

Sweden and Coronavirus 2

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Countries around the world are ending **lockdowns**, and millions of people are starting to live more normal lives. However, the lives of Swedish people are not changing very much.

Sweden chose a different way to deal with the coronavirus. The Swedish government banned public meetings of more than 50 people, and older people had to stay in their homes. Schools, restaurants and businesses stayed open, and people did not have to wear masks. The government wanted to **minimize** the **impact** of the coronavirus on the economy and society.

People in Sweden welcomed this **strategy**; however, Sweden has the most COVID-19 deaths from all Northern European Countries. Experts say that it is too early to say if Sweden's strategy was good.

Difficult words: **lockdown** (when people cannot go to shops and other places because of an emergency), **minimize** (to make something as small as possible), **impact** (the consequence, the outcome), **strategy** (how someone solves a problem).

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