

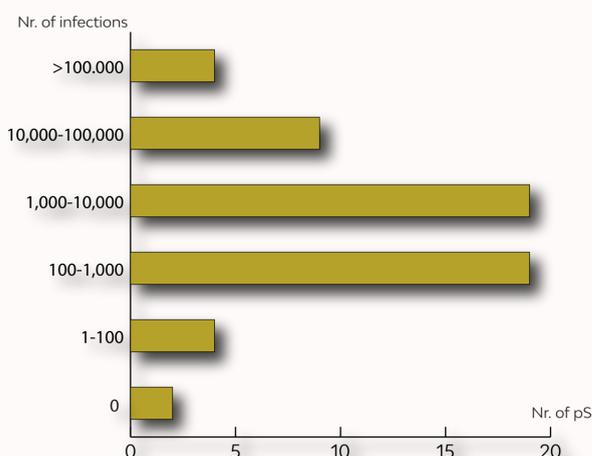
COVID-19: overview of the OSCE participating States' responses

Social distancing measures

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The present overview is the result of an OSCE PA initiative to map the OSCE participating States' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

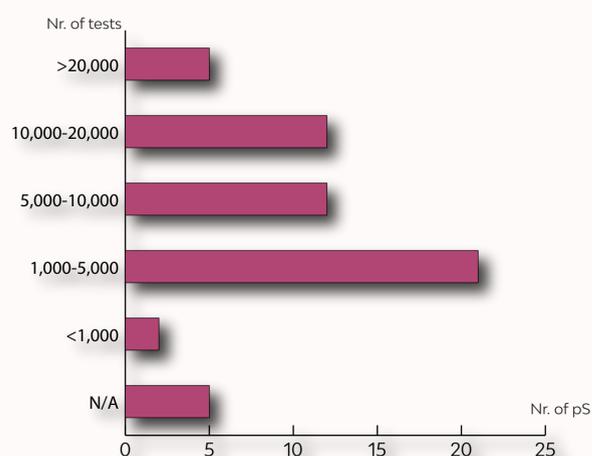
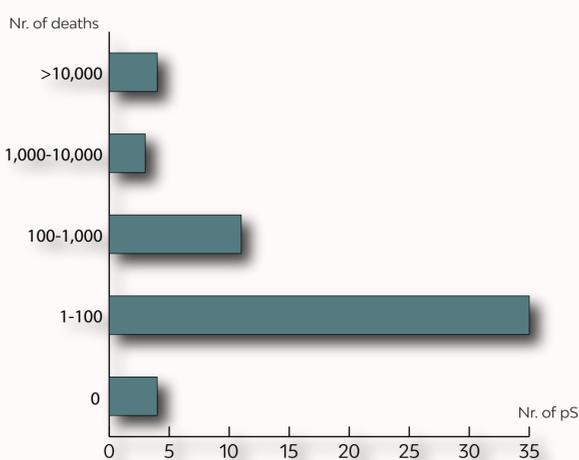
GLOBAL WEEKLY TRENDS



Infection and death rates present a growing trend in the OSCE region.

The number of pS with more than 1,000 infections has increased from 26 to 32 in one week, with two more pS having surpassed the 100,000 cases mark. According to the data currently available on major COVID-19 tracking websites, the USA, Spain, Italy, Germany and France have roughly 1,000,000 cases combined, corresponding to approximately 77% of the global amount of infections in the OSCE region. Notably, 2 pS (3,5%) reported no infections.

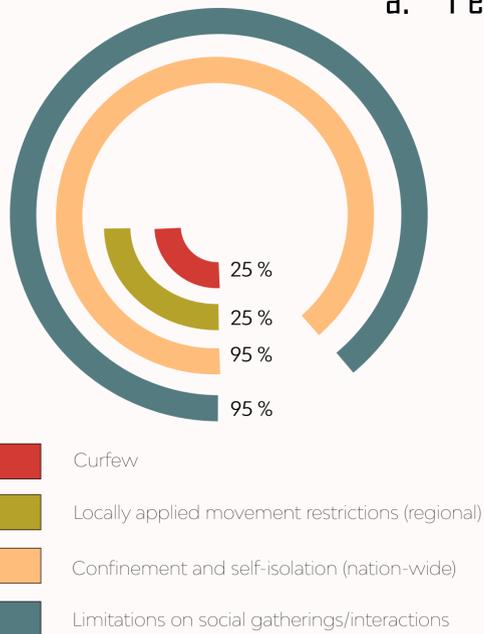
39 pS (68%) have reported less than 100 victims, while 4 pS (7%) have registered over 10,000 COVID-19 related deaths - one more since last week. When combined, the deaths recorded in Italy, the USA, Spain and France (approx. 63,000) amount to the vast majority of globally recorded victims in the OSCE region (approx. 74%). Notably, 4 pS (7%) have reported no deaths.



