

# Since 1 August 2021: New regulations for travelers entering or transiting in Germany

Since 1 August 2021, new regulations apply for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany. Persons aged 12 or over must, as a rule, possess a negative test result or proof of vaccination or recovery at the time of departure.

*The most important points at-a-glance:*

- *Designation of risk areas:* As of 1 August 2021, risk areas will distinguish between two categories: high-risk areas and areas of variants of concern. The category of “basic” risk area will no longer apply
- *Obligation to quarantine:* If entering Germany following a stay in a high-risk area, a 10-day quarantine is mandatory for persons who are neither fully vaccinated nor recovered. Quarantine can be ended early by submitting proof of vaccination or recovery or a negative test result no earlier than five days after entry. Following a stay in an area of variants of concern, the duration of quarantine may not be shortened
- *Entry when accompanied by children:* Children under the age of 12 are exempt from the obligation to provide proof. In their case, quarantine after a stay in a high-risk area automatically ends after the fifth day following entry into Germany
- *Vaccinated and recovered persons:* Proof of vaccination or of recovery from COVID-19\* can replace a negative test certificate and exempt from quarantine on entry. This currently does not apply for passengers who have spent time in an area of variants of concern prior to entry. A mandatory 14-day quarantine also applies to vaccinated travellers – regardless of the type of vaccine taken

- *Obligation to register:* The [Digital Registration on Entry](#) (DEA) remains mandatory for entry from high-risk areas and areas of variants of concern
- *Flights from virus-variant areas:* There is no longer a ban on carriage for transit passengers from virus-variant areas as long as they have a connecting flight to a Schengen or Non-Schengen country (onward flight in Frankfurt or Munich within 24 hours; the transit area in Frankfurt or Munich may not be left)
- *Transit passengers:* Transiting in Germany to a destination outside of Germany is possible and does not require proof of vaccination/immunity, a negative test result nor an online registration

The following still applies:

- The negative Covid-19 test result at time of departure, which may be required for entry, must be done no more than 48 hours (antigen)\*\* or no more than 72 hours (PCR, RT-LAMP or TMA) before the time of entry into Germany (time of swab). The corresponding negative test certificate or, if applicable, proof of vaccination or immunity must be presented before departure and upon entry
- Certificates are accepted in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish; certified self-tests are also valid
- For more information on the designation of international risk areas, [click here](#)

For detailed up-to-date information on quarantine and testing requirements for entry into Germany, please visit [lufthansa.com](https://www.lufthansa.com)

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*\* Travelers are considered vaccinated if they have completed their vaccination series more than 14 days ago with a vaccine approved in the EU. These are currently the vaccines from BioNTech/Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson. The proof of recovery must be a PCR/LAMP/TMA test proof that is at least 28 days*

*and at most six months old*

*\*\* Exception: Antigen tests only 24 hours if arriving from an area of variants of concern*

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