activities started taking place under strict sanitary regulations.

*** Greece school closure as follows - Childcare, kindergarten and primary schools re-closed on 14/11/20 up to 10/5/21; - Secondary schools re-closed on 9/11/20 up to 10/5/21; - Post-Secondary schools re-closed on 5/11/20 up to 12/4/21 but performed online lessons

^^ Up to 25/1/21, Kosovo schools were open with online and onsite learning but no further reports were found after this date.

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	Jan-06 to Feb-02	Feb-03 to Mar-01	Mar-02 to Apr-05	Apr-06 to May-03	May-04 to May-31	Jun-01 to Jul-05	Jul-06 to Aug-02	Aug-03 to Aug-30
Albania (1) (2) (3)			12-3		19-05			
Bosnia and Herzegovina (7) (8) (9)			18-03		12-05	16-05		
Bulgaria (10) (11)			13-03		06-05	1-06		
Croatia (13) (14)			19-03	19-04 N/A	11-05			
Greece (25)			13-03		25-05			11-08 %
Kosovo (28)			12-03		18-05**	31-5**	N/A	6-07
Moldova (32) (33)			13-03			08-06		
Montenegro (35) (36)			16-03			6-07	28-07 @	
North Macedonia (37) (38)			13-03		28-05			
Romania (40) (41)			17-03			01-06	29-07	
Slovenia (42)			12-03	04-05	18-05			
Serbia (44) (45)			15-03			29-06	03-07	07-07
Turkey (46)			17-03			01-06		

Supplement Figure 7. Mitigations involving restaurants restrictions instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Aug-31 to Oct-04	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29	Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04
Albania (3) (4) (5) (6)	1-10		11-11	24-12		26-02 N/A	
Bosnia and Herzegovina (9)							
Bulgaria (11) (12)			11-11	27-11		01-02 N/A	22-03 * 01-04
Croatia (14 - 20)			11-11			15-02	25-03 \$\$ 25-03 \$\$ 25-03 \$\$
Greece (25) (26) (27)	% 2-09	N / A N / A N / A	15-10 29-10	3-11 %%%%	4-12 N/A	26-02 %%%%	9-03 N/A
Kosovo (28) (29) (30)	1-09	N / A N / A N / A	N / A	2-11			23-03 ^^
Moldova (32) (34)				30-11			
Montenegro (35) (36)			6-11	13-11	#		
North Macedonia (37) (38)		20-10					
Romania (41)	01-09 //				25-01 ///		08-03 09-03 N/A
Slovenia (42) (43)		22-09	09-10 16-10	24-10			06-03]] 19-03
Serbia (44) (45)	01-09 +	15-09		13-11		6-03	08-03 N/A 17-03
Turkey (46)			03-11	17-11		01-03 β	

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	Apr-05 to May-02	May-03 to May-30	May-31 to Jul-04	Jul-05 to Aug-01
Albania (3)	N/A 12-04 12-04			
Bosnia and Herzegovina (9)				
Bulgaria (12)	12-04 12-04	1-05 N/A		
Croatia (20) (21) (22) (23) (24)	\$\$ \$\$ \$\$		12-06 12-06	01-07 \$\$\$
Greece (25)		3-05		
Kosovo (29) (31)	6-04	19-04 <	< < < <	30-06
Moldova (34)		19-04 N/A		22-07 ~ 30-07 ***
Montenegro (35) (36)			04-06	
North Macedonia (37) (38) (39)	06-04	28-04		23-06 ^^
Romania	N/A			
Slovenia (43)		24-04 []	14-05 [[]]	
Serbia (44) (45)	12-04 12-04	07-05 07-05 α		
Turkey (46)	13-04		17-05 17-05	01-06 γ 01-07 Δ

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

Key

Restaurants							
Closed	Open with specific hours	Open with takeout	Outdoor areas open only	Indoor areas open for vaccinated people	Open with a seating limit /distanced seating	Fully open	Open with unspecified restrictions

