

# Geneva City Safety Recommendations

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Geneva is the second largest city in Switzerland and a global hub for diplomacy and banking. These are some of the ways you can ensure you make the most of the city while staying safe and healthy.

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### General safety

We recommend you use the same precautions with your belongings in Geneva as you would when moving around any city. These include:

- 01** **Keep a close eye on your belongings**, particularly when on public transport or at the lakeside.
- 02** **Use a bag that straps across you** and do not keep wallets, phones or other valuables in a backpack that can be easily accessed. Do not put any valuables or identification in the overhead storage compartments of trains; keep them with you at all times.
- 03** **Keep copies of all your important documents** such as your passport, permit, health insurance, etc. (We recommend taking photos of them and emailing them to yourself.)
- 04** Swiss law requires that you **carry identification with you at all times**, but a photocopy of your passport or national ID card will suffice except when crossing the French border.
- 05** **Call 112** (for police, ambulance and fire brigade) in emergencies. For medical assistance, **call 144**.

#### Useful links and helplines:

- COVID-19 statistics for Switzerland:  
<https://www.corona-data.ch/>
- Swiss Federal Government information:  
<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>
- Geneva Cantonal Government information:  
<https://www.ge.ch/en/new-covid-19-cornavirus-ex-ncov>
- The Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) hotline on **+41 (0) 58 464 44 88** is open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. for questions.
- For medical assistance and information on COVID-19: **+41 (0) 22 427 88 00**
- General COVID-19 information: **+41 (0) 22 327 41 11**
- Medical emergencies: **144**
- Psychological support: **143**

## To prevent the spread of COVID-19

We recommend you follow these guidelines to protect your health and the health of those around you. Please note that we have also prepared a booklet listing health and safety guidelines on campus.

- 01 **Wash your hands often.** Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- 02 **Maintain a safe distance** (at least 1.5 meters), particularly from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- 03 **Avoid crowds**, both indoors and outdoors, as much as possible.
- 04 **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**
- 05 **Cover your nose and mouth** with your bent elbow or a disposable tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- 06 **Avoid sharing** utensils, food or drink.
- 07 **Masks must be worn** in public transport, in all buildings accessible to the public and in crowded areas such as street markets and pedestrianized areas of the city.
- 08 **Shops, cultural institutions and sports facilities** are open. **Restaurants, cafés and bars** may open outside seating areas (interiors remain closed).
- 09 **Outdoor gatherings** of more than 15 people and **indoor gatherings** of more than ten people are not permitted.
- 10 **Use the hand-sanitizer gel** provided in shops and other establishments when entering and leaving.
- 11 **Walk or cycle** whenever possible.
- 12 **Stay home** if you feel unwell.
- 13 We recommend that you **download the SwissCovid app**, which informs you if you have been in close physical contact with someone infected with COVID-19.
- 14 **Quarantine is compulsory for anyone entering Switzerland from a region at risk during the 14 days preceding entry.** Quarantine begins on the day you enter Switzerland and lasts 10 days. The list of countries deemed at risk changes often: please check the Swiss Federal Government's website (see above under 'Useful links and helplines'). A travel ban is in place for certain countries.

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