

Coronavirus COVID-19 - regulations for persons entering Germany **Updated October 1, 2020**

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Information on the currently applicable regulations is given below. Please be aware that the regulations may change if the coronavirus spreads further.

Who needs to do a Covid-19 test?

People from high-risk areas are obliged to take the test when they enter Germany.

The most important questions and answers are available here:

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/faq-tests-entering-germany.html>

Testing is available at many German airports such as Düsseldorf, Cologne/Bonn, Frankfurt.... It is currently not clearly defined if the test is free of charge for all travellers.

Who is required to enter home quarantine when travelling to the Federal Republic of Germany?

Anyone who enters the Federal Republic of Germany having spent time in a [risk area](#) up to 14 days before their arrival is obliged to proceed directly to their own home or another suitable accommodation and self-isolate there for 14 days. This does not apply if the person only travelled through a risk area without spending time there. The competent public health office monitors the quarantine obligation. Further information on this please find below at the point “**Inform the local health office**”.

Must I wait at the port/airport for my test result? Until when do I have to stay in quarantine?

This depends on how the tests are handled on-site. As long as no negative test result is available, you must in any case enter home quarantine. Which means you need to go directly to your accommodation in Germany until you will be officially released from it by your local health office where you send the negative result to. In case you need to stay in quarantine, please contact your contact person in the [International Office](#) at the Hochschule Niederrhein and inform them about duration and address where you stay in quarantine. Anyone on their homeward journey from the port/airport should avoid close contact with third parties, the general DHM measures still apply: Distance, Hygiene, Community Mask.

Exemptions from quarantine with coronavirus testing

Persons who can prove by means of a medical certificate that they have been tested negatively for an infection with the coronavirus COVID-19 within 48 hours (date of confirmation) before entering the country or who can provide evidence of a negative test result after their arrival in Germany are exempt from the quarantine regulation. The medical certificate must be based on a test conducted in a Member State of the European Union or another country listed by the Robert Koch Institute at: <https://www.rki.de/covid-19-tests>

Information on approved tests is given

here: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Tests.html

Confirmation of the test result must be in English or German.

If you cannot provide proof of a negative test from your country, you must be tested directly at the airport. Results should be available as soon as possible. Without a negative test result you must stay in quarantine.

Student Halls

You will also need proof of a negative coronavirus test result if you are going to live in the student halls which are managed by the Studierendenwerk Düsseldorf.

Inform the local health office – only for people from risk areas (not travelling through)

After entering Germany you must contact the competent authority at your place of residence in Germany (usually the local health office – Gesundheitsamt) without delay and inform them that you have entered the country. The local public health authority responsible will supervise compliance with quarantine regulations. Information about your Gesundheitsamt is available online at: <https://tools.rki.de/plztool/> Students with accommodation in Krefeld or Mönchengladbach must send an email to gesundheitsamt@moenchengladbach.de or gesundheitsamt@krefeld.de with the following information:

Name and surname

Date of birth

Phone number

Date of arrival in Germany

Your address in Germany

Country where you have spent the last 2 weeks

You must attach the **confirmation of a negative coronavirus test** (not older than the last 48 hours) in order to be exempted from quarantine.

The local Gesundheitsamt (health office) will contact you and provide further information.

We wish you a pleasant journey to Germany.

Your International Office