

CURRENT INFORMATION ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO GERMANY AND AUSTRIA UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 2020

UPDATE: Germany

Czech Republic placed on the list of high-risk areas

The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) puts countries with an increased risk of becoming infected with SARS-CoV-2 on a list of high-risk areas. Due to rising numbers of new cases in the Czech Republic, where the R number is over 50 per 100,000 inhabitants, **as of September 25, 2020 Germany classified the entire Czech Republic as a high-risk area.**

Anyone who has spent more than 12 hours in a high-risk area in the 10 days before entering Germany must go into a 10-day home quarantine immediately upon arrival until they can provide a negative test (which can be performed no sooner than five days after entering home quarantine). Travellers must register on <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de/#/> before entering Germany and provide German authorities with their travel and contact information. Travellers must have confirmation of registration with them when entering Germany. The test results must be presented upon request at the relevant public health authority. Exceptions apply for transit through Germany and entering Germany in cross-border contact between neighbouring countries for 24 hours or less (this applies in Saxony, Berlin and Bavaria).

Exceptions also apply for cross-border movement of individuals, goods and freight for the purposes of visiting relatives or doing essential work to keep the healthcare system functioning, with a confirmation from the employer, supervisory body or contracting authority, or for members of diplomatic and consular services, local councils and governments for 72 hours or less (applies in Saxony and Bavaria, and in Saxony without the 72-hour limit).

Cross-border workers (pendlers) are permitted to enter the country if they have a confirmation from their employer, contracting authority or educational institution on adherence to public health standards. This applies in Saxony, Berlin and Bavaria, although Bavaria requires a negative test for COVID-19 once a week.

Each federal state issues its own detailed quarantine regulations.

Bavaria: New quarantine measures are in place as of November 9, 2020, and are available here: [https://www.gesetze-bayern.de/\(X\(1\)S\(cyb1xj2snmpsl4mftic3yqii\)\)/Content/Document/BayEQV/true?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1%20](https://www.gesetze-bayern.de/(X(1)S(cyb1xj2snmpsl4mftic3yqii))/Content/Document/BayEQV/true?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1%20)

Saxony: The current quarantine measures for Saxony as updated on November 10, 2020 are available here: <https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/18892>

UPDATE: Austria

As of October 31, 2020, Austria placed the Czech Republic on its list of high-risk areas. This means that travellers entering Austria must present a negative PCR test no more than 72 hours old on the designated form, which is available here: https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/BgblAuth/BGBLA_2020_II_445/COO_2026_100_2_1805142.html.

Travellers who do not have one must self-isolate in suitable accommodations (at their own expense) and request a PCR test within 48 hours. These travellers must also fill out a form: https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/BgblAuth/BGBLA_2020_II_445/COO_2026_100_2_1805144.html. If the test comes back negative the traveller can stop self-isolating.

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Travellers must fill out this form for urgent medical trips: https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/BgblAuth/BGBLA_2020_II_445/COO_2026_100_2_1805146.html.

(the forms mentioned above were updated on October 17, 2020)

Exceptions to these measures apply for regular cross-border workers (pendlers with confirmation from their employer), people travelling for important family reasons and cross-border movement of goods and passengers. Transit is also permitted; travellers must have the completed entry and transit affidavit with them: https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/Bundesnormen/NOR40226115/II_372_2020_Anlage_F.pdf.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Coronavirus---Haeufig-gestellte-Fragen/FAQ--Reisen-und-Tourismus.html>.

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