Entry into Germany

Information regarding the Coronavirus
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The following information is based on the Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations. Please note that the regulations regarding entry, corona testing, reporting and quarantine obligations may change at short notice.

Please read the information on travel restrictions / border controls on the website of the German Federal Ministry of the Interior.

Entry restrictions and Entry bans
Depending on the country or region from which you are entering Germany, different entry requirements apply. The Robert Koch-Institut (RKI – the German public health institute) identifies the international risk areas and regularly updates their overview. A distinction is made between the following areas:
- Areas with new virus variants (areas of variant of concern)
- High incidence areas
- Risk areas
- Areas that are no longer considered risk areas

Entry ban from countries with new virus variants
For these areas, a transport ban applies to companies in rail, bus, ship or air transport. In principle, these companies are not allowed to transport persons from virus variant areas to Germany. Exceptions to the transport ban are possible in a few individual cases. Entry for study purposes does not fall under these exceptions. An entry ban also applies to persons who wish to enter Germany from virus-variant areas themselves (i.e. without a transport company).

Entry: Quarantine, Testing and Reporting Obligations
If you enter Germany from abroad, different obligations apply to you depending on the area from which you enter:

1. If you have stayed in a virus variant area within 10 days prior to entry:
   - **Reporting:**
     You are obliged to make an entry notification via www.einreiseanmeldung.de before entering Germany. After providing all the necessary information, you will receive a PDF file as confirmation. You submit this confirmation to your carrier.
   - **Test:**
     You are required to be tested before you even begin your journey to Germany (PCR test or special antigen test, no antibody tests; information on the requirements for the tests on the RKI page). The test must be taken no earlier than 48 hours (for antigen tests) or no earlier than 72 hours (for PCR tests) before entry (time of expected arrival in Germany). You must present a negative test result to the carrier (e.g. the airline) before departure. You may also be required to present the negative test result during immigration inspections.
   - **Quarantine:**
     Regardless of the result of the first test, you are required to go directly to your accommodation immediately after entry and stay there without interruption for a period of 14 days after arrival.
During this period, you are not allowed to receive visits from persons who do not belong to your own household.

**Important:** There is no exception for people who have recovered or have been fully vaccinated! Also the 14 day quarantine cannot be shortened.

2. If you have been in a high incidence area within 10 days prior to entry:

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**Test:**
You are required to be tested before you even begin your journey to Germany (PCR test or special antigen test, no antibody tests; information on the requirements for the tests on the RKI page). The test must be taken no earlier than 48 hours (for antigen tests) or no earlier than 72 hours (for PCR tests) before entry (time of expected arrival in Germany). You must present a negative test result to the carrier (e.g. the airline) before departure. You may also be required to present the negative test result during immigration inspections.

**Quarantine:**
Regardless of the result of the first test, you are required to go directly to your accommodation immediately after entry and stay there without interruption for a period of 10 days after arrival. During this period, you are not allowed to receive visits from persons who do not belong to your own household.

**Early end of Quarantine:** If a negative test result can be transmitted after 5 days of quarantine, the quarantine period can be shortened. Exception: If you have recovered or have been fully vaccinated and have submitted appropriate proof (see below) via the entry portal https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de, the quarantine obligation does not apply to you.

3. If you have been in a risk area within 10 days prior to entry:

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**Test:**
You are required to be tested before you even begin your journey to Germany (PCR test or special antigen test, no antibody tests; information on the requirements for the tests on the RKI page). The test must be taken no earlier than 48 hours (for antigen tests) or no earlier than 72 hours (for PCR tests) before entry (time of expected arrival in Germany). You must present a negative test result to the carrier (e.g. the airline) before departure. You may also be required to present the negative test result during immigration inspections.

**Quarantine:**
If the result of the first test is negative, you are not required to quarantine!

If you do not have a negative test result or have neither recovered nor been fully vaccinated, you are required to go directly to your accommodation immediately after entry and stay there without interruption for a period of 10 days after arrival. During this period, you are not allowed to receive visits from persons who do not belong to your own household. You must be tested within 48 hours upon arrival. If the result is negative, the quarantine can be shortened once the negative test result
(or proof that you have either recovered been fully vaccinated) has been transmitted.

4. If you come from an area that is not (anymore) classified as a risk/high incidence/viral variant area: No entry restrictions, testing or quarantine requirements apply.

**What is considered proof of recovery?**
A proof regarding the presence of a previous infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in paper form or in digital form in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish language. Prerequisite: The relevant diagnostic test has been performed by laboratory diagnostics using nucleic acid detection (PCR, PoC-PCR or other methods of nucleic acid amplification technology) and dates back at least 28 days and a maximum of six months.

**What is considered proof of vaccination?**
A proof regarding the existence of a complete protective vaccination against the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in form of a vaccination certificate, a written proof or in digital form in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish language. Prerequisites: Vaccination has been carried out with one or more vaccines named by the Paul Ehrlich Institute and with the number of vaccine doses required for a complete protective vaccination. At least 14 days have passed since the last required single vaccination.

**Appearance of Symptoms**
The following symptoms indicate an infection with the coronavirus: cough, fever, sometimes sore throat, runny nose, loss of sense of smell/taste, headache and aching limbs. If you have these symptoms, please consult a doctor.

in Osnabrück:
The following general practitioners have a joint practice very close to the university (Caprivi Campus) and are aware that international students may seek their advice. Communication in English is possible. Please call and describe the symptoms before you go there.
Practice Lankenfeld (Dr. Uwe Lankenfeld, Dr. Lena Schillak, Stephanie Friederich)
Lotter Str. 82, 49078 Osnabrück, phone: +49 541 41422, hausarztpraxis@lankenfeld.de

in Lingen:
The following general practitioners have a joint practice close to the university (Lingen Campus) and are aware that international students may seek their advice. Communication in English is possible. Please call and describe the symptoms before you go there.
Ludger Konrad Albers, Facharzt für Allgemeinmedizin, Am Wall Süd 20, 49808 Lingen
Tel.: 0591 – 90 111 100, info@hausarzt-albers.de, https://www.hausarzt-albers.de/

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Visiting Students: Please contact the colleagues in the International Faculty Office of your faculty if you have questions or need support.
Degree-seeking students: Please contact the Center for International Students if you have questions or need support.

**Sources:**
Website Robert Koch Institut: Information on the designation of international risk areas
Website of the Federal Ministry of Health:  FAQs on entry into Germany in the context of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2

Website of the Federal State of Lower Saxony:  Reisen & Quarantäne – Antworten auf häufig gestellte Fragen (in German)

Website of the Public Health Service for the District and City of Osnabrück, Daily Life - Information for Travellers:  https://corona-os.de/im-taeglichen-leben#accordion-286 (in German)

Website of the City of Lingen, Information for travellers:  https://www.lingen.de/politik-rathaus-service/im-fokus/informationen-fuer-den-reiseverkehr.html (in German)

Website Federal Ministry of the Interior, Coronavirus:  Corona Virus _ Frequently Asked Questions

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