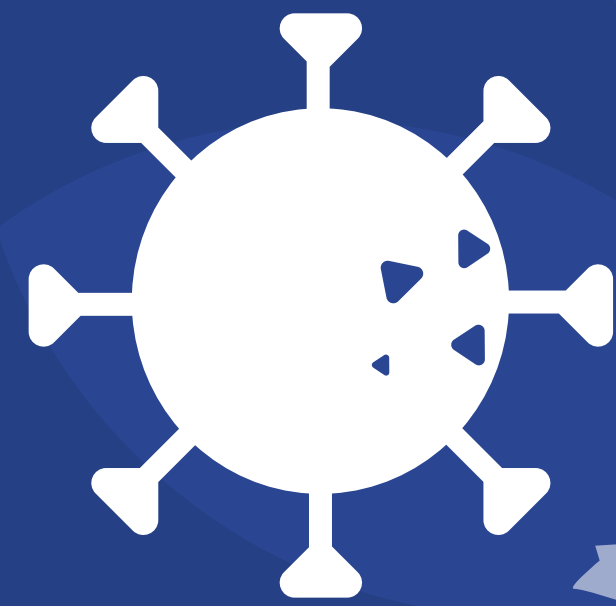
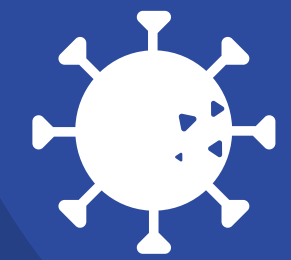
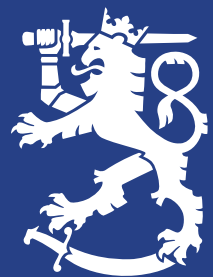


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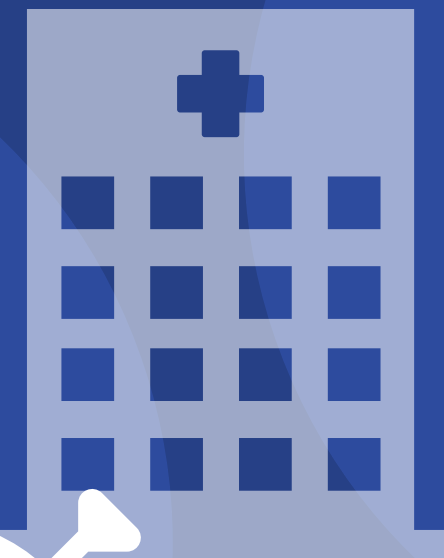
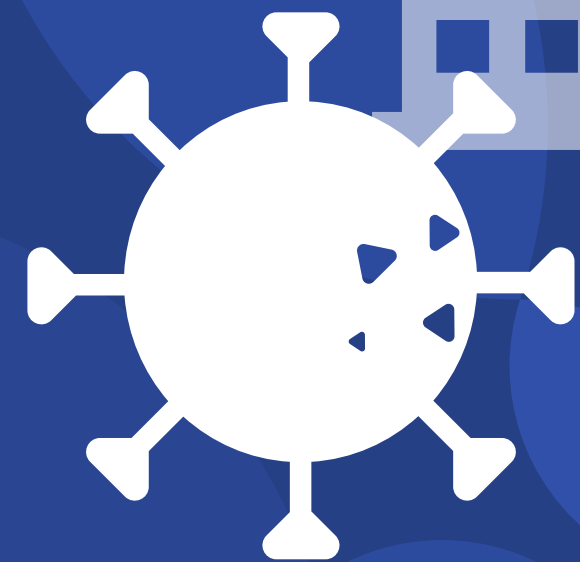
Section 3, paragraph 5 of the Emergency Powers Act states that a widespread outbreak of a serious infectious disease, the effect of which is comparable to a major disaster, meets the definition of a state of emergency



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The number and incidence of COVID-19 cases in Finland have risen very rapidly since the beginning of February 2021. The number of infections caused by new virus variants has clearly increased, which may further accelerate the epidemic and place significant strain on hospital and intensive care capacity if we are unable to bring the number of infections down.



