

Rules for incoming passengers to Germany in
connection with
Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19

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Dear passengers,

Welcome to Germany! Please observe the following important information regarding your arrival:

- If you are arriving in Germany from abroad by land, sea or air and have been in a high-risk area at any time in the 14 days before your arrival, you are legally required to go directly to your home or other suitable accommodation on arrival, and to remain there continuously for a period of 14 days (quarantine), except in the exceptional cases outlined below.
- A high-risk area is a state or region outside Germany in which there is an increased risk of becoming infected with Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at the time of your arrival in Germany. The Robert Koch Institute is continually updating a list of high-risk areas at the following link: <https://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete>
- These obligations are based on the national legal regulations in accordance with Section 32, Clause 1 and Section 30, Paragraph 1, Clause 2 of the German Infection Protection Act (Infektionsschutzgesetz). Violations may be prosecuted as an administrative offence, punishable with a fine of up to 25,000 euros.
- Furthermore, you are legally required to inform the relevant health authority of the address in Germany where you will be staying. To do so, please use the passenger locator card provided to you by the carrier. The relevant health authority will monitor compliance with quarantine requirements; you can find your local health authority online at: <https://tools.rki.de/plztool/>
- If you have been in a high-risk area at any time in the 14 days prior to your arrival, you are legally required, upon arrival, to provide proof of having been tested for the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at the request of the relevant health authority or any other authority determined by the state. Alternatively, you must submit yourself for such testing if requested to do so.
- You can also be tested free of charge within 72 hours of your arrival, even if you are not requested to do so (regardless of whether you have travelled into Germany from a high-risk area). To arrange a test, please call the hotline for the medical appointment service on 116 117.
- Certain persons are exempt from the compulsory quarantine and testing in accordance with state law. This includes persons who are only travelling through Germany. In accordance with state regulations, the quarantine may be lifted in the event of a negative test result.
- Even if your test results are negative, you are legally required to contact your local health authority immediately if you develop typical symptoms of a Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 infection (shortness of breath, newly developed cough, fever or loss of taste/smell) within 14 days of your arrival.

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High-risk areas



Hygiene rules