

Information on the designation of international risk areas

As of: 9 July 2021

The new “areas of variants of concern”, “high incidence areas”, “basic risk areas” and regions that are no longer considered to be basic risk areas (see below “Changes since last amendment”) are effective from Sunday, 11 July 2021, at 0:00.

Changes since last amendment

1. New areas of variants of concern – areas at particularly high risk of infection due to widespread occurrence of variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus:

There have been no new areas of variants of concern since the last amendment (see current list below).

2. New high incidence areas – areas at particularly high risk of infection due to a particularly high incidence of spread of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2:

Cyprus is now considered a high incidence area.

Fiji is now considered a high incidence area.

3. New basic risk areas – areas at increased risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection:

Bahrain is now considered a basic risk area (no longer a high incidence area).

Ireland – the regions Mid-West and Midland are now considered basic risk areas.

Spain incl. the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands is now considered a basic risk area.

Trinidad and Tobago is now considered a basic risk area (no longer a high incidence area).

4. Regions no longer considered as risk areas:

Saudi Arabia is no longer considered a risk area.

Sweden – the county Kronoberg is no longer considered a risk area.

Classification as a risk area is the result of a joint analysis and decision-making process by the Federal Ministry of Health, the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community.

The countries/regions listed below are designated as currently presenting an increased risk of infection with SARS-CoV-2. In brackets, you will find the date from which the region was classified as a risk area.

Persons entering by **plane** must – irrespective of whether or not they spent time in a risk area – present a negative test result or proof of vaccination or proof of recovery to their carrier prior to departure.

Persons who **have spent time in one of the risks areas listed below within the 10 days prior to entering the Federal Republic of Germany**, must follow specific regulations.

- **Registration required:** Travellers who spent time in a risk area are obliged to fill out the **digital registration on entry** at <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de> and carry the confirmation with them when entering the country. The confirmation will be checked by the carrier and may also be checked by the Federal Police within the framework of its responsibilities as a border control agency.
- **Obligation to furnish proof:** Travellers who spent time in a high-incidence area or area of variants of concern must, as a rule, already carry with them a negative test result on entry and, if demanded by the carrier, present this proof for the purpose of carriage. Travellers who spent time in a high-incidence area may also present proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. Without such proof, carriage is not possible. If entering Germany following a stay in a basic risk area, travellers must be in possession of a negative test result or proof of vaccination or proof of recovery within 48 hours of entry. The proof must be uploaded via the travel portal at <https://einreiseanmeldung.de>.
- **Obligation to quarantine:** Travellers who have spent time in a risk area, must make their way directly to their home – or other place of accommodation at the destination – upon arrival and remain isolated there for a period of ten days (home quarantine). Persons who have spent time in an area of variants of concern prior to entry, must quarantine for 14 days.
- **Ending quarantine:** Quarantine at home **may be ended prematurely or does not have to be started** if proof of recovery, proof of vaccination or a negative test result is submitted via the Federal Republic of Germany entry portal <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de>. Quarantine can be ended in each case from the time the negative test result has been submitted. If you have spent time in a **high incidence area** prior to entry, the relevant test may **not be conducted earlier than five days** after entry. Following a stay in an **area of variants of concern**, the duration of **quarantine may not be shortened**.
- For travellers entering Germany from so-called areas of virus variants of concern, a **ban on carriage** applies to the transport of persons from those countries into Germany by rail, bus, ship or plane.

Special agreements under section 6 (2) sentence 1 number 2 of the Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations between the Federal Republic of Germany and national governments on site:

- Currently no agreements within the meaning of section 6 (2) sentence 1 number 2 of the Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations exist with other countries.

For more information on the foregoing obligations, exemptions and requirements regarding the relevant proof, go to:

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

For additional information on the recognition of diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2 for persons arriving in Germany from risk areas, go to:

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

Please note: The Federal Government examines, on an ongoing basis, the extent to which areas are to be classified as risk areas. As a result, this list can be modified at short notice and, above all, may be extended.

The existing travel and safety advisories by the Federal Foreign Office (<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/reise-und-sicherheitshinweise>) as well as the Federal Government's information for travellers and commuters (<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/corona-regelungen-1735032>) remain unchanged.