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

- \$ Croatia, cafes may sell coffee to-go
- \$\$ Croatia, for this period, measures apply only to certain parts of Croatia as listed below:
 - Closed catering facilities: Dubrovnik-Neretva county, Primorje-Gorski Kotar (for the latter, this only applies between 12/04-25/04)
 - Catering facilities may serve customers outdoors: Primorje-Gorski Kotar (except for the period 12/04-25/04), Karlovac, and Zagreb counties
 - Delivery permissible: Primorje-Gorski Kotar, Karlovac, Zagreb and Dubrovnik-Neretva counties

\$\$\$ Croatia, measures on 01/07 state that exceptions in accordance with the decision of the competent administrative body could be made to allow catering facilities and family farms to serve customers indoors while following general epidemiological measures and the special recommendations of the Croatian Institute of Public Health.

% Greece, restaurants had specified operating hours only

in the following regions:

- 11/08-23/08: Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, Thessaloniki, Chalkidiki, the city of Larissa, and the islands of Mykonos, Santorini, Corfu, Rhodes, Crete, Paros, Antiparos, Zakynthos, Kos, Volos and Katerini
- 24/08-1/09: the Aegean island of Lesbos

%% Greece, restaurants had specified operating hours only in Attica

%%% Greece, restaurant closure only in the northern Greek cities of Thessaloniki, Larisa, and Rodopi

%%%% Greece, restaurant closure only in Athens and most major cities of Northern Greece

%%%%% Greece, restaurant closure only in Attica, the islands of Kalymnos, Samos, Euboea and Syros, the municipality of Evosmos, the city of Heraklion and the regions of Achaia and Arcadia, among others.

** Kosovo, Restaurants re-opened for takeout with unspecified details between 18/5/20 and 31/5/20. By 1/06/20 they were also open for dine-in.

~ Moldova, applicable to Chisinau

Montenegro, closure of restaurants occurred only on the

public holidays, i.e. 24-12, 25-12, 30-12, 31-12, 01-01, 02-01, 06-01, 07-01, 08-01

@ Montenegro, from 28/07/2020 to 03/06/2021 various measures were introduced on a local level, in areas deemed high-risk. For further details kindly refer to reference (36).

*** Montenegro, alternatively to being fully vaccinated, people who have recovered from COVID-19, or those who provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test (not older than 72 hours), or a negative antigen test (not older than 48 hours) could also be served indoors

^^ North Macedonia, restaurants were “open under hygiene conditions”

* Bulgaria, closure for 10 days

◇ Kosovo, Curfew restrictions still in place up to 29/6/21
// Romania, restaurants allowed to reopen indoors “under hygiene conditions”

/// Romania, easing of restrictions for restaurants in Bucharest

//// Romania, closure of restaurants in Bucharest

[[Slovenia, restaurants were closed in regions classified as ‘red’; restaurants were open with limited operating hours in addition to existing measures in ‘orange’ regions.

]] Slovenia, only restaurants in the regions of Posavska and Jugovzhodna Slovenija were allowed to reopen their outdoor seating areas with limited operating hours.

[] Slovenia, restaurants can reopen in 9 regions only. Customers need a negative test, proof of vaccination or proof of a cured COVID-19 infection. In the Mura, Gorizia and Coastal–Karst regions, guests who can present a negative test, proof of vaccination or proof of a cured COVID-19 infection may also be served indoors.

[[[] Slovenia, restaurants can now open countrywide. To dine indoors, proof of vaccination, proof of a cured COVID-19 infection, or a negative test is required. The PCR test must not be older than 72 hours; the rapid test not older than 48 hours.

