

Regulations for persons entering Germany in connection with SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus/COVID-19

Dear travellers,

Welcome to Germany!

Please note the following important information: Violations of the following rules may be punished as an **administrative offence** with a fine of up to 25,000 euros.

- Travellers aged 12 or over must, irrespective of the mode of transport or whether they previously spent time in a high-risk area or area of variants of concern, as a rule carry with them a negative test result or proof of vaccination or recovery when entering the country. In the context of policing cross-border traffic into Germany, such proof may also be demanded by the Federal Police or other responsible authority. Persons travelling by air must already present such proof to their carrier before departure. Travellers who, at any time within the last ten days prior to entry, spent time in an area classified as an **area of variants of concern** at the time of entry must present their carrier with a negative test result, where the test in question is based on a nucleic acid test (PCR, PoC-NAAT or other nucleic acid amplification test methods). Proof of vaccination or recovery does not suffice. The test result must pertain to a test that is no older than 48 hours. As a rule, when calculating these time frames, the time of entry into Germany is decisive. In case of entry into Germany using a carrier and where the testing comprised a nucleic acid test (e.g. PCR), then the actual time or scheduled time of carrier departure is decisive. The certificate must be submitted **for inspection** by the carrier, or upon entry when requested by the Federal Police or the competent authority.
- If you have spent time in **high-risk areas and areas of variants of concern** prior to entry, please note the **obligation to register and to quarantine**: If, within the last ten days prior to your date of entry, you have spent time in an area classified as a high-risk area or area of variants of concern at the time of your entry, you must **register** at the Federal Republic of Germany's travel portal at <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de> **before** entering the country and carry the **confirmation with you for inspection** by the carrier or on entry by the Federal Police.

Moreover, you are required to proceed **directly to your own home, or other suitable accommodation, immediately upon arrival** and remain exclusively at this location after your entry into the country (quarantine). (Potential exemptions are regulated under the Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations (*Coronavirus-Einreiseverordnung*).) You may not receive any visitors. A list of high-risk areas and areas of variants of concern can be found at: <https://www.rki.de/risikogebiete>

- The basic quarantine period following a stay in a **high-risk area** is, as a rule, 10 days. If you submit **proof of vaccination or recovery** to <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de>, your quarantine will **end prematurely at the time of submission**. The same applies to the submission of a **test result**; however the test **may not** have been conducted **sooner than five days after entry**, meaning that, in this case, the quarantine lasts for at least 5 days. **Children under the age of six are not required to quarantine. For children between the ages of six and twelve years, who have not submitted proof of recovery or vaccination**, quarantine ends automatically five days after entry or after submitting the test result before five days have expired.
- Following a stay in an **area of variants of concern**, the quarantine lasts, as a rule, a period of 14 days. In this case, there is no possibility of lifting the quarantine early (neither for vaccinated nor for recovered persons).
- Find more on **exceptions and get further information** at: <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/faq-tests-einreisende.html>
- Please contact your **competent health office** (<https://tools.rki.de/plztool/>) **or your doctor without delay** should **symptoms typical** of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (difficulties breathing, newly developed cough, fever or loss of smell or taste) emerge within 10 days of entry into the country.

