

FAQ

Coronavirus Incoming Travel Ordinance – provisionally effective until 11 August

Who is obligated to undergo home quarantine upon arrival?

The federal and state governments have agreed that incoming travellers from risk areas must undergo 14 days of home quarantine.

Which countries are considered risk areas?

The risk areas are defined by the federal government and published by the Robert Koch Institute. The case numbers and evaluation of the respective infection and testing rates are considered in the definition. An overview of the current risk areas can be found [here](#).

What exceptions to the quarantine regulation apply as of 15 July 2020?

The quarantine obligation for return travellers from risk areas does not apply pending a negative coronavirus test result that is no older than 48 hours before arrival. The time at which the test result was determined is pertinent for this time period. The test can also be retaken in Germany, but the quarantine rules must be adhered to until the negative result is received. Furthermore, exceptions apply to (among others) persons whose occupation requires the transport of persons, goods or products across the border via roadway, rail, ship or aircraft, as well as to persons who travel to Germany for fewer than 72 hours for certain reasons (visiting relatives, custody rights, visiting life partners, etc.). In addition, the regulation does not apply to persons who are travelling through North Rhine-Westphalia (without overnight accommodation).