

Update on the COVID-19 epidemic for ChiroSuisse members

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Dear members,

Please find a short summary of the Federal Council's press conference of April 16th, 2020

The following easing of the ordinance will take place as of APRIL 27th, 2020

- **Doctors, dentists, chiropractors and service providers in the health sector can return to normal operation under strict protective measures**
- **Protection concept: will be defined as quickly as possible by our association**
- **Self-employed persons (sole proprietorship) will be eligible to work compensation if AHV/AVS earnings are above 10'000.- and under 90'000.-. It is unclear, if the self-employed practitioner with a higher AHV/AVS earning will be eligible for compensation. More info as soon as possible.**

Various information:

as of MAY 11th, 2020,

- Reopening of all primary schools (this does not include commercial schools / universities)
- Reopening of all shops and markets under protective measures to be determined

Passenger traffic / businesses - the following easing is planned as of 8th June 2020

- Reopening of restaurants, mountain railways, shipping and other businesses
- Large-scale events / sports events are still prohibited for the time being
- Debt enforcement will be possible again from April 19, 2020 / legal standstill will be lifted
- From January 1, 2021, the annual TV and radio fees will be reduced by CHF 30.00
- The school-leaving apprenticeship exams 2020 will be canceled - they will be replaced by Experience grades.

Masks:

there is controversial evidence if masks are helpful to prevent infection and/or propagation of the virus. The Federal Council leaves it up to every individual person to wear a mask or not in public. As a practitioner though it will be mandatory to wear a mask while treating patients as part of the protection concept.

There are different types of masks: one day surgical face-nose-mouth masks, filter masks and cotton masks. (All of which will not guarantee an absolute protection.) As you all know there is a huge lack of masks in CH. Some contingent of surgical masks are available to you via the Cantonal Medical Office.

We are aware of possible shortage of masks. Therefore, we are checking the possibility of ordering a certain amount of additional high quality (washable and ecological) cotton masks (around 3.50/piece). Please send us a short mail to mark your possible interest. According the need we will pursue this path.

Let's start up again, slowly and safely.

Your Task Force