

## New law will reduce infection

**The Swedish government has now approved a law on Corona (covid-19). Anyone who breaks the law can be fined or forced to close their business.**

**The law has already come into force.**

Several pieces of advice have been issued by the Swedish Public Health Agency, still the covid-19-infection is increasing. More must be done. Therefore, all parties in the parliament have approved a new law, called the "Pandemi-lagen" (Pandemic Act). It applies from 10 January.

The law is similar to the previous recommendations during the pandemic. It sets rules for stores and premises for general gatherings and parties. Anyone who does not follow the law may be fined or forced to close the premises as well as the stores.

It must not be too crowded. Just a few persons at a time can visit the stores. The stores must provide a sign, informing about maximum number of visitors.

The Kalmar County Administrative Board (Länsstyrelsen) shall control that the law is being followed.

### **Only 8 people at private parties**

At private parties in, for example, club rooms or other premises that can be used for general or private gatherings, there can only be 8 people. At certain places in the country

there has been held big parties. This increases the risk of spreading the covid-19-infection. If you don't comply with the law, the same applies as for the stores: The County Administrative Board can fine the premises, or they may be forced to close.

### **You also have to take responsibility**

But you also are responsible for ensuring that the covid-19-infection does not spread. The Swedish law of Infection Control states that every person must help preventing the spread. It also says that those who are (or suspect that they may be) infected should do everything they can to protect others. You also must take a test. If you are infected, you must help trace the infection by telling who else you have met that also might have the infection.

### **Children in secondary school to study from home**

Most municipalities in the county have decided that children attending secondary school should study from home.

The main part of the Kalmar län municipalities have decided that children in grade 7-9 should be studying from home. Emmaboda has chosen a different solution. There the children will take turns in staying at home.

But just like in upper secondary school, the secondary school are open for children in need of extra support. The decision is valid until January 24 – after that, new decisions will be made.



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You can contact the municipality or the school if you are unsure of what applies.

## **The hardest time for healthcare in Kalmar county.**

In County of Kalmar we now have the toughest time so far. Many are infected, many are in hospital and the covid-19-infection keeps spreading. Those who need intensive care with a ventilator also have increased. We now need more intensive care units in the county.

”Act as if you are infected, and as if the ones you meet are also infected”, says Lisa Labbé Sandelin, disease control doctor in Region Kalmar län.

## **The vaccination in the county has started.**

Almost 4500 people have already been vaccinated in the county - mostly those who live in special housing, their staff, elderly people with home care and those who live with them.

Staff in the covid-19 care must also be vaccinated, and the Region now decides how the rest of the population will get vaccinated. The Government’s goal, for everyone who wants to get vaccinated, is that they will be able to get vaccinated before the summer.

The Swedish Public Health Agency and the Regions of Sweden will translate information about the vaccinations into several languages. *News on Corona* will tell you where to find it as soon as it is done. Let’s do this together!



## **Information about covid-19 in several languages so far**

Point the phone’s camera at the QR-code. It will get you to a page with links. It provides information of covid-19 in several languages.



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