

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 regarding your entry:

- If you are entering the Federal Republic of Germany by land, sea or air and have spent time in a **risk area** within the 14 days prior to entry, you are required – bar the exceptions listed below – to proceed **directly** to your **own home, or other suitable accommodation**, immediately after arrival and remain there exclusively for a period of 14 days after entry into the country ('quarantine').
- A **risk area** is any country or region outside of the Federal Republic of Germany for which, at the time of entry into the Federal Republic of Germany, an increased risk of infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus exists. The Robert Koch Institute maintains a continuously updated list of risk areas at the following link:
<https://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete>
- The obligation described above derives from provisions of Land law pursuant to section 32 sentence 1 in conjunction with section 30 (1) sentence 2 of the Protection against Infection Act. Violations can be punished as an **administrative offence** by imposition of a fine of up to 25,000 euros.
- Furthermore, you are required to inform your competent health authority of your **address** during your stay in the Federal Republic. For this purpose you are required to use a **passenger locator card**, if such a card is provided by your carrier. The completed locator card is to be handed over to your carrier. If you are entering from a country outside of the Schengen Area¹, by air, the procedure differs in that the passenger locator cards will be collected by the authority entrusted with the policing of cross-border traffic, which is generally the Federal Police. The competent health office will supervise compliance with the quarantine obligation; it can be found on the internet at: <https://tools.rki.de/plztool/>
- If you have spent time in a **risk area** within the 14 days prior to entering Germany, you are required after entry to provide **proof** of a test for SARS-CoV-2, if requested by the competent health office or a different authority designated by the Land. Otherwise you shall have to **submit to such a test** if required.
- You also have the option of being **tested free of charge** within 10 days after entry from a risk area, even if you are not required to do so. For this purpose, please contact the hotline of the medical appointment service centre by dialling 116 117.
- **Exemptions from the quarantine and testing obligation** exist for specific groups of the population under Land law. This includes, among others, persons who are only **in transit** through the Federal Republic of Germany. Depending on Land law, a **negative test result** may allow your quarantine to be lifted.
- Even if you do test negative, you are required to **contact your competent health office** 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 14 days of entry into the country.

The Federal Ministry of Health



Risk areas



Hygiene tips

¹ Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.