
GERMAN GOVERNMENT MOVES TO MANDATE TOUGHER LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

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Germany's federal government is set to introduce legislation that would allow it to mandate curfews; shop, restaurant and school closures; and restrictions on gatherings, if coronavirus cases surge in certain areas.

The move □ if passed by Germany's two houses of parliament □ would amend the Infection Protection Act and result in more stringent restrictions in districts where the seven-day incidence of new cases reaches 100 per 100,000 inhabitants on three consecutive days.

Restrictions could include a 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew, limiting private gatherings to a household and one additional person per day, and schools and universities moving to online teaching if cases rise to above 200 on three consecutive days, according to a draft of the proposed law seen by several German publications and published by Welt on Saturday.

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