Federal government tightens coronavirus measures

New rules apply throughout Switzerland from 18. January:

- **Closed:** Shops selling non-essential goods
  - Shops selling essential goods: current restrictions lifted

- **Private gatherings of families and friends:** max. 5 persons
  - Recommended: from max. two households

- **Gatherings in public:** max. 5 persons

- **Protection for those at especially high risk**
  - Right to work from home, equivalent protection or paid leave (of absence)

- **Requirement to work from home**
  - Where feasible and with proportionate effort and expense

- **Requirement to wear a mask at the workplace**
  - If there is more than one person in the room

Still applicable:

- **Closed:**
  - Restaurants and bars
  - Discos and clubs
  - Cultural venues
  - Sports facilities
  - Leisure facilities

- **Ban on events**

- **Sporting and cultural activities:** max. 5 people

- **Exceptions for children under 16 (sports/cultural activities):**

- **Extended requirement to wear masks**

- **Rules for ski areas**

- **Distance learning at higher education institutions**

- **Singing only among family and in schools**

- **Stay at home (recommendation)**

- **Reduce contact with other people**
- **Wear a face mask**
- **Keep your distance**
- **Wash your hands regularly**