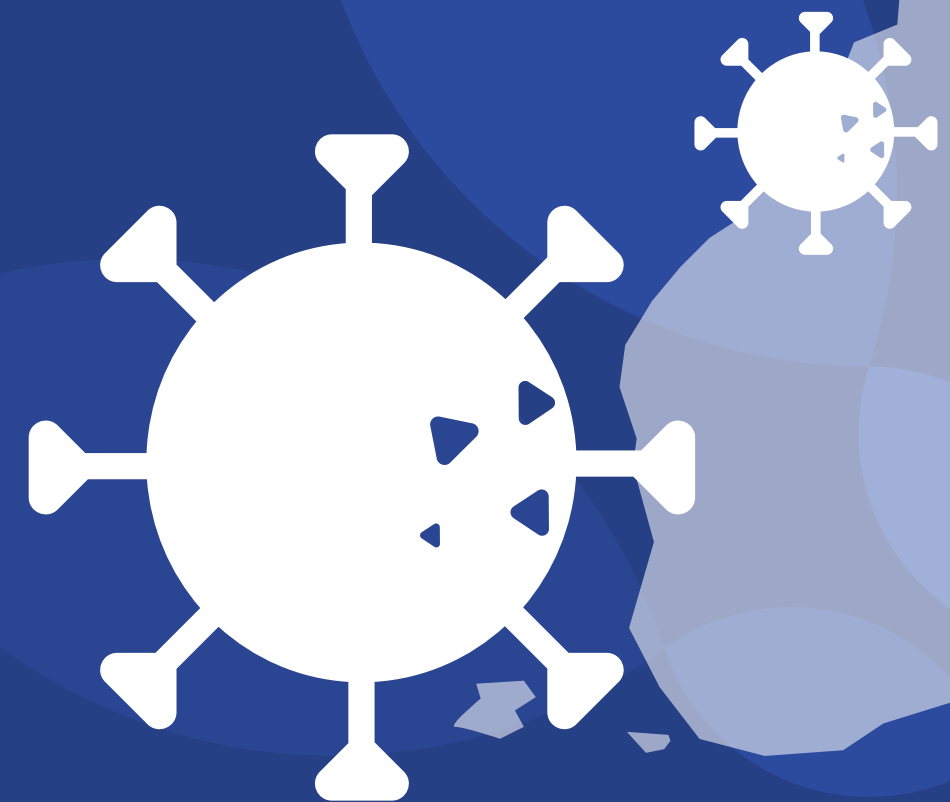


**Government decides on
immediate transition to tier 2
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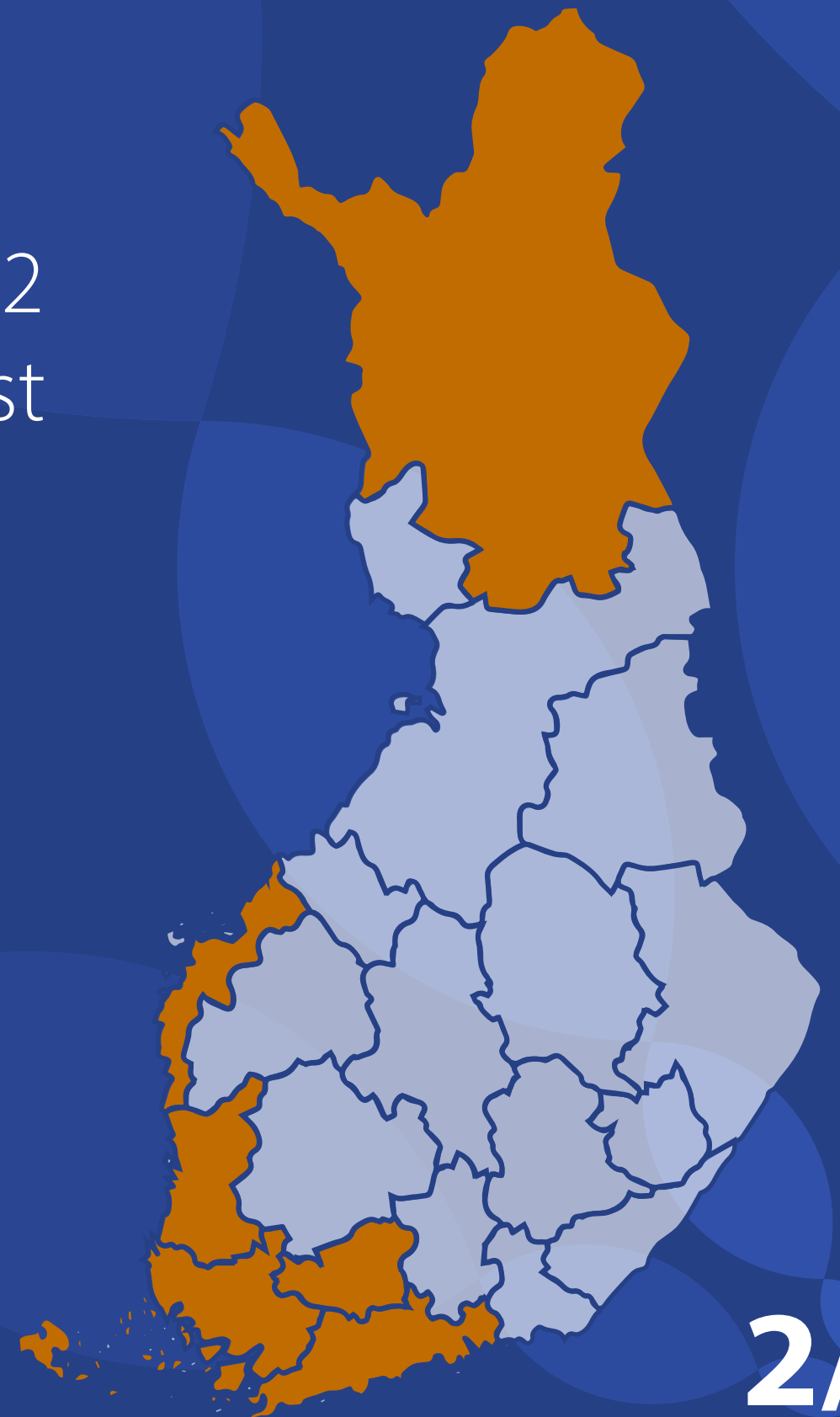