Finally, 51% of pS (29) have conducted more than 5,000 tests per million inhabitants, with Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and Norway having tested more than 20,000 inhabitants per million each. Correspondingly, 40% of pS (23) have tested less than 5,000 persons per million inhabitants, while there is no available data for 9% of pS (5).

IN FOCUS: SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES

a. Personal confinement



95% of pS (54) adopted measures intended to confine people and limit their movements nationwide, as well as to restrain social interaction and gatherings.

Additionally, 14 pS (25%) restricted movement in specific sub-regions.

Notably, 14 pS (7 of which in SEE) resorted to imposing curfews - either at a national or local level - to prevent the spread of the virus.

Finally, 3 pS (5%) have not introduced any personal confinement measures.

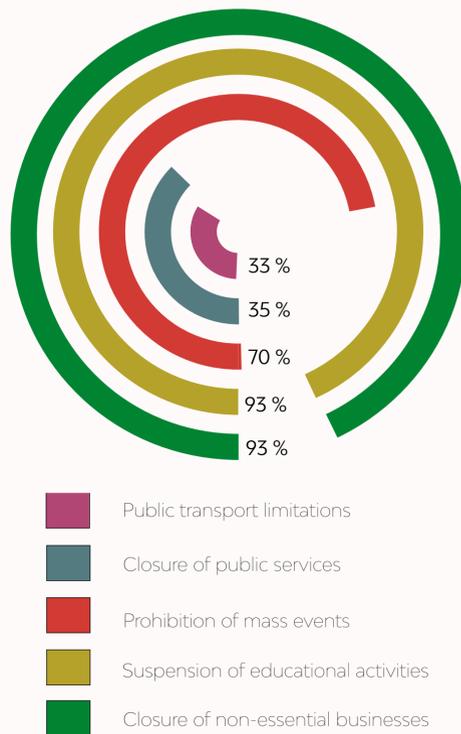
b. Shutdown of public services and private business

Emergency measures have also been targeting public and private activities. The provision of public services has been limited to essential services in 20 pS (35%), often redirecting citizens to online platforms.

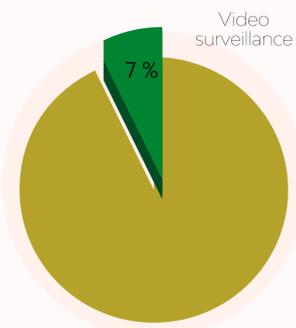
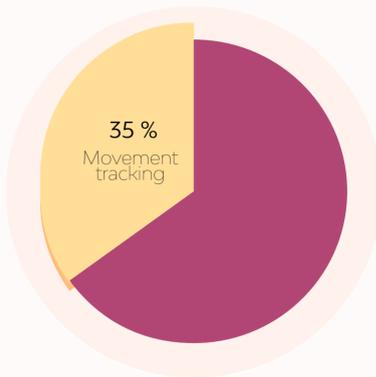
Public transportation has also experienced restrictions, both in terms of frequency and passenger capacity, in 19 pS (33%).

93% (53) of pS have passed measures suspending educational activities - mostly switching to distance learning and with limited exceptions for children of essential workers - and temporarily closing all non-essential private businesses.

Likewise, telecommuting has been widely promoted across the region. Finally, mass events have been prohibited in 40 pS (70%).



c. Electronic monitoring measures



20 pS (35%) are currently using electronic monitoring tools to contain the infection curve. This represents a 14% increase (8 pS) compared to last week.

In addition to movement tracking technology through anonymized data and mobile applications, 4 pS (7%) are utilizing video surveillance tools for the same purpose.