

Update on the COVID-19 epidemic for ChiroSuisse members

April 9, 2020

Dear colleagues,

We would like to give you a short update to inform you on the newest Federal Council's press conference of April 8, 2020.

The existing ordinance and its regulation on confinement and practice restriction will be **extended until April 26, 2020**

- Groups of more than 5 people are prohibited
- Safety distances (2 meters) must be maintained as before
- Older people and people at risk should remain strictly at home
- Restaurants, hairdressers, etc. remain closed
- Treatment restriction for Medical and Chiropractic practices remain

Financial assistance

- Compensation to self-employed persons (sole proprietorship)
Despite its specifications to find a solution till yesterday the Federal Council is still in discussions about what compensation should look like for self-employed persons who are not affected by a direct closure, like Chiropractors. Unfortunately, you **still have to wait** till next week.
- Short-time work (daily allowance 80%)
New: on-demand/on call workers can request a short-time work allowance. Prerequisite: fluctuations in the workload of up to 20% / at least 6 months of Employment
- Employees can take interim earnings during their short-time work without this earnings being deducted from the current short-time work compensation. With this interim earnings, the employee can generate a "normal" wage income up to 100%.

Leases (tenant / landlord)

- The Federal Council does not make a recommendation or a decision on a rent reduction for commercial or private apartments. The Landlords Association recommends landlords and owners, to reduce rent on business premises as far as possible.

Administrative work – Reminder to request or apply for compensation.

Please contact your fiduciary for individual counselling.

- Credit: <http://www.covid19.easygov.swiss/>
- Compensation: https://form.ahv-iv.ch/orbeon/fr/AHV-IV/318_758_vers_20-03-2020/new
- Short time employee : Cantonal, here as example BE:
<https://www.vol.be.ch/vol/de/index/arbeit/arbeitsmarkt/kurzarbeitsentschaedigung.html>

More info on "Finances" will follow next week.

Tariff – Reminder to please use the tariff according to our contract

Regarding the use of our tariff for telephone consultations we refer to our E-Mail update from April 2nd and to the „factsheet telemedizin“ that can be found under <https://www.chirosuisse.ch/de/corona-faq>.

What is an urgent treatment?

We are often asked this question. Please have a closer look at [Entlastung der medizinischen Einrichtungen während der Covid-19 Krise \(pdf\)](#).

You will find at the bottom of that document some clinical situations that can be considered as an emergency. As those symptoms reflect what chiropractors generally encounter in their daily practice, we are well aware that our members might be confronted with other situations that are not listed. Considering that every chiropractor is a highly qualified medical person, he/she is proficient in making an accurate professional diagnosis and educated decisions to either treat the patient or not. If treatment is initiated, the health professional rely on her/his educated clinical judgment to decide when the clinical symptoms can no longer be considered as an emergency and therefore stop and postpone the treatment immediately.

Remember: Stay at home! Recharge your batteries!

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