+ Serbia, restaurants in 19 towns and municipalities resumed their usual working hours

α Serbia, from 12-04-21 restriction in operating hours only applicable for customers being served indoors

β Turkey, restaurants in all areas except those with a high number of cases are allowed to reopen

γ Turkey, restaurants are open with restricted opening hours and are limited to offering delivery services on Sundays

Δ Turkey, restaurants are open with no restrictions but must follow hygiene guidelines

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Albania			21-03*											01-06		
Bosnia and Herzegovina			22-03*					20-04								
Bulgaria																
Croatia																
Greece			23-03											N/A	N/A	N/A
Kosovo			28-03													
Moldova			25-03													
Montenegro	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	01-04	21-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Macedonia			22-03					04-05			09-05	27-05	30-05	N/A	N/A	N/A
Romania			23-03 [^] [^]					12-04 ⁽			<			15-05		
Slovenia			12-03					04-04								
Serbia			18-03								06-05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Turkey			21-03 [§]					03-04 ^{!!!}			17-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Supplement Figure 8. Mitigations involving curfew restrictions instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Aug-31 to Oct-04	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29	Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04			Apr-05 to May-02			May-03 to May-30			May-31 to Jul-04			Jul-05 to Aug-01		
Albania																					
Bosnia and Herzegovina																					
Bulgaria																					
Croatia																					
Greece	N/A	N/A	24-10													28-06	17-07				
Kosovo					23-12	N/A	N/A	20-01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	07-04	01-06						
Moldova	30-09	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Montenegro	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1-2	1-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	06-05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
North Macedonia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1-03	01-05	1-05	1-05	6-06	N/A	N/A		
Romania			09-11					07-02			12/03/2021 ^{***}			11-06							
Slovenia			19-10					11-02			01-04			11-04							
Serbia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Turkey	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22-04	01-07					

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

key

Curfews			
Present	Absent	Recommended to limit non-essential travel	Absent but other restrictions in place

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

* From 13:00 to 05:00

** from 18:00 to 05:00 and from 29-03 from 20:00 to 05:00

^^ Romania, People aged 65+ were permitted to leave homes between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m

§ Turkey, curfew for 65+ / chronically ill

) (Romania, curfew for all people implemented

!!! Turkey, curfew <20 year old

<< Romania, The curfew will be lifted overnight from May 1-2 and May 8-9 to allow individuals to attend religious services.

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Slovenia:

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Serbia:

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	Jan-06 to Feb-02	Feb-03 to Mar-01	Mar-02 to Apr-05			Apr-06 to May-03	May-04 to May-31	Jun-01 to Jul-05	Jul-06 to Aug-02	Aug-03 to Aug-30					
Albania (1a,b)															
Bosnia and Herzegovina(2a-d)			Early March *	Late March - June *				July onwards **							
Bulgaria(3a,b)										12-06 **					
Croatia (4)										24-06					
Greece (5a,b)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	03-05	20-05**	N/A	N/A	29-07*	20-08*			
Kosovo (6a-c)										Mid July	Mid August				
Moldova (7a-c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Montenegro(8a-c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30-04^	^	^	^	^	22-07^	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Macedonia(9a-c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23-04									
Romania(10a-e)							15-05 -17-05 ***	18-05 ***	29-07^						
Slovenia(11a-c)							23-03*	26-06 **							
Serbia (12)							01-04§	23-06	03-07						
Turkey(13a-b)							03-04								

Supplement Figure 9. Mitigations involving mask wearing restrictions instituted by the Balkans from the onset of COVID-19 till 1st August 2021