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A total of seven hospital districts are being instructed to transition immediately to tier 2 prevention measures, which are the strictest restrictions for areas in the community transmission phase of the epidemic.

- Helsinki and Uusimaa
- Southwest Finland
- Satakunta
- Kanta-Häme
- Vaasa
- Åland
- Lapland



Most stringent restrictions in effect in seven hospital districts

Measures

- Extensive recommendation on remote work and the use of face masks
- Protection of risk groups
- Distance learning for higher education institutions
- Closures of or restrictions on the use of public premises (recommendations and decisions)
- Suspension of adult group hobbies (recommendations and decisions)

Additional prevention measures

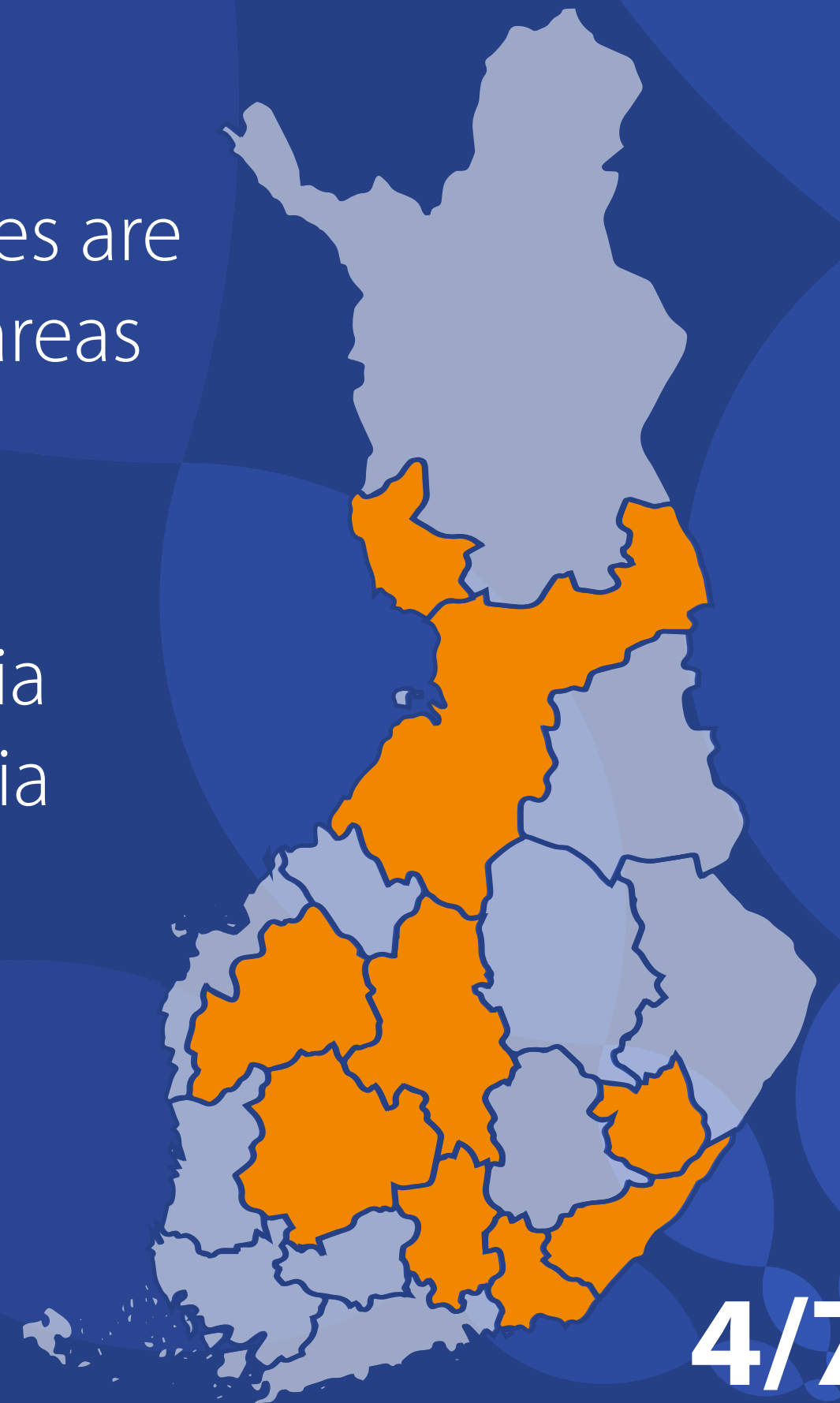
- Restrictions on gatherings with more than 6 persons
- Avoiding private events with more than 6 persons
- Municipalities and joint municipal authorities will intensify their monitoring of quarantine and self-isolation

