

## **Coronavirus Crisis. Switzerland tightens restrictions, announces more economic aid**

**The Swiss government has announced a countrywide ban on gatherings of more than five people in public spaces to stem the spread of the coronavirus and a CHF32 billion (\$32.7 billion) financial package to help the economy.**

Interior Minister Alain Berset said the ban would come into force at midnight Friday and remain in place until April 19. People found violating the ban face a fine of CHF100.

He appealed to citizens to keep a distance of two metres apart.

However, the government stopped short of announcing a complete nationwide lockdown...

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