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 regulations
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 two areas:
Areas with new virus variants (areas of variants of concern)
High risk areas

For all people entering Germany (no matter from with county or area):
All persons entering Germany must have negative proof of testing or proof of vaccination or proof of recovery at the time of entry. 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). Please check the RKI-website for further information on tests. For information on proof of vaccination and proof of recovery please see below.

Further regulations apply for people entering Germany from areas of variants of concern or high risk areas:

Entry from areas of virus variants of concern
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. As of August 16, entry for study or research purposes are included in these exceptions under the provision that students can submit an admission letter (for scientists: a hosting agreement) issued by the hosting university in Germany. Persons wishing to enter Germany must prove that they are fully vaccinated against Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. For information on proof of vaccination please see below.

Reporting:
You are obliged to make an entry notification via the portal 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.

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.
Shortening the quarantine is not possible. The Quarantine ends automatically as soon as the country from which you entered Germany is no longer listed as a virus variant area during the quarantine period. (www.rki.de/risikogebiete ).
Entry from high risk areas:

Reporting:
You are obliged to make an entry notification via the portal 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.

Proof of vaccination or recovery or test:
All persons entering Germany must have negative proof of testing or proof of vaccination or proof of recovery at the time of entry. 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). Please check the RKI-website for further information on tests. For information on proof of vaccination and proof of recovery please see below. You must present the proof to the carrier (e.g. the airline) before departure. You may also be required to present the proof during immigration inspections.

Quarantine:
If you have recovered or have been vaccinated and have submitted appropriate proof (see below) via the entry notification portal (www.einreiseanmeldung.de), the quarantine requirement does not apply to you. For all others the following applies:
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.
Shortening the quarantine: At the earliest 5 days after your entry you can have a test done in a test center or a doctor’s office. If this is negative, the quarantine ends.

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)
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.

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Support from Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences
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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