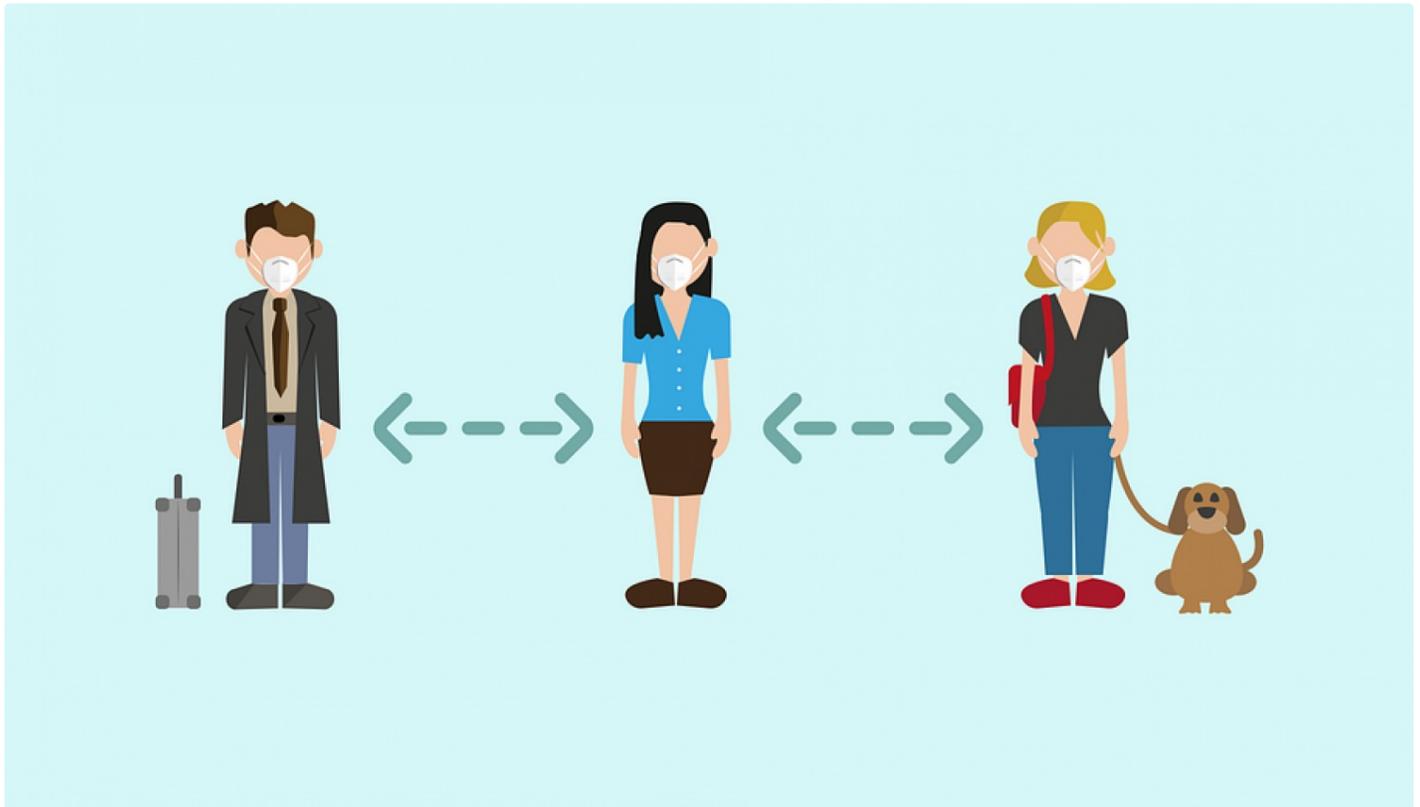


On the organization of marriage, baptism and funeral ceremonies from 21 October to 14 November

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From 21 October to 14 November 2021, strict restrictions on the movement of the population have been set to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection. During this period, the registration of marriage shall be permitted only in the presence of the persons intending to register their marriage and two adult witnesses. The official of the civil registry office or the clergyman must have a Covid-19 vaccination certificate or certificate of recovery. In turn, funerals may be organized only outdoors, in the presence of not more than 20 people, while baptism shall be organized only in the case of emergency in the presence of not more than two households and up to 10 persons (excluding the persons who are performing the rituals).

At the same time, the Ministry of Justice reminds of the mandatory use of mouth and nose coverings for all persons during the registration of marriage or attending emergency baptism or funeral ceremonies. Other prescribed social (physical) distancing and epidemiological security measures must also be observed.

The stricter restrictions are based on the amendments of 20 October 2021 to the Cabinet of Ministers Order of 9 October 2021 No. 720 "Regarding Declaration of the Emergency Situation".

Additional information:

From 21 October to 14 November 2021, the services of the civil registry offices shall be provided remotely, providing only such on-site services that cannot be provided and requested remotely. On-site civil registry office services are provided only by

prior appointment, subject to all epidemiological safety requirements. The services provided by the civil registry offices can be requested and received electronically (by sending an electronically signed application to the official e-mail address of the institution; using the e-services of the portal www.latvija.lv; by sending electronically signed documents to the e-mail address of the institution) or by post.

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