	Aug-31 to Oct-04	Oct-05 to Nov-01	Nov-02 to Nov-29	Nov-30 to Jan-03	Jan-04 to Jan-31	Feb-01 to Feb-28	Mar-01 to Apr-04	Apr-05 to May-02	May-03 to May-30	May-31 to Jul-04	Jul-05 to Aug-01				
Albania (1a,b)	01-10										01-06*>				
Bosnia and Herzegovina (2a-d)	March *>>														
Bulgaria(3a,b)	22-10**														
Croatia(4)	30-11														
Greece (5a,b)	01-09 16-09 >	> > ^	> > ^	22-10 31-10 ^	^	^	^	^	^	^	2-06 4-06 6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kosovo (6c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	01-06*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Moldova(7a-c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29-04**>				25-06>	>	22-07^	
Montenegro (8a-c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	03-06>>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Macedonia(9a-c)			2-08-10	29-10	0	0	0	0	0	06-04)	01-06*	*	>		
Romania(10a-e)	09-11**										15-05^	*			
Slovenia(11a-c)	16-10										23-04**>				
Serbia (12)	16-10§														
Turkey(13a,b)									29-04	17-05					

N.B. The rows with N/A represent unidentified data for the marked period

Key

Mask Mandate			
Mask mandate with fine	Mask mandate w/o fine	Mask mandate + fine unspecified	No mandate

Dates within the cells represent the start and the end of the measure

- ^* Both indoor and outdoors requires mask wearing
- ^ The only outdoor places a mask is mandatory are in markets and public transport stations
- * Mandatory in closed public places
- **> Mandatory in enclosed public places, on public transport and not able to keep 1.5m distance (Moldova - Chisinau has a mask mandate for open-air public events)
- *> Mask mandatory only indoors and on public transport
- “ Bulgaria, highly recommended but not compulsory, with the exception of visiting pharmacies and medical buildings and when using public transportation.
- § Serbia, highly recommended
- ** Greece, mandatory mask in airports
- > Greece, mask is mandatory at workplaces
- < Greece, mandate is only present at high-risk areas
- >> Mandatory when it is impossible to keep a 1m distance
- ^^ Mandatory in large gatherings and closed places
- *** Romania, in enclosed places and public transport
- () North Macedonia, as of 28/10/20 mask mandate is mandatory for outdoor places and outside one's home
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Supplement Table 1. Comparative assessment of the vaccines available and the vaccine strategies implemented by the Balkan countries

	Albania	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Croatia	Greece
Vaccines available	Pfizer/BioNTech- 11th January 2021 (1)	Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV COVID-19 (8)	Pfizer/BioNTech- 27th December, 2020 (10)	Pfizer/BioNTech- December 27th, 2020 (15)	Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2)- December 2020 (17, 18)
(Start dates when available)	Oxford/AstraZeneca- 20th March 2021 (2)	Pfizer/BioNTech (8)	Moderna- 14th January, 2021 (11)	Moderna (15)	Moderna (mRNA-1273)- Jan 2021 (17, 19)
-	CoronaVac- 28th March, 2021 (3)	CoronaVac aka Sinovac COVID-19 (8)	Oxford/AstraZeneca- 7th February 2021 (12)	Oxford/AstraZeneca (15)	Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) (Ad26.COV2.S)- April 2021 (17, 20)
-	Sputnik V- 26th March, 2021 (4)	Oxford/AstraZeneca (8)	Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) - 28th April, 2021 (13)	Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) (15)	Oxford/AstraZeneca (AZD1222)- February 2021 (17, 21)
-	-	Sputnik V or Gam-COVID-Vac (8)	-	-	-
Vaccine strategy and priorities	-	-	-	-	-
-	In the first months of the vaccination campaign, the governmental agencies targeted the health medical and administrative personnel, together with the guests and personnel of nursing homes, people age 80 and over, and schoolteachers	Priority was given to health-care workers and first responders	Group 1 (Top priority) - Healthcare workers, pharmacists, dentists and assistants.	Priority given to workers and users of homes for the elderly	Vaccination Prioritization Plan for Population Groups was divided in 3 Phases:
-	Mass vaccination began on the 28th March 2021 (5-7)	People with underlying conditions that put them at high risk of severe COVID-19 disease, Essential service workers at high risk of exposure, teachers and school staff, people in homeless shelters and prisons, older adults, Young adults, children and essential service workers at increased risk of exposure	Group 2 - mink farm workers, people involved in social institutions, pedagogical specialists.	Persons with disabilities	Phase 1:

