

Gov't to extend COVID-19 state of alert in Romania

Prime Minister Florin Citu announced on Monday that the government will extend the COVID-19 state of alert in Romania.

"Yes, we are extending the state of alert. Yes, there are some guidelines that no longer make sense. For example, mountain ski resorts. It doesn't make sense to be in the government decision and then we will remove those ski restrictions, for example. There are some restrictions that we introduced two months ago, they will be removed, because they don't make sense anymore," said Citu.

Asked when the mandate to wear a mask in open spaces will be lifted, Citu said that discussions should be held with specialists.

"There we will have to have discussions with the specialists and, depending on the specialists' recommendations, we will come up with an answer. I have said that, from my point of view, it is my personal opinion, the people who have got vaccinated and no longer represent a health risk in society should benefit from [exemptions] and enjoy life," the prime minister added.