Your Arrival in Passau During COVID-19: A Guideline
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Please note that the situation is very dynamic and that requirements and regulations can change daily. The steps described below will give you an overview of the current arrival procedure. **Please make sure to check for updates before you travel!**

1. Please find detailed information on travelling to Germany from the German Ministry of Health here:

    https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/faq-tests-entering-germany.html

2. You might need to go into **quarantine for ten or fourteen** days after entering Germany. Please find the current regulations here:

    https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/BMG_Merkblatt_Reisende_Tab.html

3. When entering Germany, **you have to hold proof of a negative test result.** Therefore you have to book an appointment **early**. In general, **PCR tests** and **antigen tests** for the direct detection of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 are recognized. In each case, the certificate must refer to a test that was performed a maximum of 48 hours (for antigen tests) or 72 hours (PCR) before entering Germany. For more information on **recognized tests**, please visit the following website:

    https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/service/gesetze-und-verordnungen/guv-19-lp/coronaeinreisev/coronaeinreisev-en.html

    Important: If you are entering from an area with a **widespread occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 virus variants**, an antigen test can't be older than 24 hours!

    Instead of a negative Covid-19 test result, you can also hold proof of a full **COVID-19 vaccination** or proof of **recovery from an infection** upon entering Germany from a high risk area or other area (except: virus variant areas). A period of at least 14 days must have elapsed since receiving the last vaccine dose. **Important:** As proof of recovery from an infection you can show a positive PCR test result that was carried out at least 28 days but no more than six months ago.

Which **vaccines** are recognized in Germany upon entry can be found here: https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=05DA1A8075CFE6DA72488543C56D9890.intranet231?cms_pos=3

To find out which **certificates** are recognized upon entry, please visit the website of the German Foreign Office: https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268

In addition, you have to do a mandatory **digital entry registration** (https://einreiseanmeldung.de/#/) when entering from an area with a particularly high risk of a COVID-19 infection or an area with virus variants.

4. If you are entering from an area with a **particularly high risk** of a COVID-19 infection, you have to go into quarantine for **ten days** immediately after your arrival. Areas with a high risk of a COVID-19 infection are areas with a special risk due to the spread of mutations of the virus or because of very high infection numbers. The Robert-Koch-Institut is Germany's Public Health Institute and determines which countries and regions are high risk areas. Please find the list of risk areas on the following website (see "English archive" for the translation):
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html
To shorten your quarantine, you can also get tested at the earliest **five days** after your arrival (see 3.).
If you have proof of a full **COVID-19 vaccination** or proof of **recovery from an infection** (see 3.) you don't have to go into quarantine.

5. If you have visited an **area with a widespread occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 virus variants,** it is mandatory to go into quarantine immediately after your arrival in Germany for a period of **fourteen days**. There is no possibility to shorten the quarantine! The countries which are included can be found on the website of the RKI (see 4.).
Important: Entry from areas with widespread occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 virus variants for the winter semester 2021/22 **will only be possible** for foreign undergraduate and graduate students who have a letter of admission (conditional or unconditional) from the institution, or for researchers or scientists who have an admission agreement or contract with the research institution or university.

6. If you have **not** been in a high-risk area or an area of virus variants in the last ten days before entering Germany, you only have to have a negative test result upon entry if you **don't hold proof** of a full vaccination or recovery (proof of recovery) **and** if you enter by **airplane**.

7. Please note, that it is highly recommended to get tested if you show symptoms of a COVID-19 infection (e.g. fever, newly occurring cough, loss of smell or taste and shortness of breath).

8. Please search online for information regarding testing e.g. on airports, in specific test centres and/or with your family doctor. Information in German can be found here: https://www.stmgp.bayern.de/coronavirus/bayerische-teststrategie/

   The town of Passau has opened a test centre close to the university at the hospital (Klinikum Passau). To use it, you currently must make an appointment by phone (0049-851-396-875). **Please mention that you are resident of Passau and a student, researcher or employee of the University of Passau!**

9. If you live close to the **border** and **commute** to Passau frequently and you are entering from an high risk area or area of virus variants, you have to hold proof of a vaccination or recovery. If you don't have any of those proofs, you have to get tested twice a week. If you are entering by airplane, you always have to hold proof of the above mentioned documents.
   Important: Upon entry, you have to hold proof of employment (e.g. employment contract, certificate of enrollment).

If you have any further questions, e.g. whether you need to quarantine yourself or need further information on how to best deal with the situation, please contact: communication@uni-passau.de (subject line: Coronavirus).

In addition, a handout with the most important information about your entry can be found at: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/Handzettel.pdf?__blob=publicationFile