



COVID-19: GERMAN LÄNDER – RETAIL REGULATIONS

Below you will find an overview of the regulations of the respective German state governments (Länder) on the opening of shops:

- Baden-Württemberg

- [Link to the regulation](#); a directive on retail opening has also been published ([link](#)). This directive defines among other things what is meant by sales area
- A reduction of the sales area to the 800 sqm maximum size is not possible

- Bayern

- [Link](#) to the regulation; [link](#) to the FAQ list
- Access: The operators of the shops must ensure that the number of customers in the shop at any one time does not exceed one customer per 20 sqm, minimum distance 1.5 m
- A reduction of the area to less than 800 sqm is not possible by measures such as barriers
- Shoe and leather goods retailers are allowed to open from 27 April with compulsory masks

- Berlin

- On 21 April, the Berlin Senate passed amendments to the ordinances on the measures necessary to contain the spread of the coronavirus. According to these amendments, from Wednesday, April 22, shops of all kinds may open sales areas of a maximum of 800 square meters.
- Shops with larger premises, such as department stores, may separate off corresponding areas for public access, so a reduction of the sales area is possible ([link](#) to the regulation; [link](#) to the information page on the measures for the retail trade in Berlin; Annex 1).
- Within the store, a minimum distance of 1.5 metres between customers applies. The standard value of 20 square metres of sales space per person must be observed. To ensure that the number of persons is limited, access may only be gained via one entrance, unless other suitable measures can be taken to ensure that the maximum number of persons is not exceeded at any time.
- [Link](#) to the current interpretation guide

- Brandenburg

- [Link](#) to the regulation
- A reduction to 800 sqm is possible

- Bremen

- [Link](#) to the regulation
- Retail shops with a larger sales area have the option of limiting this to a maximum of 799 square metres. The shops shall keep available evidence of the size of the sales area

- Hamburg

- [Link](#) to the regulation; [link](#) to the interpretation aid, in which you will find a definition for the calculation of the sales area
- The reduction of 800 square meters of an otherwise larger sales area is permissible



- Hessen

- [Link](#) to the regulation; [link](#) to the interpretation aid; when determining the size, each area in the salesroom must be taken into account in accordance with § 2 para. 3 of the [Hessian guideline](#) on the construction and operation of sales outlets accessible to customers in normal operation.
- Admission: A maximum of one person may be admitted per 20 square metres of floor space accessible to the public or part thereof
- The spatial reduction of larger retail shops to a maximum of 800 sqm is permitted if fire protection is guaranteed and the emergency exits are accessible

- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

- [Link](#) to the regulation
- Access: Minimum distance 1.5 m from other people; only one customer per 10 square metres of sales area
- Retail outlets with sales areas of more than 800 square meters can limit the sales area to 800 square meters to open

- Niedersachsen

- [Link](#) to the regulation; the calculation of the sales area is based on the building use ordinance
- Access: distance 1.5 m between customers; ensure that an average of 10 sqm of sales area is available for the person present

- Nordrhein-Westfalen

- [Link](#) to the regulation
- Access: minimum distance 1.5 m between persons; the number of customers present in the premises at the same time may not exceed one per ten square metres of sales area as defined by the [NRW Retail Trade Decree](#)
- Shopping centres and shopping malls may open so that the shops that are located in them and are allowed to open can be visited

- Rheinland-Pfalz

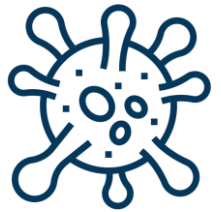
- [Link](#) to the regulation, [link](#) to the interpretation aid
- The minimum distance between persons must be 1.5 metres and there must be no more than one person per 10 square metres of space in the facility
- A limitation of the sales area is possible

- Saarland

- [Link](#) to the regulation; [link](#) to an information flyer of the state of Saarland on hygiene measures in retail
- Separation of sales areas is possible

- Sachsen

- [Link](#) to the regulation
- Access: Minimum distance of 1.5 m; staff and customers must wear a mouth and nose cover in the shop and there must be no more than one person per 20 sqm of space in the facility; a person responsible for compliance with the rules must be appointed and must provide information in the event of checks



- A reduction of the shop area by barriers is not permitted

- Sachsen-Anhalt

- [Link](#) to the regulation

- Schleswig-Holstein

- [Link](#) to the regulation; [link](#) to the Corona regulation - Positive list
- Shops with up to 800 square meters can open. For shops with more than 200 square metres of sales area: monitoring of compliance with the various requirements by at least one inspector; from 600 square metres of sales area at least one additional inspector is required
- The operators of shopping centres with more than 10 shops each must notify the competent authority before opening.

- Thüringen

- [Link](#) to the regulation
- Access: Retail openings are possible from 24 April
- A limitation of the sales area to a maximum of 800 sqm is possible