

## City: Porto (PT)

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

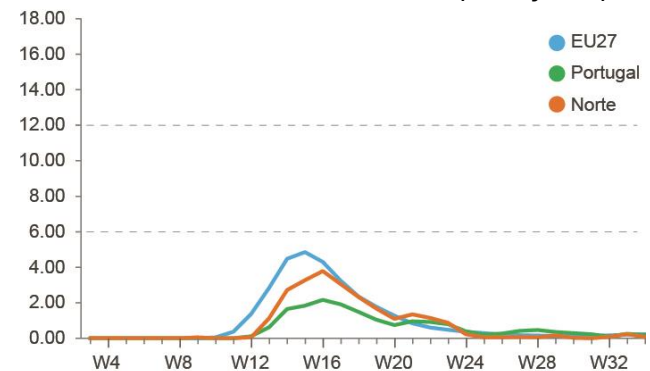
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Porto.

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

Type of territory	City
City population (2019)	215 000
FUA population (2019)	1 275 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	Low

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

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



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

Health security	Date	Perspective <sup>3</sup>
• Rooms offered at hotels for medical staff to protect their families from the risk of contagion.	16-Mar	ST
• Implementing COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing.	16-Mar	ST
• Partnership with a local company to start immediate production of protective masks.	20-Mar	ST/ MT/ LT
• Securing supplies of new ventilators.	20-Mar	ST
• Special disinfection of ecopoints and street containers is made.	---	ST
<b>Daily way of life and work</b>		
• Cancellation of all events at the Municipal Theater or the Municipal Gallery.	10-Mar	ST
• Temporary closure of Municipal Museums and Libraries.	10-Mar	ST
• Cancellation of all leisure, tourism or cultural visits to the Paços do Concelho building.	10-Mar	ST
• Cancellation of all activities complementary to the educational action in public schools.	10-Mar	ST
• Closure of Environmental Education Centers.	10-Mar	ST
• Suspension of payment of covenants in municipal car parks, whose places are not actually being occupied.	8-Apr	ST/ MT
• Suspension of payment in Parcometers.	---	ST/ MT
• Cancellation of sports activities in closed spaces.	---	ST
• Exceptional advance payments up to a maximum of 75% for cultural agents.	14 Mar – 30 Jun	ST
<b>Support to vulnerable populations</b>		
• Systematic testing program for all institutionalized elderly people and their caregivers.	28-Mar	ST
• Flexible mechanisms to reassess the value of supported rents from individuals/families.	6-Apr	ST
• Possibility of staggered payment of rent in installments until December 31, 2020.	6-Apr	ST
• Accommodation and food for homeless people and children in need.	---	ST
<b>Support to economic actors &amp; recovery</b>		
• Suspension of the tax enforcement procedure for supported income debts.	6-Apr	ST

• Exemption from full payment of rent for establishments and leased warehouses.	8-Apr	ST
• The creation of a municipal fund to support startups, micro-companies, and SMEs.	11-May	MT/ LT
• Exemption from fees for the occupation of public space with advertising media.	---	ST
• Suspension of payment in areas directly operated by the Municipality of Porto.	---	ST
• Supports the conversion of local accommodation units into long-term rentals.	---	MT/ LT
• Business consulting services for local companies.	---	MT
• Exemption and reduction of local business tax.	---	MT
• Exemption from fixed tariffs for water, sanitation & urban waste for non-household customers.	1 Apr – 30 Jun	ST
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• Online consultancy for retailers.	20 Apr – 30 Jun	ST
• Free training for retailers.	20 Apr – 30 Jun	ST
• Exemption from rent payments for merchants.	6 Apr – 30 Jun	ST

### 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: <https://www.cm-porto.pt/> and <https://covidnews.euocities.eu/>

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