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-	Then the remaining residents (9)	Group 3 - people involved in making sure that activities crucial for public life can take place.	Healthcare workers	Health and social services staff
-	-	Group 4 - whoever is 65 years or older, anyone who is more susceptible to COVID due to co-morbidities and those who are immunosuppressed.	Persons older than 65 years of age	Residents and staff of nursing homes
-	-	Group 5 - other vulnerable groups of people due to way of life (14)	Persons with chronic diseases regardless of their age	Residents, patients and staff of care structures for the chronically ill and rehabilitation centres
-	-	-	Persons with increased risk of severe forms of the disease	-
-	-	-	Followed by Tourism workers and private renters	Priority staff for critical Government functions
-	-	-	Then the General Public including tourists (16)	-
-	-	-	-	Phase 2:
-	-	-	-	People 70 years and older (regardless of medical history).
-	-	-	-	People aged 85 and over
-	-	-	-	People aged 80 and over
-	-	-	-	People aged 75 and over
-	-	-	-	People aged 70 and over
-	-	-	-	Patients with diseases that pose a very high risk of COVID-19 disease regardless of age
-	-	-	-	Priority staff for critical functions of the State
-	-	-	-	People 60 to 69 years old (regardless of medical history)

Patients 18 to 59 years of age with diseases at high risk for COVID-19
 Phase 3: People 18 years and older without underlying diseases (84). All people working in retirement homes in Greece must be vaccinated by August 16, or they will be put on sick leave.
 Vaccination for health workers in both the public and private sectors will become mandatory from September 1 (22).

Table 2. ???

	Kosovo	Moldova	Montenegro	North Macedonia
Vaccines available	Oxford/AstraZeneca- 29th March, 2021 (23)	Oxford/AstraZeneca- 2nd March 2021 (27, 28)	Sputnik V- 21st February, 2021 (30, 31)	Pfizer/BioNTech (34)- 17th February, 2021 (35)
(Start dates when available)	Pfizer/BioNTech - May 2021 (24)	-	Sinopharm- 6th March, 2021 (30, 31)	Sputnik V (34)- 10th March, 2021 (36)
-	-	-	Oxford/AstraZeneca- 1st April, 2021 (30, 31)	AZ/Oxford (34)- 28th March, 2021 (37)
-	-	Sputnik-V (27)	Pfizer/BioNTech- 4th May, 2021 (30, 31)	Sinopharm/Beijing (34)- 12th April, 2021 (38)
-	-	Moderna (27)	-	Sinovac (34)- 30th June, 2021 (39)
-	-	Sinopharm (27)	-	-
Vaccine strategy and priorities	-	Pfizer/BioNTech (27)	-	-
-	Priority was given to Healthcare workers were given first priority	CoronaVac (27)	Priority given to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1a1 – Healthcare professionals in the first line of response in hospital conditions with a high/very high risk of acquiring and transmitting infection
-	People suffering from chronic diseases	-	1. Old people’s home staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1a2 – healthcare professionals at moderate risk of acquiring and transmitting infection

