Corona travel and quarantine regulations for persons arriving to Germany

Currently, **all travelers** entering Germany by plane are required to present one of these evidences to their carrier <u>before</u> departure:

- a negative corona test result or
- proof of vaccination or
- proof of recovery

 This regulation applies regardless of the departure country.

Since the incidence of infection differs by the type of coronavirus variant, the federal government has determined three different categories of risk areas.

Risk area categories:
- <u>Risk areas</u>: applies to most of the countries worldwide
- <u>High incidence areas</u>: currently applies to over 40 countries or regions
- <u>Virus variant areas</u>: approx. 10 countries including South Africa, Brazil and India.

List of risk areas issued by RKI:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

<u>Attention:</u> For countries in which particularly contagious variants of the coronavirus have spread strongly, a ban on travel by train, bus, ship and flight has entered into force in Germany.

Following regulations are valid for persons who come from or visited a **risk area** within ten days prior to entry into Germany.

1. Registration before departure
All travelers must register electronically before entering Germany if they have been in a risk area in the last **ten days**: Registration Site

In the event that a digital entry registration was not possible, it shall be made by submitting a written substitute declaration with this form, which must be sent to the local health office via email.

2. Coronavirus test*
Currently, persons entering from **all risk areas** must present a negative test result to the carrier before departure. (See exemptions above) The test must have been taken no more than 48 hours prior to entry (time of swabbing).

You *enter* Germany when you pass through an authorized border crossing.

The test result <u>should be k</u>ept for at least ten days after entry, in order to present it to the competent authorities upon request. (Travelers from virus variant areas must keep the negative test at least 14 days).

Proof of the test result must be on paper or in an electronic document in **English, French or German**.

3. Domestic quarantine
After arriving from a risk area, travelers should immediately go during the next **10 days** into domestic quarantine, if they come from a risk area or a high-incidence area. If you are traveling from an area with virus variants of concern, you should remain **14 days** in quarantine.

It is forbidden to leave the house or flat and receive any visits during that time.

<u>Exemption from quarantine for travelers from normal risk areas</u>
After prior stay in a **risk area** that is neither a high incidence area nor a virus variant area, the domestic quarantine can be terminated early if you submit one of these evidences to via Registration Site:
- a negative test result or
- a proof of Vaccination or
- a proof of recovery

The quarantine can be finished from the time in which you submit the proof of a negative test result. If you submit this proof before entry, no quarantine is required.

<u>Exemption from quarantine for travelers from high incidence areas</u>
After prior stay in a **high incidence area**, the domestic quarantine can be terminated early if you submit
- a proof of vaccination or
- a proof of recovery

The quarantine can be finished from the time in which you submit the proof of a negative test result. If you submit this proof before entry, no quarantine is required.

After staying in virus variant areas, even persons with proof of recovery or vaccination are obliged to undergo a fourteen-day quarantine. This quarantine cannot be terminated prematurely.

* In principle PCR**,** LAMP**,** TMA and antigen tests for the direct detection of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus are recognized. (Antibody test <u>are not</u> recognized). The test must be performed or supervised by a third person. For detailed information, please contact the local authorities.

Test centers: see below

4. Termination of quarantine

Quarantine ends **10 days** after entry for traveler from risk areas or areas of high incidence and after **14 days** for travelers arriving from virus variant areas.

After previous stay in high incidence areas, you can shorten the quarantine through a corona PCR- test made **after five days after entry, at the earliest**. The result must be sent to the health office (gesundheitsamt-corona@dresden.de). The quarantine ends with the proof of a negative test result. Please keep the result during the next 10 days in order to present it to the competent authorities upon request.

The possibility to shorten the quarantine does not apply for people arriving from virus variant areas.

Test centers: see below

5. Duty to notify symptoms after arrival

All travelers returning from risk areas abroad are also obligated to inform the responsible health office immediately if typical symptoms of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 occur within ten days of entry. For persons entering from virus-variant areas, this obligation applies until 14 days after entry.

Corona hotline: 0351- 488 5322
E-mail: gesundheitsamt-corona@dresden.de

6. Positive corona test

Positive results will be forwarded automatically to the public health department. The staff of the public health department will contact the person to discuss the next steps.

Auxiliary provisions:

- The possibility of working in home office during quarantine should be discussed and arranged with the supervisor, while planning the details regarding arrival and stay.

- If the work in home office is not possible, the stay must be postponed or cancelled (e.g. for laboratory work, etc.)

- In agreement with the supervisor, the institute could bear the costs of the corona-tests taken in Germany for new international employees coming to take up a job with us, in the event that their health insurance does not cover it. Please make sure previously that it is possible.

- Travels to risk areas should only be undertaken in exceptional cases and with the consent of the superior. It should be ensured that the employee go into quarantine after his return and that he/she can work in home office during that time (e.g. if the employee has to fly home for family reasons).

For new employees this means:

➢ You must arrive in Germany at least 10 or 14 days before you start working at the HZDR, if you come from a risk area and cannot shorten your quarantine.

➢ It is not possible to stay in the HZDR- guesthouse during the quarantine. You must organize a place to stay during the quarantine and the supply of food with the help of your supervisor or colleagues.

➢ The costs of accommodation and other costs during quarantine are to be carried by yourself.

➢ You must be aware that if the test result is positive, your situation can be quite difficult, as nobody knows how the course of the disease will be for each person. Be sure to have an incoming health insurance to cover your expenses upon arrival until you close a policy with a compulsory insurance.

Corona test centers

▪ **Airport Dresden**
https://www.mdf-ag.com/reisehinweise/
Tel.: +49 (0) 173 3560902   Email: drs@co-care.gmbh
Appointment reservation: https://cocare-dresden.ticketbird.de
Price: 129,-€

▪ **Corona Testcenter Dresden**
https://www.corona-testcenter-dresden.de/PCR-Test/index.php/
Leipziger Str. 54, 01127 Dresden   Tel.: +49 (0)351/84228557, +49 (0)151/15188461
Appointment: recommended but not mandatory
Price: 89,-€

▪ **CITY-Apotheken Dresden**
https://www.city-apotheken-dresden.de/
Hauptbahnhof, Wiener Platz 4   Tel.: +49 (0)351/26731960
Appointment: https://www.city-apotheken-dresden.de/termin
Price: 85,-€

General information and contact:

▪ Corona-Hotline, Health Office Dresden
Telephone: 0351-4885322 (Monday and Wednesday, 9 am to 4 pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, public holidays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
▪ E-mail of the public health department: gesundheitsamt-corona@dresden.de
▪ Direct message via Facebook: www.facebook.com/stadt.dresden

Further Information:

- https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/faq-tests-einreisende-englisch.html#c20270
- https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html
- https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus/current-information-for-travellers.html