

Press release – Media advisory



Working conditions in Parliament for journalists in light of Coronavirus

In the light of the current sanitary situation, in an effort to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Parliament is reducing the need for physical meetings on its premises, without compromising its role of democratic scrutiny as well as its ability to approve the necessary legislative measures to combat the virus and support the public, consumers, businesses and emergency services.

Those parliamentary activities still taking place (including this week's plenary session) will be [web-streamed](#) and can be followed by the media without requiring your physical presence on EP premises.

You are therefore advised not to come in person unless necessary. If you do, you are requested to respect the standard recommended guidelines on social distancing and hygiene. Please refrain from coming to EP premises if you present any symptoms of a respiratory infection or if you have knowingly been in contact with an infected person.

- Although most Members of Parliament will be participating remotely, if you need to interview Members of Parliament, please give preference to telephone or online methods unless absolutely necessary.
- The Vox Box recording studio will be open but under a strict regime of prior reservation and respect for social distancing.
- The press tribune in the hemicycle will be accessible (limited capacity).
- The press work room will remain open with clear social distancing, and full respect of the precautionary measures in place.

Thank you for your understanding.