

Information for persons entering Schleswig-Holstein or returning to Schleswig-Holstein from travel abroad

What must travellers consider?

It is important to check before entering the state whether you are coming from a currently designated high-risk area at the time of entry. The high-risk areas in other countries are listed on the website of the Robert Koch Institute (https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html).

Regulations as follows are in force since 8 November 2020:

Obligatory quarantine

Important, please read: Persons entering Schleswig-Holstein or returning to the state from high-risk areas in other countries to whom **none of the exceptions (see p. 2)** apply are obligated to comply with the following regulations:

Before entering the country you must register online at www.einreiseanmeldung.de. There you provide your contact information as well as details of your travels and your health status. You will then receive a confirmation document that you must carry with you when you enter the country (PDF document printout or in digital form) and must present on demand. If the digital entry registration does not function or is not feasible for you, a **substitute registration in written form** can be filled out using the form you can download here:

https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Infoblatt/Anlage_2_Ersatzmitteilung.pdf. This document, filled out, must then be presented on demand when you enter the country.

At most 48 hours prior to crossing the border on your return trip, or immediately after returning across the border, you are also obligated to have yourself tested for a possible COVID-19 infection. The test result, either on paper or in an electronic document in German, English or French, must be presented on demand and without delay to the competent Public Health Office within ten days of your re-entry. The test must comply with the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, which are published online at <https://www.rki.de/covid-19-tests>. You must pay for this test yourself.

After entering the country:

- ➡ Proceed directly to your home or to another suitable accommodation,
- ➡ Remain under quarantine for 10 days at home or in the appropriate accommodation. During this period, you must not receive any visitors who are not members of your household. Compliance with the quarantine is also obligatory if you have tested negative for COVID-19 before or immediately following re-entry.
- ➡ If you have COVID-19 symptoms during the quarantine period, report this immediately to the Public Health Office.

Possible early release from quarantine

- To shorten the ten-day quarantine requirement by a maximum of five days (so that the quarantine must in any case be complied with for a minimum of five days), you must present a negative COVID-19 test to the local Public Health Office (Gesundheitsamt). The obligatory test before or right after re-entry is not relevant in this regard. A further test must be carried out to shorten the quarantine.
- This test can be performed by your GP.

- The test must be performed at least 5 days after you enter the Federal Republic of Germany. It is permissible to leave quarantine accommodations to take the test.
- For this purpose you should undergo a SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen test. A positive result from this test is then rechecked by undergoing a PCR test.
- You must keep the test results for 10 days and provide them to the local Public Health Office on demand. You must pay for this test yourself.
- **Important:** The quarantine obligation remains in force until the test result is available. In addition to this, you are obligated to contact the local Public Health Office after leaving quarantine if you experience SARS-CoV-2-infection symptoms during a period of 10 days after entering the country. For further information and contact data details for local Public Health Offices go to: www.schleswig-holstein.de/coronavirus-einreise
- Persons returning from travels abroad are **not** automatically entitled to receive testing. Tests that are considered medically necessary or have been ordered by the Public Health Office will be given priority.

Fines as follows may be imposed if these protective measures are violated:

Violation	Fines
If you violate the regulations pertaining to the 10-day quarantine in your own home or other suitable accommodation when you enter the state or return from a high-risk area...	500 € - 10.000 €
If you do not proceed directly to your home or to another suitable accommodation when you enter the state or return from a high-risk area...	150 € - 3.000 €
If, in violation of the quarantine regulations, you receive visitors after you enter the state or return from a high-risk area...	300 € - 5.000 €
If you do not register using the traveller entry portal or by filling out a substitute registration form ...	150 € - 2.000 €
If you have COVID-19 symptoms after your arrival or return journey and do not report this, or do not report this immediately, to the Public Health Office, even if the symptoms occur after your arrival...	300 € - 3.000 €

Exceptions (list not exhaustive, by way of example only)

Exceptions apply to you only if you have no symptoms that could indicate an infection with SARS-CoV-2 (loss of sense of smell or taste, fever, cough, runny nose).

1) You are not subject to the quarantine obligation and do not require a negative SARS-CoV-2 test upon entering the state, if you...

- ...are merely in transit through Schleswig-Holstein; in this case, you must leave the state by a direct route.
- ...or if you enter the country from Denmark and were present in a high-risk area for less than 24 hours or are coming from Denmark and wish to stay in the Federal Republic for a maximum of 24 hours ...
- ...enter the state for a stay of less than 72 hours from a high-risk area in another country and are visiting first-degree relatives (parents, offspring, siblings), spouse or life partner not living in the same household or persons whose relationship to you is based on shared custody or right of contact. The exception also applies to spouses and life partners accompanying these persons. You must present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result prior to or upon entering the state for a stay longer than 72 hours (see item 2 for requirements).
- **If you experience symptoms of a SARS-CoV-2 infection, you are obligated to contact the local Public Health Office (exception: persons in transit through the state).**

2) **Additional exceptions are listed in the section on entering and returning to S-H on the website of the Health Ministry of Schleswig-Holstein. (www.schleswig-holstein.de/coronavirus-einreise)**