Regulations for international researchers entering Germany from July 2020: Quarantine Regulations

If you have spent time in a **risk area**, at any time within the **14 days** prior to entering Germany, you are required to go into quarantine after entering Germany. Risk areas are defined as countries or regions that have an increased risk of infection with Covid-19. Directly before embarking on your journey, please check whether you have spent time in one of these areas in the last 14 days before entering Germany. This does not apply if you were a transit passenger in the risk area and show no symptoms. The Robert Koch Institute publishes a continuously updated list of risk areas.

Having spent time in a risk area within the last 14 days, you have three options to enter Germany:

1. **Home Quarantine**
   In principle, you are required to proceed to your own home or another suitable accommodation immediately after your arrival and remain in quarantine for a period of 14 days.

   Please contact the responsible authority before your arrival in Germany, usually the local health office (“Gesundheitsamt”) that is responsible for your place of residence. If you live in Frankfurt, please send an E-Mail to corona@stadt-frankfurt.de with the following information:
   a. First- and surname
   b. date of birth
   c. your address in Frankfurt
   d. phone number
   e. the country you are arriving from
   f. date of entry in Germany
   g. any symptoms you may have.

   You are allowed to use public transportation on your way to quarantine.

   You may receive permission by the local health office to take a RT-PCR test for Covid-19. For that reason, you are allowed to leave your home quarantine. If the test result is negative, local authorities may lift quarantine regulations.

2. **Medical Certificate**
   You do **not** have to go into home quarantine if you can prove evidence of a negative test result of a Covid-19 infection (RT-PCR test). A negative RT-PCR test needs to be certified by a medical doctor through a medical certificate and must not be taken more than 48 hours before entering Germany.

   **Please note:** Only medical certificates issued in one of these countries are accepted. The medical certificate must be issued within 48 hours prior to your entry in Germany. Only certificates in **German or English** are valid.
3. **PCR-Test and Medical Certificate issued at Frankfurt Airport**

   The necessary medical certificate and RT-PCR Test to avoid quarantine can be issued at Frankfurt Airport (Fraport) as well.

   a. **Centogene:** In a [test centre](#) in the airport, you can both complete the RT-PCR test as well as receive a medical certificate.

      Please [register](#) for the test in time. You usually receive the result within

      i. 6 hours (standard test, 59€)
      ii. 3 hours (express test, 139€).

      Additionally to the negative test, a doctor needs to confirm the test and hand over to you a medical certificate. The medical certificate costs another 25€ and can be issued by a doctor at Frankfurt Airport on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *(this certificate and test are accepted according to the quarantine regulations in Hesse)*

      Please be aware that you can only receive a medical certificate after you received a negative RT-PCR test result. If you only complete the RT-PCR test at Frankfurt Airport, you still need to go to quarantine until test result is confirmed negative by a medical doctor (medical certificate).

   b. **Medical Center** (Fraport): The Medical Center at the Airport provides two different test.

      i. Voluntary nose/throat swab (molecular PCR test) to detect a potential infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and medical examination, including when there are no signs of infection – approx. 216€ *(accepted according to the quarantine regulations in Hesse)*
      ii. Voluntary combined antibody test and nose/throat swab for SARS-CoV-2 and medical examination – approx. 268€ *(accepted)*
      iii. Voluntary antibody testing by a certified laboratory and medical examination; currently, this is not a rapid test – approx. 88-111€ *(not accepted)*

      You can register for an appointment via this [link](#).

      **Please note:** Entering Germany without a valid medical certificate means you need to go into quarantine right after you enter Germany until you receive such a certificate. Is this the case, please contact the local health office before you enter Germany (see: Home Quarantine for contact details).

      For further information on the test centres, please visit the following website of [Lufthansa](#) and [Fraport](#).

      Please be aware that you have to cover the costs of the medical certificate by yourself.
Further Information:

Registering with the city

- After entering Germany and moving into your apartment, you must register your residence with the city within 14 days. If you have to go into quarantine, you have up to four weeks time.
- Due to the Covid-19 regulations, you need to make an appointment for the registration online. The time slots are open two days in advance (from 00:00 o'clock) and are always quickly booked out (more Information and booking).

For further information on entering Germany during the Covid-19 pandemic, please visit the website of the Federal Ministry of Health, and Robert Koch Institute.

For further information on the regulation regarding quarantine in Hesse please see the following link: Quarantine in Hesse