

# **Social Activities Impact and Covid 19 Second Wave: the Case of Thessaloniki, Greece**

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## **SUMMARY**

As the Covid-19 global pandemic outburst in January 2020, cities and countries all over the world had to take severe restriction measures in order to limit its spread so as to save lives and to prevent public health systems from collapsing. In Greece the first lockdown period started in March 2020 and from May 2020 lockdown measure were gradually lifted as summer period, sunshine – high temperatures, along with light social distancing measures helped to minimize virus' spread. In early September as economy and social life in Greece's cities were readjusting to the new reality/normality of Covid – 19 global pandemic, a new, not recorded then, 2d wave started. By November 2020 the 2nd wave lead to the second lockdown. In this paper a series of social activities – correlated to Covid -19 confirmed cases, hospital admissions and deaths is being presented, for the city of Thessaloniki, which was the epicenter of this second wave.

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