

## City: Bologna (IT)

This series of fact sheets only includes measures taken by the above-mentioned city authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various city authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

### Contextual information

#### Territory concerned by measures

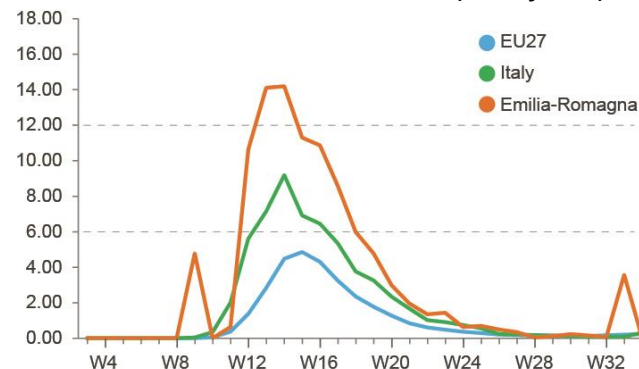
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Bologna.

#### General information<sup>1</sup>

Type of territory	City
City population (2019)	391 000
FUA population (2019)	784 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	High

\*COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants shown at the corresponding NUTS2 level (Emilia-Romagna Region)

#### COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



### Policy answers at local level - Measures<sup>2</sup>

Health security	Date	Perspective <sup>3</sup>
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<b>Daily way of life and work</b>		
• Cancellation of cultural activities.	24-Feb	ST
• Suspension of the activity of "street artists."	9-Mar	ST
• City's web portal offers videos from musicians who played behind closed doors & gives free access to a wide range of online events.	22-Mar	ST
• Working on integrating new digital projects into the organic planning of culture and museum activities.	5-May	LT
• Campaign for promoting cycling among citizens.	14-Jul	MT
• Contribution to companies that incentivize employees to go to work by bike.	21-Jul	ST/ MT
• Transforming neighborhoods into culture venues that host small theatre performances, mobile storytellers, monologues etc.	---	ST/ MT
• Offering online educational resources to families with children aged 0-6, to help and keep them entertained, educated and exercised without leaving the house.	Summer	ST
<b>Support to vulnerable populations</b>		
• Helpline for seniors	10-Mar	ST
• Solidarity fundraising	9-Apr	MT
• Home delivery service for seniors	---	ST/ MT
• Home delivery for elderly and disabled persons	---	ST
• Financial aid for vulnerable people	Apr, Aug	ST
• Support for homeless people (food, shelter, etc.)	Mar	ST
<b>Support to economic actors &amp; recovery</b>		
• Cancellation of fee for the occupation of public land for public outdoor businesses	11-Mar	ST
• Financial Support for tenants and owners by subsidizing rental contributions.	17-Jun	ST

• Suspension of ticket for the historic center entrance for tourist buses.	22-Jul	ST
• More outdoor space for tables and chairs for bars and restaurant without paying fees.	---	ST
• Concessions on commercial rents on municipal property.	---	ST
• Discount (25-50%) on waste tax to business most affected.	---	ST
• No penalties and interest for late payments of some taxes (municipal taxes on advertising, municipal fee for the occupation of public land).	---	ST
• Postponement of tourist tax to 30 Nov.	---	ST
• Postponement of waste taxes for all citizens.	---	ST
• Renegotiation of management contracts with sport facilities.	---	ST
• Up to € 10,000 for each SME to overcome the pandemic-related difficulties (granted by Chamber of Commers of Bologna): 1) expenses for the safe restart, 2) Expenditure on information and training on safety in the workplace, 3) Costs for consultancy, services and software for the prevention of the business crisis and financial support – total 2,5 mil EUR.	---	MT/ LT

### Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit
Health security				
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓	✓	
Support to vulnerable populations	✓			
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓	✓		

<sup>1</sup> Data source: EUROSTAT (*urb\_lpop1* and *urb\_cpop1*), and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh.).

<sup>2</sup> Main sources used: <http://www.comune.bologna.it> and <https://covidnews.euocities.eu/> and local media.

<sup>3</sup> ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.