

Information on Covid-19 Regulations for People Entering Germany from Abroad Effective 1st March 2021 Information as of 01.03.2021*

This document outlines important information for students entering Germany after 01.03.2021. It summarises the current COVID-19 quarantine and testing requirements as well as key Covid-19 regulations currently in place in Baden-Württemberg. Please note that the situation is constantly changing. This document will be updated on a regular basis.

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1. Checking if You Have Spent Time in a Designated Risk Area

Before travelling to Germany, please check the [list of designated risk areas](https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html) issued by the German public health advisory body Robert Koch Institute (RKI) on a regular basis to establish if you have spent time in a designated risk area during the ten days prior to entering Germany.

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

Please note: The RKI now differentiates between “risk areas”, “high incidence areas” and “areas of variant of concern”.

“**High incidence areas**” include areas with a particularly high number of cases. Stricter testing and quarantine regulations apply for this group. See Section 2.

“**Areas of variant of concern**” include areas of particularly high risk of infection due to the widespread occurrence of new SARS-CoV-2 virus variants.

Extensive restrictions currently apply to entry and travel to Germany from areas of variant of concern. As a rule, persons travelling from these areas are not permitted to enter Germany. Exceptions include persons returning to their place of residence. Details of exceptions are outlined in section II of the following Federal Ministry of Interior [web page](#).

2. Entering Germany from a Designated Risk Area

If you have spent time in a designated “risk area”, “high incidence area” or an “area of variant of concern” during the 10 days prior to entering Germany, you will be required to take the following steps:

Step 1: “Digital Registration on Entry” form. Prior to travelling to Germany by land, air or sea, you are legally obliged to provide your travel and contact details by completing the form “Digital Registration on Entry” <https://einreiseanmeldung.de/#/>. Upon successful completion of the online registration, you will be able to download a PDF version of the completed form. You are required to carry this document with you when entering Germany and to present it to carriers and immigration authorities upon request as proof of registration.

Step 2: Testing obligation.

Please refer to the following website for details of which COVID-19 tests are recognised:
<https://www.rki.de/covid-19-tests>.

- a) Arrival from a “risk area”:
The first test must be conducted no earlier than 48 hours prior to arrival in Germany or upon arrival. A second test may be conducted no earlier than five days after arrival in Germany. You are able to shorten your quarantine by presenting the negative result of the second test to the local authorities.
- b) Arrival from a “high incidence area” or “area of variant of concern”: The test must be conducted no earlier than 48 hours prior to arrival in Germany. It is not possible to get tested upon arrival.
- c) Arrival as a “recovered person”:
The exemption applies to persons who have a medical certificate stating that they were infected with the corona virus at least 21 days prior and not more than six months prior to entry, confirmed by a PCR test. The corresponding proof may be submitted in the German, English or French language. The exemption from the quarantine obligation also applies to these persons only if they do not show typical symptoms of an infection with the corona virus such as fever, dry cough or disturbance of the sense of taste or smell.
As a recovered person, it is irrelevant from which risk area category you enter.

Step 3 - Quarantine obligation:

- a) Arrival from a risk area:
Upon arrival, you must travel directly to your place of residence in Germany and immediately quarantine for a period of ten days. It is possible to shorten the quarantine period by presenting the negative result of the test carried out on the fifth day after entry at the earliest to your local authority (Step 4). You may briefly interrupt your quarantine to undergo testing. Section 4 of this document outlines details of testing facilities.
- b) Arrival from a high incidence area
Upon arrival, you must travel directly to your place of residence in Germany and immediately quarantine for a period of ten days. It is not possible to shorten the quarantine period.
- c) Arrival from an area of variant of concern
Upon arrival, you must travel directly to your place of residence in Germany and immediately quarantine for a period of fourteen days. It is not possible to shorten the quarantine period.

The details provided in the “Digital Registration on Entry” form (step 1) are forwarded automatically to your local authority (Ordnungsamt Reutlingen). The Ordnungsamt is responsible for ensuring adherence to quarantine regulations and checking that testing requirements have been fulfilled. Failure to adhere to the regulations will result in substantial fines.

If you need support with grocery shopping or other urgent items, please contact your degree programme office or your student buddy.

Step 4: Send test result to local authority. You are legally obliged to send proof of all required tests (test certificate(s)) by email to the local authority (Ordnungsamt Reutlingen). The email address is: ordnungsamt.corona@reutlingen.de.

a) Arrival from a risk area:

If you have entered Germany from a normal risk area and wish to shorten your quarantine, you must also send the negative result of the test conducted at the earliest five days after arrival by email to the Ordnungsamt at ordnungsamt.corona@reutlingen.de. They will then release you from quarantine.

Step 5: Obtain permission to access campus buildings and attend classes. The negative test results must also be sent to your degree programme office, who will issue a written permission to access campus buildings and attend classes on campus.

3. Entering Germany from a Non-Risk Area

If you enter Germany from a non-risk area, we strongly recommend you to get tested for COVID-19, although it is not obligatory. The website of the Robert Koch Institute outlines which tests are recognised in Germany, <https://www.rki.de/covid-19-tests>.

4. Corona Regulations in Baden-Württemberg

Here you can find a brief overview of the special regulations that are currently in place to reduce the Covid-19 infection rate in Baden-Württemberg. For further details, please refer to the website of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg. If you are doing an internship in another federal state, please refer to the respective [website](#).

