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'No dancing, no singing': Cologne cancels Carnival's traditional first day



A photo from 2015 of revellers at the opening Karneval celebrations.

November 11th is always a special day in Cologne - it marks the start of the city's famous Carnival season. But the city mayor has announced that the Jeken will have to sit out the celebrations this time around.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, city mayor Henriette Reker said that the corona pandemic had made it impossible to celebrate the traditional start of the new carnival season.

"We will issue a ban on alcohol consumption and a ban on selling alcohol outside of restaurants on November 11th for the entire day and in the entire city area, in addition to the already existing contact restrictions and closing times," Reker confirmed.