

Information on the recognition of molecular biological tests for SARS-CoV-2 for persons arriving in Germany from risk areas

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Persons entering the Federal Republic of Germany, who have spent time in a risk area at any specific period within 14 days prior to entry, can be subject to quarantine under the specific quarantine ordinances issued by the competent federal state (Land). The current list of risk areas can be found on the following website: www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete.

Please bear in mind that the Federal Government examines, on an ongoing basis, the extent to which areas are to be classified as risk areas. As a result, this list can be modified at short notice and, above all, may be extended. Directly before embarking on your journey, please check whether you have spent time in one of these areas in the last 14 days before entering Germany. Should this be the case, you must expect to be subject to quarantine.

Persons entering Germany from risk areas may be exempted from quarantine obligations under the specific quarantine ordinances of the competent federal states (Laender) if they can prove, by means of a medical certificate, that they are not infected with SARS-CoV-2 (or that at the time of testing no evidence could be found of SARS-CoV-2).

The test may not have been conducted more than 48 hours prior to entry. In principle, molecular biological tests (PCR tests) are currently accepted from all European Union countries, as well as from the countries mentioned below, insofar as there is evidence that the test was conducted in a quality-assured (accredited) laboratory (for example, accreditation according to ISO 15189, ISO/IEC 17025 or designation as a WHO COVID-19 reference laboratory). A country's inclusion on the list is the result of a joint analysis and decision-making process by the Federal Ministry of Health, the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community. If no test was conducted before your arrival in Germany, it is also possible to have yourself tested after entry.

- Albania
- Algeria
- Angola
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Benin
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brunei
- Burkina Faso
- Cambodia
- Canada

- Chad
- Chile
- China
- China HK
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- DR Congo
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Great Britain
- Guinea
- India
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Monaco
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Niger
- Nigeria
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Oman

- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Panama
- Peru
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Russia
- Republic of Moldova
- Rwanda
- Saint Lucia
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- South Africa
- South Korea
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Suriname
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United States Virgin Islands
- Uruguay
- USA
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Vietnam