

Coronavirus COVID-19 - regulations for persons entering Germany

Confirmation of required residence in Germany for the purposes of further education (Article 16b, Residence Act)

Current and prospective students are permitted to enter Germany for the purposes of further education.

Please take a printout of your **Admission Letter** with you. This letter confirms that your presence at Hochschule Niederrhein is required.

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

Obligatory coronavirus testing

Anyone entering Germany from abroad can be tested for the coronavirus within 72 hours. **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.

Quarantine

Travellers who have spent any time in a **high-risk area** in the 14 days prior to entering Germany are required to proceed directly to their own home or other suitable accommodation immediately after their arrival and remain isolated there for a period of 14 days ('quarantine').

A continuously updated list of high-risk areas is published at:

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

Exemptions from 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

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 *Gesundheitsamt* will contact you and provide further information.

We wish you a pleasant journey to Germany.

Your International Office