

Quarantined in the country “Liechtenstein”

Currently the situation in Liechtenstein, which is a small country of only 37'000 habitants is considerably better than in almost the rest of the world, since for now there are only 68 confirmed cases infected with the COVID-19 and no fatalities. Since Friday the 13 th , when the country reached around 5 cases, the government decided to sustain all public and big social gatherings, for example going to school, concerts. This was furthermore restricted, when the government called a general lockdown three days later (on Monday the 16 th), forbidding any public outings (like mass) except for the supermarket, the drug-store and the walks with the dog. Additionally, the frontiers to Switzerland and Austria were officially closed and only those of vital importance to the country are still allowed to pass (nurses, carers, grocery delivery services...). On top of it they have implied the highest hygiene measures in all the public places that are still open, forcing the people for example, to go shopping with gloves and masks and disinfecting the gloves every time they enter and exit the supermarket (even the shopping carts get disinfected after every use).

I think that Liechtenstein, comparing it with other countries, is doing very well under the circumstances. They have acted very quickly in the case of this pandemic, closing all public outing after only having 5 cases in the country. Furthermore, the government and the businesses that are still running and sustaining us are doing an excellent job, providing all the necessary products in an amazingly short time (my father for example, found two days ago, hand sanitizer and gloves and even toilet paper in every store and enough for everyone, which has come to be known as a very scarce product). Also, I think that the culture here makes it easier to sustain further infections, since the people are normally not as socially active as in Spain for example, thus decreasing the chance of contagion. Part of the culture also here is to be extremely hygienic in general, therefore, the quarantine and the hygiene measurements, haven't proven to be a big challenge for the habitants.

In conclusion, I think that Liechtenstein is being exemplary in regards to the urgency and the importance that they have given this global crisis, therefore still having no deaths among those, who were infected and a low spreading ratio.

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