

# 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 **Walk or cycle** whenever possible.
- 08 If you have a **fever, cough or other symptoms**, you should self-isolate and call your doctor or the COVID-19 hotline on +41 58 463 00 00 for advice.
- 09 **If you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19**, you must self-isolate unless you have been fully vaccinated. Call your doctor or the COVID-19 hotline on +41 58 463 00 00 for advice.
- 10 **Masks must be worn** in public transport and in all buildings accessible to the public.
- 11 **A COVID certificate** (which provides proof of vaccination, a negative test or recovering from COVID-19 within the previous 6 months) is required for entry to indoor venues such as restaurants, cafés, bars, cultural institutions and sports facilities.
- 12 **Outdoor gatherings** of up to 50 people and **indoor gatherings** of up to 30 people are permitted.
- 13 **Travelers arriving from abroad** must fill in a registration form and provide a negative test, proof of recovery from COVID-19 within the previous 6 months or an approved vaccination certificate. Check up-to-date travel information at [www.bag.admin.ch/entry](http://www.bag.admin.ch/entry).

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