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-	Elderlies (>80 years old) (25, 26)	Stage1a. Health workers at high to very high risk of acquiring and transmitting infection	2. HCW working with SARS-CoV-2 infected people. All people over 80 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1b – older adults at high risk of developing the disease, complications and death outcome, defined by risk based on age, persons older than 70 years
-	-	Stage1b. Older adults (65+)	3. All people aged 75-79 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase II – older adults at high risk of developing the disease, complications and death outcome not covered in stage I, persons 65+
-	-	Stage2a. Older adults not covered in Stage1, Groups with comorbidities or health states determined to be at significantly higher risk of severe disease or death, Sociodemographic groups at significantly higher risk of severe disease or death, Primary and secondary teachers and school staff, Other essential workers outside health and education sectors (examples: police officers, municipal services, childcare providers, agriculture and food workers, transportation workers, government workers essential to critical functioning of the state not covered by other categories), Health workers at low to moderate risk of acquiring and transmitting infection, Personnel needed for vaccine production and other high-risk lab staff, Social/employment groups unable to social distance (examples: detention facilities, dormitories, low income persons in dense urban neighbourhoods, homeless people and	4. All people aged 70-74 years. Vulnerable people (persons with certain chronic diseases / conditions, with the exception of pregnant women, except for particularly vulnerable persons and persons <18 years of age)	Persons ages 18-65 with comorbidities/health conditions determined as a significantly higher risk for acquisition of severe illness, complications or death

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-	-	those living in informal settlements or urban slums, certain occupations e.g. mining) (29)	5. All people between 65-69 years. Other HCW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other healthcare workers have a moderate risk of acquiring and transmitting infection
-	-	-	6. People between 45-64 years. People employed in educational institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees of vital institutions for the normal functioning of society
-	-	-	7. Adults between 18-44 years who fall into risk categories. All people aged 60-64 years (a number of these persons will enter the group of persons belonging to risk categories and the group of persons belonging to vital services). Members of vital services at the state and local (municipal) level (Parliament, Institution of the President, Government, Judiciary / Prosecutor's Office, Army of Montenegro, Members of the Ministry of the Interior and Police, Protection and Rescue Service-fire service, inspection services, utilities, employees in food production and sales chains, public transport employees, UN agency staff, refugees and asylum seekers, seafarers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees in educational institutions involved in physical education and employees in kindergarten
-	-	-	8. All persons aged 50-59 in total for both groups (a number of these persons will enter the group of persons belonging to risk categories and the group of persons belonging to vital services) (32, 33)	-

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Phase III – other essential jobs for normal functioning of society. Other employees in education (primary, secondary, higher), Social groups at increased risk of acquiring and transmitting infection because they are unable to maintain physical distance, Health workers at low risk of acquiring and transmitting infection. Healthy people aged 18-64 (40)

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-	Stage 3: general population	People aged over 75 years and 64-74 years having associated diseases	-	<p>STAGE 2</p> <p>Group A- Frontline essential workers</p> <p>Segment A1- Ministry of National Defence</p> <p>Segment A2- Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Segment A3- Individuals in strategic positions</p> <p>Segment A4- Municipal police, private security personnel</p> <p>Segment A5- Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Segment A6- Correctional facilities</p> <p>Segment A7- Education sector (teachers and faculty)</p> <p>Segment A8- Food sector, workers at bakeries, caterers, food and beverage processing plants, etc. registered with the Social Security Institution (SGK)</p> <p>Segment A9- Transportation sector workers registered with the Social Security Institution (SGK)</p> <p>Group B- Individuals aged 50- 64</p> <p>Segment B1- Individuals aged 60- 64</p> <p>Segment B2- Individuals aged 55- 59</p> <p>Segment B3- Individuals aged 50 -54</p>
-	stage 4 children 12-17 YO (45)	Phase 2: People older than 65 years who were not included in the 1st phase. Employees in state administration, local self-government and educators. Armed forces and police personnel	-	-
-	-	Phase 3: People aged 50- 64, regardless of risk factors. People younger than 50 years having associated risk factors (51)	-	-

STAGE 3

Group A: Individuals with chronic diseases
 Segment A1- Individuals aged 45- 49
 Segment A2- individuals aged 40- 44
 Segment A3- Individuals aged 18- 39
 Group B: Other groups
 Segment B1: Individuals aged 45- 49
 Segment B2: Individuals aged 40- 44
 Segment B3: Individuals aged 35- 39
 Segment B4: Individuals aged 30- 34
 Segment B5: Individuals aged 25- 29
 Segment B6: individuals aged 18- 24
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