Obligation to wear a surgical face mask or a respiratory protection mask (FFP2 or KN95/N95) in the following locations:

- Public transport including ticket offices, waiting areas, airport buildings etc.
- Doctors’ practices, all other medical practices and public health offices
- All shops
- Work place
- All religious events
- FFP2 masks are required when entering a hospital or care home.

Travel restrictions within Germany

Travelling and staying in hotels, guesthouses, holiday apartments etc. is currently only permitted if your journey is deemed necessary, e.g. for work or study purposes. You will be required to present proof of necessity when checking into your accommodation.

Alcoholic beverages

It is currently forbidden to serve and consume alcoholic beverages in public places.

Contact restrictions

Both indoors and out, it is only possible to meet up with one person from another household at any one time.

5. Test Centres

a. At Arrival Points

Corona Test Centre, Stuttgart Airport

<https://www.stuttgart-airport.com/travel-with-care-in-2021/corona-test-centre/>

Corona Test Centre, Munich Airport

<https://www.munich-airport.com/corona-tests-at-the-airport-9526455#c2cf3eca>

Corona Test Centre, Frankfurt Airport

<https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en/transfer-at-frankfurt-airport/covid-19/coronavirus-testing-at-the-airport.html>

b. In the Area of Reutlingen

The following testing facilities are available in Reutlingen and the surrounding area:

Stadthalle Reutlingen, Oskar-Kalbfell-Platz 8, 72764 Reutlingen

An antigen rapid test is currently free of charge for people who live in Reutlingen.

Opening times: Tuesday: 15:00 - 18:00; Friday: 15:00 - 18:00; Saturday: 10:00 - 14:00.

No appointments required. You must present some form of identification (passport or ID card)

COVID Testzentrum, Burkhardt-Weber-Straße 28, 72760 Reutlingen

This new test centre is located near the Reutlingen main train station. It offers antigen tests for €39.90 and will soon offer PCR-Tests for approx. €85.

You must register online to secure an appointment at <https://www.covid-testzentrum.de/>.

You are required to present some form of identification such as passport or id. card.

Drive-In Test Centre, An der Kreuzeiche, 72762 Reutlingen:

The regional drive-in test centre is located at the **Kreuzeiche Stadion** in Reutlingen, which is very close to campus.

Opening times: Monday - Saturday 12:00 -17:00.

You must register online to secure an appointment at

<https://www.corona-testzentrum-reutlingen.de/>.

The following documents must be presented:

- The completed „[Selbstauskunftsbogen](#)“ available on the Corona-Testzentrum-Reutlingen website
- A health insurance card from the statutory health insurance company or ID card / passport

[Cegat GmbH](#), Paul-Ehrlich-Str. 23, 72076 Tübingen

Located in Tübingen, Cegat offers tests without an appointment for a fee of €65,-.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 13:00 – 17:00, Sat 9.00 – 13.00

Further information is available on their website:

<https://www.cegat.de/en/diagnostics/corona-diagnostics/coronavirus-test/>

Email: corona@cegat.de; phone: +49 (0)7071 56544-20

Doctors' Practices Conducting Tests

If you already have a doctor in Reutlingen, you can contact your doctor's surgery. The GP will either conduct the test him/herself or arrange for you to get tested at one of the official COVID-19 specialist practices. Please note that you must call the doctor's practice to arrange an appointment. It is not possible to go to the practice without an appointment.

A list of COVID-19 specialist practices in Reutlingen can be found here:

<https://www.kvbawue.de/buerger/notfallpraxen/corona-anlaufstellen/corona-karte/>.

Should you have problems getting an appointment, you can also call the support hotline, tel. 116117.

The following documents must be presented:

- A health insurance card from the statutory health insurance company or ID card/ passport

6. Useful Links

Designated Risk Areas

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

Federal Ministry of Interior: Coronavirus FAQ (including entry restrictions and exceptions)

https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html;jsessionid=CF6B9907AFFEFC1FA390B3DB4F3C4C60.1_cid364

Federal Ministry of Health: Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/service/gesetze-und-verordnungen/guv-19-lp/coronaeinreisev.html>

Baden-Württemberg Corona Ordinance on Entry Quarantine, effective 25th February 2021

<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/faq-tests-fuer-reiserueckkehrer/#c120237>

Links to Federal State Websites

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/corona-bundeslaender-1745198>

“Digital Registration on entry” Form:

<https://einreiseanmeldung.de/#/>

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

<https://www.rki.de/covid-19-tests>

Stadthalle Reutlingen (free antigen test)

<https://www.reutlingen.de/Coronavirus-RT/Antigen-Schnelltest>

COVID Testzentrum

<https://www.covid-testzentrum.de/>

Corona Test Centre in Reutlingen (Drive-In):

<https://www.corona-testzentrum-reutlingen.de/>

Cegat GmbH Testing Facility:

<https://www.cegat.de/en/diagnostics/corona-diagnostics/coronavirus-test/>

List of Corona Specialist Practices:

<https://www.kvbawue.de/buerger/notfallpraxen/corona-anlaufstellen/corona-karte/>

Q & A on Corona Ordinance (In German only)

<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/en/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/faq-corona-verordnung/>

Federal State Baden-Württemberg: Ordinances:

<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/alle-meldungen/meldung/pid/aktuelle-aenderungen-der-corona-verordnungen/>