



Lockdown in Italy's north after coronavirus spike

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The Italian government introduced dramatic measures on Sunday, quarantining 16 million people in the country's north, after its biggest one-day spike in coronavirus cases.



- 1-1. An eerie stillness _____
- 1-2. after the government effectively quarantined 16 million people _____

- 2-1. The country _____
- 2-2. and on Saturday (March 7) reported _____

- 2-3. its biggest daily increase _____
3. In response, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte _____

- 4-1. He announced that people should now not enter or leave Lombardy, _____

- 4-2. as well as 14 provinces in four other regions _____

- 5-1. All museums, _____

- 5-2. and leave for health workers was canceled _____

- 6-1. Restaurants and bars _____
- 6-2. but they must guarantee _____

7-1. Coronavirus has killed _____

7-2. and the northern regions of Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna and Veneto represent _____

8. The measures will _____

[Vocabulary]

eerie: strange and mysterious, and sometimes frightening

• *'An eerie feeling of deja vu'*

• *'a coyote's eerie howl'*

• *There was an eerie resemblance between them.*

settle: to begin to have an effect on someone or something

• *Fear settled over her heart.*

• *a feeling of nausea settling in his stomach*

effectively: used for saying what the situation really is, although its appearance or official description might be different

• *Effectively the loan is interest-free.*

• *With Australia 24 points ahead at halftime, the game was effectively over.*

quarantine: to keep a person or animal in quarantine [a situation in which a person or animal that might have a disease is kept separate from other people or animals so that they do not catch the disease]

• *He was quarantined with mumps, which is highly contagious.*

bid: an attempt to do something

• *Do you think he'd be willing to mount another bid for the presidency?*

in a bid to do something: in an attempt to do something

• *The government has unveiled plans to dramatically reduce taxes in a bid to bolster the economy.*

• *The company cut prices just before the holiday in a bid to support sales.*

contain: to prevent something harmful from spreading to other people or places

• *Strong measures are urgently needed to contain the epidemic.*

• *Firefighters are still battling to contain the blaze.*

hard hit: seriously affected or hurt

• *hard-hit by taxation*

leap: to suddenly improve, increase, or progress

• *Sales have leapt 43% this quarter.*

in a 24-hour period: happening only on one day

• *No nurse may work more than sixteen twelve hours in a twenty-four hour period.*

- **epidemic**: a situation in which a disease spreads very quickly and infects many people
 - *a flu epidemic*
 - *an epidemic of typhoid*
- **Giuseppe Conte**: [dʒu'zɛppe 'konte]; born 8 August 1964) is an Italian jurist and politician serving as the 58th and current Prime Minister of Italy based on the support of two different, successive coalitions since 1 June 2018.
- **unprecedented**: never having happened or existed before
 - *The government took the unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence.*
- **restriction**: a rule, action, or situation that limits or controls someone or something
 - *The county faces restrictions on the use of water for irrigating crops.*
- **sign into law**: to sign (a proposed law) so that it becomes a law
 - *The bill was signed into law by the governor.*
- **overnight**: during the night, or from one evening until the next morning; in a very short time
 - *Don't expect to become famous overnight.*
- **Lombardy**: a region of north central Italy bordering Switzerland: capital Milan
population 9,704,151
- **Milan**: the capital of Lombardy in northern Italy; has been an international center of trade and industry since the Middle Ages
- **province**: one of many areas into which some countries are divided
 - *For the holidays, they are going to Alberta province in Canada.*
- **Modena**: a city in N Italy, in Emilia-Romagna: pop. 177,000
- **Parma**: a city in N Italy, in Emilia-Romagna: capital of the duchy of Parma and Piacenza from 1545 until it became part of Italy in 1860; important food industry (esp Parmesan cheese). Pop: 163 457 (2001)
- **among others**: You use expressions like among other things or among others to indicate that there are several more facts, things, or people like the one or ones mentioned, but that you do not intend to mention them all.
 - *The gallery has an excellent collection of Impressionist works by, among others, Manet and Renoir.*
- **leave**: a period of time away from your job, school, or the military
 - *You are entitled to six weeks' annual leave.*
 - *I asked my boss to give me leave to attend the funeral.*
- **health worker**: people whose job it is to protect and improve the health of their communities
- **sag**: to decline to a lower level, usually temporarily
 - *Exports are forging ahead while home sales sag.*
- **Emilia-Romagna**: a region of north central Italy on the Adriatic
- **Veneto**: a region of northeastern Italy on the Adriatic
- **in force**: valid; operative; in effect

• *This contract is still in force.*

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