At this stage, there is no immediate need to adopt the powers laid down in Part II of the Emergency Powers Act, which restrict the fundamental rights of citizens, but the need to introduce them will depend on how the epidemic progresses in the near future.

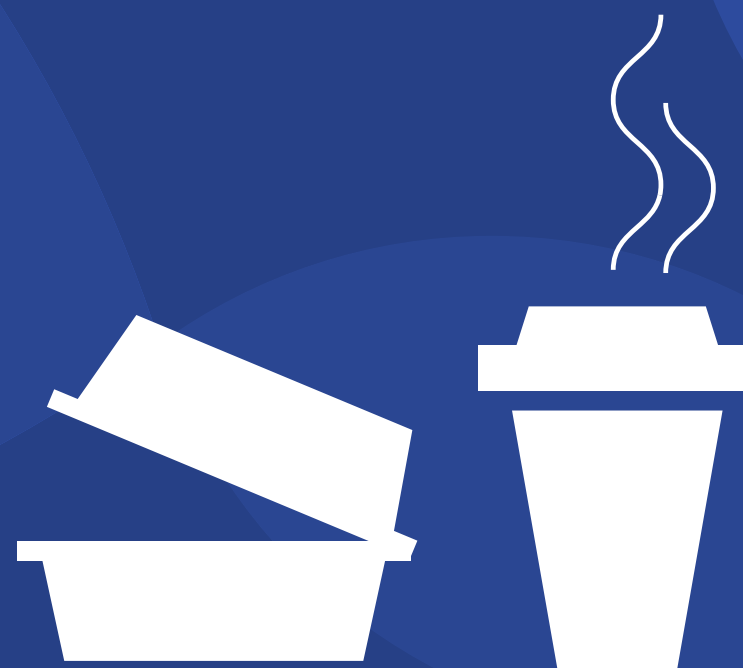
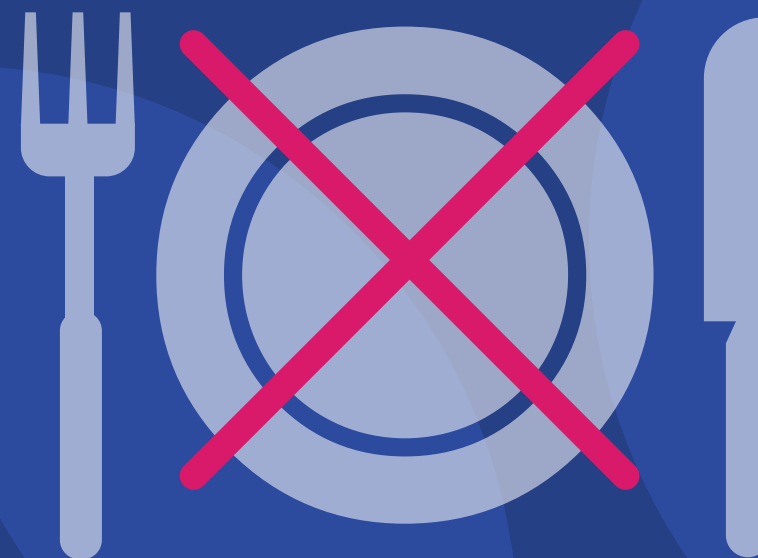
However, the Government estimates that it will be necessary to apply the provisions of sections 106 (communication by the state administrative authorities in emergencies) and 107 (powers in emergencies) of Chapter 15 of the Act once the state of emergency enters into force.



Closure of restaurants 8–28 March

The Government proposes closing food and beverage service businesses during the emergency conditions from 8 to 28 March, except for in areas where the epidemic is at a stable level.

However, meals may be sold to customers for takeaway.



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