

Which Coronavirus Restrictions Is Moscow Lifting?

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Starting Tuesday, self-isolation rules will be lifted in the Russian capital. **Alexander Avilov / Moskva News Agency**

Moscow officials [announced](#) plans to lift coronavirus restrictions starting Tuesday despite the Russian capital continuing to see about 2,000 new infections each day.

The city of 12.7 million, which has been under lockdown since late March, is the epicenter of Russia's coronavirus outbreak with more than 197,000 cases. Its new case numbers have gradually fallen from a peak of more than 6,000 per day in early May and are currently around 2,000 per day.

Moscow had already taken some steps to reopen the city and revive the economy, including restarting the construction industry and factories from May 12 and reopening non-food shops on June 1.

The city's move comes as Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin [announced](#) the first steps to allow Russia's citizens to travel beyond its borders after they closed to prevent the spread of

the coronavirus.

Below is a brief overview of the restrictions and closures that authorities plan to lift for Muscovites of all ages starting Tuesday, according to Mayor Sergei Sobyenin:

June 9:

- Self-isolation rules, QR code permits for private and public transport, scheduled walks will be canceled.
- Hairdressers, employment agencies, vet clinics and photo studios
- Carsharing services
- Cemeteries
- Film and recording studios, rehearsals for theaters, circuses and concert halls

June 16:

- Rental services
- Outdoor terrace dining
- Museums, exhibition halls, libraries and zoos
- Real estate, ad and consulting agencies
- Dentists

June 23:

- Indoor dining
- Gyms, swimming pools, public sports and recreation facilities, including street benches
- Social welfare offices, state and private kindergartens
- River cruises

Which restrictions are staying in place?

- Residents are still required to wear masks and gloves outdoors and in public buildings.
- They are also still advised to maintain a 1.5-meter distance from others at all times.
- “Each of us, like before, must abide by the regime of personal safety and respect for those around us. And open enterprises must strictly comply with sanitary requirements,” Sobyenin [said](#).

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