Information for persons entering 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, high-incidence area or virus variant area at the time of entry. These area in foreign countries are listed on the website of the Robert Koch Institute (https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html).

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 apply** are obligated to comply with the following regulations:

Registration procedure

Before crossing the border to enter this state you must register on the internet at www.einreiseanmeldung.de. You are required to provide your contact data, details of your travels and health status. You then receive confirmation of registration, which you must have with you when you cross the border. When arriving here from the Schengen Area you must give your confirmation to the party providing your transport (if relevant) and when arriving from outside of the Schengen Area you must present the confirmation to the competent authority when you cross the border. If the digital entry registration procedure malfunctions, or you are unable to use it, a **substitute entry registration form** can be filled out using the form that can be downloaded here https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Infoblatt/Anlage_2_Ersatzmitteilung.pdf. The completed form must then also be presented on demand upon entry.

Obligatory testing

You must undergo a SARS-CoV-2 virus test to enter the state from a foreign high-risk area, high-incidence area or virus variant area. This obligation does not apply to children under six years of age.

- If you are arriving from a high-risk area or were in a high-risk area that is **not** a high-incidence area or virus variant area at any time in the past ten days before entering the state, you must present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test **at the latest 48 hours after entering the state**. You may also have yourself tested after entering the state and you may leave your quarantine location for this purpose.
- If you enter the state from a high-risk area or were at any time in the past ten days before entering the state in a high-risk area that is **a high-incidence area or virus variant area**, you must be in possession of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test when you cross the border to enter the state. The smear sample for the test must not have been taken more than 48 hours before you cross the border to enter the state. You must have the test result with you when you cross the border.

The test result must be in the form of either a print or electronic document in German, English or French and must be presented to the competent Public Health Office (Gesundheitsamt) on demand without delay within ten days of your entry. The test on which the result document is based must comply with the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, which are published online at https://www.rki.de/covid-19-tests.

Quarantine
After crossing the border to enter the state you must …
- …proceed directly to your home or to another suitable accommodation.
- …remain under quarantine for 14 days at home or in the appropriate accommodation.
- During this period, you must not receive any visitors who are not members of your household.
- …inform the local Public Health Office without delay if symptoms indicating an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus occur during the quarantine period.

The quarantine period cannot be shortened, even if you tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 before or after crossing the border.

Fines
Persons violating these regulations are subject to fines and can be checked on by the authorities for this purpose.
- Violation of the 14-day quarantine: 500 to 10,000 euros
- Failure to proceed directly to your home or to another suitable accommodation: 150 to 3,000 euros
- Receiving visitors in violation of the quarantine: 300 to 5,000 euros
- If symptoms occur subsequently during the 14-day quarantine period and you fail to present to a doctor or test centre or delay presenting to a doctor or test centre: 300 to 3,000 euros.
- You may also be fined if you fail to register prior to entering the state using the online entry portal, have not completed a substitute registration in print form or fail to comply with obligatory testing.

Exceptions (examples only, not exhaustive)
The exceptions only apply to you if you do not enter the state from a virus variant area and are not suffering from any symptoms that indicate an infection with SARS-CoV-2 (loss of sense of smell or taste, fever, cough, cold symptoms (rhinitis)).

1) **Conditions under which the obligatory quarantine and registration, as well as the requirement to present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test upon entering the state, do not apply to you:**
- …if you are passing through Schleswig-Holstein in transit only; in this case you must leave the state by a direct route
- …if you are arriving from Denmark and stayed in a foreign high-risk area for less than 24 hours or wish to enter the Federal Republic from Denmark for a maximum of 24 hours (whereby obligatory testing will apply if Denmark is declared to be a high-incidence area)…
- …if you cross the border coming from a foreign high-risk area to stay in Schleswig-Holstein for less than 72 hours to visit first-degree relatives, spouse or life partner not from the same household or persons for whom you have shared custody or right of contact, (whereby these contact persons must register as such). For stays longer than 72 hours you must present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test no longer than 48 hours after entry - see item 2) for requirements.
- **You are obligated to contact the local Public Health Office if you experience symptoms of a SARS-CoV-2 infection (exception: travellers in transit).**

2) **For further exceptions, see the entry portal of the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Health. (www.schleswig-holstein.de/coronavirus-einreise)**