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

- Please observe the **obligation to furnish proof** that applies to all travellers: Persons **from the age of 12** must be in possession of **proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 or a test certificate** (antigen test: taken max. 48 hours, PCR test: taken max. 72 hours before entry) when crossing the border. Any person who spent time in an area classified as an **area of variants of concern**, within the 10 days prior to entering the Federal Republic of Germany, must be in possession of a test certificate (antigen test: taken max. 24 hour, PCR test: taken max. 72 hours before entry). 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** or **areas of variants of concern**, 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, as a rule, 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). 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. In the case of children under the age of 12, the quarantine automatically ends at the end of the fifth day after entry.
- Following a stay in an **area of variants of concern**, the quarantine lasts, as a rule, a period of 14 days. In this case, as a rule, 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.

The Federal Ministry of Health



Risk areas



Hygiene tips