Covid restrictions in Sweden lifted/removed as of 9 February 2022

- Public gatherings and public events: removal of participant limits, requirement of social distancing between groups and maximum group sizes and possibility to demand vaccination certificates upon entry.
- Eating and drinking establishments: removal of maximum group sizes, social distancing requirements and obligatory closing times.
- Trade fairs: removal of participant limits, minimum square metres per person and possibility to demand vaccine certificates upon entry.
- Shopping centres and venues for cultural and recreational activities: removal of minimum square metres per person.
- Long-distance public transport: removal of requirement for all passengers to be seated and to wear face masks at busy times or when it is not possible to maintain safe distances.
- Private gatherings in hired premises, etc.: removal of participant limits.
- Tournaments, competitions and other major indoor activities: removal of advice against organising such events.
- Social gatherings: removal of advice to avoid major social gatherings.
- The participant limits will be removed by government decision, and the Public Health Agency of Sweden has decided to rescind its regulations linked to the act on restrictions to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and the temporary act on communicable disease control measures at eating and drinking establishments as of 9 February 2022.

The Swedish Public Health Agency submitted last week a request to the government to examine the issue of COVID-19 remaining a disease that must be reported, but that is not classified as a danger to society or a threat to public health. The Government will then submit proposals to the Riksdag for consideration. The government has previously submitted a proposal that these laws be repealed by the end of March this year.

See also the website of the <u>Government Offices of Sweden</u> (use <u>https://www.government.se/</u> if the link does not work).