



# AIRLINE ALERT



## Temporary Covid-19 Travel Restrictions for Germany

From 2021-09-02

In compliance with the still valid general entry requirements for the Federal Republic of Germany, the following additional entry restrictions apply in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### A. Direct Airside Transit

#### *No restrictions*

*Please be aware of the confirmed onward ticket to the next non-Schengen country and possible Covid-19 related entry restrictions at the final destination.*

### B. Entry to remain in Germany

#### *No restrictions for*

- a) EU nationals and nationals of Schengen states
- b) GBR nationals holding a Withdrawal Agreement residence document issued by an EU country or a Schengen state
- Third country nationals holding a residence permit or visa type D issued by an EU country or a Schengen state  
*Visa type D: Residence is required! Not for the first entry to establish residency*
- Core family member of nationals mentioned under No. 1 and No. 2  
*Spouse or registered partner, minor unmarried children and parents of minors*
- Holders of an official letter issued by a DEU mission confirming urgent travel needs
- Residents of ALB, AND, ARM, AUS, AZE, BIH, BRN, CAN, HKG, KOR, JOR, LBN, MAC, MCO, MDA, MKD, NZL, QAT, SAU, SGP, SRB, SMR, TWN, UKR, VAT, XXK. A person is considered a resident of a country if they have their domicile or habitual residence there, specifically if they have spent the past 6 months there
- Fully vaccinated travellers (as of 25<sup>th</sup> of June). This does NOT apply for residents of China
  - Unvaccinated children under 12 years of age are allowed to enter Germany if they travel with at least one fully vaccinated parent.
  - Proof of vaccination:
    - i. In digital (e.g. EU Digital COVID Certificate) or paper form (e.g. WHO vaccination booklet) in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish

- ii. The vaccine used must be one of those listed on the website of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut
- iii. A period of at least 14 days must have elapsed since receiving the last vaccine dose.  
(Travellers who recovered from Covid-19 need to proof receiving of one dose of vaccine)

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***Exemptions according to the purpose of travel, role of the traveller, or other urgent need to travel. Sufficient proof shall be submitted by the passenger.***

- Planned **marriage** to national residing in DEU
- **Urgent family reason** like birth, funeral, serious illness, wedding  
*Applies to all first-grade and second-grade relatives, core family and adult children, grandparents, parents of adult children, grandchildren, siblings*
- **Unmarried couples**  
**Third country national visits a partner living in Germany**
  - Steady partnership with national mentioned under No. 1 or No. 2
  - Invitation and passport copies of the partner living in DEU
  - Signed declaration "Selbsterklärung Besuch des Partners"
  - Proof of previous meeting  
*e.g. entry/exit-stamps, flight tickets, registration of common residence, photos, social media, letters)*  
**Couple lives abroad**
  - Steady partnership with national mentioned under No. 1
  - Proof of urgent travel reason like under No. 8
  - Proof of common residence abroad
  - Signed declaration "Selbsterklärung gemeinsame Reise"
- Serious **medical** reasons *e.g. live-saving treatment* or **ongoing treatment** which can only be performed in Germany or at least cannot be received in the country of residence
- Urgent **business** reasons
  - Skilled and highly qualified workers  
*Proof of employment and the need of being present in DEU  
Work cannot be postponed or carried out from abroad*
  - Scientists / researchers
  - Healthcare professionals *e.g. Nurses, Doctors, Pharmacists*

- **Business travelers** *e.g. executives and employees signing contracts or maintenance of industrial products can be proven by the form "Erklärung zur unbedingten Erforderlichkeit einer kurzfristigen Geschäftsreise"*
  - **IT-Specialists**
  - **Transport personnel**
  - **Seasonal workers in agriculture**
  - **Exhibitors** *confirmation of fair organizer*
  - **Trade fair visitors** *with admission ticket and a confirmation from an exhibition exhibitor about an appointment on-site*
  - **Participants of a congress** *with invitation and proof of the organizer that the congress will not take place online*
- **Seamen** on duty
  - **Students**
    - Admission to study of the university or employer
  - **Trainees, advanced education** *for at least 6 month with confirmation of the employer that presence in DEU is needed*
  - **Diplomats, military members, staff of international organizations** on duty, on the way to their mission country or return
  - **Core family member of diplomats** from countries mentioned under No. 1 a)
  - **Au-pairs and volunteers** *for at least a 6 month stay*
  - **Professional athletes** for competitions or tournaments, including attendants
  - **Amateur athletes** for training or competitions for Olympic and Paralympic Games or for participation in tournaments being delegated by a national sports federation
  - **Sports officials** for international sports events
  - **Referees** of competitions or tournaments

### **C. Entry for the purpose of transit to a Schengen or EU country**

- Current printout of the entry regulations of the country of final destination, which proves that the **country of residence is excluded from the entry restrictions**.  
**Alternatively,**  
passengers mentioned under chapter B. The same entry conditions apply.

- **Holder of an official letter, issued from the country of final destination and stating that **entry will be granted**, will not have to submit further proof.**
- Possible Covid-19 related easing of travel restrictions shall be proven by the passenger.

#### **D. Entry for the purpose of transit to a third country state**

- Onward flight ticket to a non-Schengen airport
- Submission of proof that the entry in the third country state is permitted
- Current printout of the entry regulations of the transiting countries which proves that the transit to a non-Schengen country is allowed.

**When in doubt, please contact German ALO for further advice!**

*The Alert serves as an advisory, it is not legally binding.*

*More detailed COVID-19 related information can be found under:*

**Federal Police and Ministry of Interior - FAQ**

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/fags/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-fags.html>

**IATA Covid-19 Travel Regulation Map**

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

**Declaration forms for unmarried couples (ref. to No. 9)**

[https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/EN/themen/civil-protection/declaration-of-the-existence-of-the-relationship.pdf;jsessionid=5F778D14997A8A9CEC16BE7E3E43BB11.2\\_cid373?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/EN/themen/civil-protection/declaration-of-the-existence-of-the-relationship.pdf;jsessionid=5F778D14997A8A9CEC16BE7E3E43BB11.2_cid373?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

**Declaration forms for urgent business reasons (ref. to No. 11)**

[https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/EN/themen/civil-protection/declaration-absolute-necessity-business-travel-of-short-duration.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=3](https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/EN/themen/civil-protection/declaration-absolute-necessity-business-travel-of-short-duration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=3)

**Website of Paul-Ehrlich-Institut**

[https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=00EF3DFDE240640A4491F687474A896A.intranet212?nn=164146&cms\\_pos=2](https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=00EF3DFDE240640A4491F687474A896A.intranet212?nn=164146&cms_pos=2)