

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

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Dear travellers,  
Welcome to Germany!

- Travellers aged 12 or over 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 (**obligation to furnish proof**). Proof of vaccination or recovery does not suffice. For areas of variants of concern, in which a variant of particular concern threatens to emerge, a PoC antigen test suffices.  
For areas of variants of concern, in which a variant of particular concern already exists, proof of nucleic acid testing (PCR, PoC-NAAT or other nucleic acid amplification test methods) must be furnished.  
The test result must pertain to a test that is no older than 48 hours. When calculating this timeframe, the actual or scheduled time of entry into Germany (PoC antigen tests) or the scheduled time of carrier departure (nucleic acid testing) is decisive. Travellers must be able to present this proof in the context of **random checks** by the carrier, or upon entry when requested by the Federal Police or the competent authority.
- Travellers aged 12 or over 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, immediately upon entry on request of the competent authority as part of random checks for the existence of variants of concern, take a PoC antigen test which, if positive, must be followed by a confirmatory test by means of nucleic acid testing (**testing obligation after entry**). Instead of the PoC antigen test, a test based on nucleic acid testing may be taken directly.
- If you have spent time in **areas of variants of concern in which a variant of particular concern already exists**, please also be aware of the additional **obligation to quarantine**: In this case, you are required to proceed directly to **your own home, or other suitable accommodation, immediately** upon arrival and remain exclusively at this location after entering the country (quarantine). Potential exemptions are regulated under the Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations (*Coronavirus-Einreiseverordnung*). You may not receive any visitors. Quarantine generally lasts for a period of 14 days. Generally, there is no possibility of lifting the quarantine early – neither for vaccinated nor for recovered persons. The obligation to quarantine does not apply when returning from areas of variants of concern, in which a variant of particular concern threatens to emerge.
- A list of **areas of variants of concern** can be found at: <https://www.rki.de/risikogebiete>.
- Find more on **exemptions 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 14 days of entry into the country.

The Federal Ministry of Health



Areas of  
variants of  
concern



Hygiene tips