

## **Coronavirus Incoming Travel Ordinance – provisionally valid until 15 September**

### **Who is obligated to undergo home quarantine upon entering the country?**

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

### **Which countries are deemed risk areas?**

The risk areas are defined by the federal government and published by the Robert Koch Institute. This is determined by the case numbers as well as an evaluation of the spread of the infection and availability of testing. An overview of current risk areas can be found [here](#).

### **What exemptions from the quarantine regulation will apply as of 15 July 2020?**

The quarantine obligation for return travellers from risk areas does not apply if a coronavirus test that was taken no sooner than 48 hours before arrival is negative. This 48-hour period begins with the time at which the test results are known. The test can also be retaken in Germany, but until receipt of the negative results the quarantine regulations must still be adhered to.

Furthermore, exceptions apply to (among others) people whose occupation requires that they transport persons, goods or products via road, rail, ship or airplane, as well as people who are travelling to Germany for fewer than 72 hours for specific reasons (visiting relatives, custody, visiting life partners, etc.). The regulation also does not apply to people who are travelling through North Rhine-Westphalia without overnight accommodations.

### **Can travellers returning from risk areas receive a coronavirus test at airports in North Rhine-Westphalia?**

Yes, return travellers from risk areas can receive a free, on-site coronavirus test at four airports in North Rhine-Westphalia. The testing centres at the airports in Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf and Dortmund commenced operations on 25 July, and the testing centre at Münster/Osnabrück on 28 July.

### **Who is eligible for testing at airport testing centres?**

All return travellers from risk areas can receive a test there (the [RKI information on identifying international risk areas](#)) applies.

### **How is the test at the airport testing centre conducted?**

The procedures at the testing centres at the airports Düsseldorf, Dortmund and Münster/Osnabrück are organised by the Associations of Statutory Health Insurance

Physicians. Independent physicians and medical personnel conduct the tests. Johanniter Unfallhilfe conducts the tests at the airport in Cologne/Bonn.

## **When will the test results be available?**

Travellers can generally check online within three days to see how the test turned out. Until verification of a negative result, these individuals are obligated by the Coronavirus Incoming Travel Ordinance to undergo home quarantine.

## **Do return travellers from risk areas have to be tested at the airports?**

Incoming travellers from risk areas must undergo home quarantine for 14 days. The quarantine obligation for return travellers from risk areas does not apply if their coronavirus test taken no sooner than 48 hours before arrival is negative. This 48-hour period begins with the time at which the test results are known. The test can also be retaken in Germany, for example at the airport testing centres. The legal requirements of the Coronavirus Incoming Travel Ordinance still apply to return travellers from risk areas.