The same measures and additional measures are also recommended for the following nine areas currently in the acceleration phase:

- East Savo
- South Karelia
- Pirkanmaa
- Central Finland
- Päijät-Häme
- Länsi-Pohja
- North Ostrobothnia
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- Kymenlaakso



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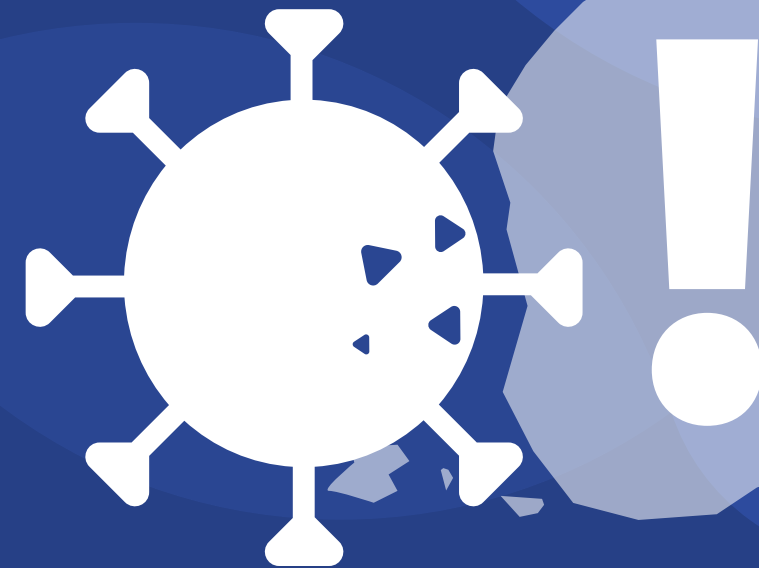


State of emergency

The Government is prepared to declare a state of emergency throughout the country. The Prime Minister has discussed declaring a state of emergency with the President of the Republic. The Government is prepared to decide on the transition to emergency conditions next week.



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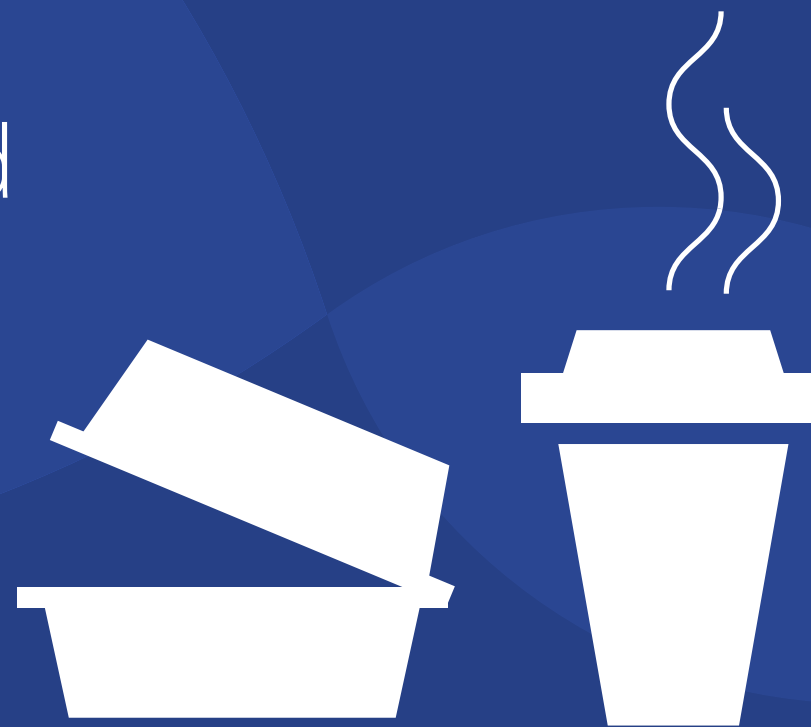
Closure of restaurants 8–28 March

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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With effect from 8 March, the upper grades of comprehensive school will be instructed to switch to temporary distance learning in areas where the epidemic is in the community transmission or acceleration phase.

Group hobbies for young people over 12 years of age may be suspended.



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