

COVID-19
COUNTRY OVERVIEW

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Key changes for this update

Brief summary of current covid situation / status	<p>The downward trend in new cases has continued since late December.</p> <p>The vaccination campaign continues. As of late February, 3.9 mn doses have been administered and 1.7 mn people are fully vaccinated</p> <p>More than 4,000 vaccination points have been opened in Russia</p> <p>Over 43,000 doses of the EpiVacCorona vaccine have been added to the supply for distribution.</p>
Legislative changes since last update	None to note
Changes to statutory benefits since last update	None to note

Vaccine rollout

What actions are public authorities taking to approve, purchase, prioritize populations and distribute the vaccine?	<p>Vaccination is approved for people 60 and under who have not been exposed to COVID-19 virus and do not have antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 per serological test.</p> <p>Vaccinations are currently free and voluntary, but with very low take up.</p> <p>The Ministry of Health vaccine info: https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2020/08/11/14657-minzdrav-rossii-zaregistriroval-pervuyu-v-mire-vaktsinu-ot-covid-19</p> <p>Official site on "Sputnik V" vaccine: https://sputnikvaccine.com/</p>
Public health vaccine prioritisation plan - please provide link	<p>Priority groups for vaccination include employees of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical organizations • Educational organizations • Police • Public transport • Retail • Social welfare authorities • Public catering organizations • Other client service organizations (hotels, hairdressers, dry cleaners, banks, security companies and others) <p>Official Coronavirus vaccine news: вакцина.стопкоронавирус.рф</p>
Is it expected that the vaccine will be available via the private market?	Not available at this time.
What role is it expected employers may play in the roll out of the vaccine?	Employers are not currently involved in COVID 19 vaccine financing or distribution.
Are employers planning to offer vaccination to employees on-site?	There is no evidence of this yet.
Are employers planning to require employees to be vaccinated?	There is no evidence of this yet.
Are there any expected gaps in vaccine eligibility / cost coverage?	Any Russian citizen or foreign resident with state medical insurance policy / national insurance ID number is eligible for vaccination.

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Other topics	
What is the process for COVID-19 testing?	<p>COVID-19 diagnostic tests are covered in full with no additional costs by the compulsory medical insurance, but remain subject to epidemiological indications. Based on customer requests for private employee testing, local voluntary medical insurance providers are prepared to coordinate COVID-19 testing for additional costs. Those persons that screen positive are transferred into the public health system.</p> <p>For Moscow and the Moscow region: the Decree of the Mayor of Moscow dated May 7, 2020 No. 55-UM and the Decree of the Governor of the Moscow Region dated May 11, 2020 No. 229-PG introduced requirements for certain categories of employers to conduct Covid-19 testing every 2 weeks for at least 10% of employees. This can be organized through Insurers or directly through medical facilities. The practice in other regions is subject to regional / municipal decrees.</p> <p>On June 11, the Moscow Department of Health published information on the possibility for employers to take part in an experiment to create a public-private partnership for COVID-19 antibody employee testing.</p>
Is COVID testing available privately?	Yes: Diagnostic tests (using PCR diagnostics); Antibody testing (IgM, IgG)
Are there any employee benefit coverage concerns?	<p>For medical, all COVID-19 treatment is organized and provided through the statutory medical system.</p> <p>For other insured benefits, under existing plan rules some insurers exclude epidemic and pandemic coverage.</p>
Can coverage be continued post-termination?	Subject to contract terms, but not at this time.
Have insurers made adjustments to premiums or payment terms?	Adjustments are being discussed on a case-by-case basis.
Are telemedicine services available?	Telemedicine is available from many traditional insurers and some dedicated providers. In the meantime, some local insurers are prepared to add this service at no additional charge.
Which medical services are available virtually?	<p>See note above regarding telemedicine.</p> <p>Insurance companies also offer a 24-hour call center for emergency medical assistance that is staffed by medical professionals; many also offer access to a chat/rapid response from an on-call doctor through an app or website.</p> <p>Note: Most insurance and the national health service provide home doctor visits as a covered benefit as well.</p>
Are there new benefits available in the market?	<p>Clients have expressed an interest in the following solutions: telemedicine, EAP, and hospitalization benefits.</p> <p>Specialized anti-COVID-19 insurance products are available in the market</p> <p>Insurers are working on post-COVID rehabilitation programs.</p> <p>MMB offers Lifeadwiser digital platform in Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - App-based, employees complete questionnaire - personalized recommendations - individual employee assessment - corporate wellbeing assessment

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Are employers offering supports for remote work? e.g. allowances	N/A
Is there any new legislation or trends in child care support?	No evidence of this yet
Which public agency / agencies are managing the response to COVID-19?	Several federal agencies are working jointly: - Ministry of Health - Rospotrebnadzor (Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing)
Is there a local Mercer / MMB website dedicated to COVID-19 information?	https://coronavirus.marsh.com/ru/ru/coronavirus-risk-hub-russia.html
Additional notes	The government has established a virtual hotline on COVID-19-related labor issues and questions (available in Russian only): https://онлайнинспекция.рф/covid19

*Max Roser, Hannah Ritchie, Esteban Ortiz-Ospina and Joe Hasell (2020) - "Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19)".
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