Returning from a risk area

Since 8th August, all persons entering the country from an area designated a risk area by the Robert Koch Institute must present themselves for a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus test within ten days. This testing is conducted free of charge. Persons returning from risk areas are furthermore obliged to report immediately to the responsible Public Health Office and must observe a 14-day period of quarantine at home until they receive a negative test result.

Please note: Completion of a passenger locator form does not fulfil the above reporting obligation!

These requirements apply to all arrivals from areas which are designated a risk area on the date of entry into the country.

You can report to the Dresden Public Health Office via the corona hotline (0351-4885322) or by e-mail, and must provide the following information:

- Full name, date of birth and address of each person concerned
- Phone number to enable the Public Health Office to contact you quickly if necessary
- Date of entry (arrival in Germany)
- Exact description of your travel route for the 14 days before entry, specifying any stopovers and the means of transport used up to arrival in Dresden (e.g. journey starting on 1st June 2020; flight to Sweden, staying until 8th June 2020; flight to Copenhagen, staying until 15th June 2020; return flight to Frankfurt/Main and train to Dresden, arriving at 2.00 p.m. on 15th June 2020)
- Occupation (to enable the Public Health Office to decide whether a work-related exemption may apply)

An official notice of quarantine will be sent to you by email or by post within a few days. The requirement to isolate ends automatically 14 days after entry into the country.

Presentation of a medical certificate

Persons returning from an area designated a risk area by the Robert Koch Institute may be exempted from the requirement to self-isolate if they are able to present a medical certificate, issued in the German or English language, which states that there is no evidence of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. They are nevertheless obliged to report their arrival to the Public Health Office. As described above, all persons concerned should report to the Public Health Office by e-mail and must provide the specified information.

The medical certificate must be supported by a molecular biological test (PCR test) conducted in a member state of the European Union or in one of the other states listed by the Robert Koch Institute no more than 48 hours before entry into the Federal Republic of Germany. The certificate must be kept for at least 14 days after entry into the country. In such cases, no quarantine is imposed.

Returning from a non-risk area

There is no obligation to provide data or undergo testing. Voluntary testing is possible for self-paying patients at the family doctor’s, any medical specialist’s or at any medical outpatient laboratory.