Classification as a risk area is the result of a joint analysis and decision-making process by the Federal Ministry of Health, the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community. The classification as a **basic risk area** is based on a two-step assessment. The first step is to determine the countries/regions in which there were more than 50 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants in the previous seven days. In a second step, qualitative and other criteria are used to determine whether or not countries/regions that might nominally exceed or fall below this threshold, could nonetheless still present an increased risk of infection. Since the 44th calendar week, particularly the map of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), broken down by region, has been taken into account for the EU Member States. This map contains data on the rate of new SARS-CoV-2 infections, test positivity and the testing rate. As part of the second step, the Federal Foreign Office, based on reporting by German diplomatic representations abroad, and, where relevant, the Federal Ministry of Health and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, provide qualitative reports which also cover measures taken in each case to halt the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. Key factors in this assessment are above all the numbers of infection and the type of outbreak (local or wide-spread), testing capacities and the number of tests carried out per capita as well as the measures taken to contain the spread of infection (hygiene regulations, contact tracing, etc.). Similarly, the assessment also factors in the absence of reliable information for individual countries.

The classification as a special risk area with a particularly high infection risk occurs if the specific risk area has a particularly high incidence of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus spread (high-incidence area) or because certain variants of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus have occurred widely in this risk area (area of variants of concern).

The decisive factor in the classification of a foreign country as a special risk area due to the occurrence of a virus variant (**area of variant of concern**) is the spread of a virus variant (mutation), which is not concurrently widespread in Germany and from which it can be assumed that a special risk emanates (e.g. with regard to a suspected or proven higher

transmissibility or other characteristics, which accelerate the spread of infection, increase the severity of the disease, or against which the effect of an immunity achieved through vaccination or through a past infection is weakened).

High incidence areas are risk areas with especially high case rates. As with the risk areas, the classification as a high incidence area is based on a two-step assessment. The first step is to determine the countries/regions in which there were more than 200 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants in the previous seven days. Based on further qualitative and quantitative criteria, a second step can determine whether an especially high risk of infection exists or not, regardless of whether the incidence has been exceeded.

1. The following states/regions are currently considered to be areas of variant of concern:

- Botswana (area of variant of concern since 7 February 2021; already a high incidence area since 31 January 2021 and a basic risk area since 22 November 2020)
- Brazil (area of variant of concern since 19 January 2021; already a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Eswatini (area of variant of concern since 31 January 2021; already a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Lesotho (area of variant of concern since 31 January 2021; already a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Malawi (area of variant of concern since 7 February 2021; already a high incidence area since 31 January 2021 and a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Mozambique (area of variant of concern since 7 February 2021; already a high incidence area since 31 January 2021 and a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Namibia (area of variant of concern since 20 June 2021; already high incidence area since 13 June 2021; already a basic risk area since 14 February 2021)
- South Africa (area of variant of concern since 13 January 2021; already a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Uruguay (area of variant of concern since 6 June 2021; already a high incidence area since 21 March 2021; already a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Zambia (area of variant of concern since 7 February 2021; already high incidence area since 31 January 2021 and a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)
- Zimbabwe (area of variant of concern since 7 February 2021; already high incidence area since 31 January 2021 and a basic risk area since 15 June 2020)

2. The following states are currently considered to be high incidence areas:

- Argentina (high incidence area since 18 April 2021)
- Bolivia (high incidence area since 24 January 2021)
- Chile (high incidence area since 3 April 2021)
- Columbia (high incidence area since 24 January 2021)
- Costa Rica (high incidence area since 9 May 2021)

- Cyprus (high incidence area since 11 July 2021; basic risk area from 4 July 2021 until 10 July 2021)
- Ecuador (high incidence area since 31 January 2021)
- Egypt (high incidence area since 24 January 2021)
- Fiji (high incidence area since 11 July 2021; basic risk area from 27 June 2021 until 10 July 2021)
- India (high incidence area since 7 July 2021; area of variant of concern from 26 April 2021 until 6 July 2021)
- Iran (high incidence area since 24 January 2021)
- Kuwait (high incidence area since 21 March 2021)
- Malaysia (high incidence area since 13 June 2021)
- Maldives (high incidence area since 9 May 2021)
- Mongolia (high incidence area since 13 June 2021)
- Nepal (high incidence area since 7 July 2021; area of variant of concern from 16 May 2021 until 6 July 2021)
- Oman (high incidence area since 20 June 2021)
- Paraguay (high incidence area since 21 March 2021)
- Peru (high incidence area since 3 April 2021)
- Portugal incl. the autonomous regions Madeira and Azores (high incidence area since 7 July 2021; area of variant of concern from 29 June 2021 until 6 July 2021)
- Russian Federation (high incidence area since 7 July 2021; area of variant of concern from 29 June 2021 until 6 July 2021)
- Seychelles (high incidence area since 14 February 2021)
- Sri Lanka (high incidence area since 13 June 2021)
- Sudan (high incidence area since 31 January 2021)
- Surinam (high incidence area since 23 May 2021)
- Syrian Arab Republic (high incidence area since 31 January 2021)
- Tanzania (high incidence area since 14 March 2021)
- Tunisia (high incidence area since 25 April 2021)
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland incl. all British Overseas Territories, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands (high incidence area since 7 July 2021, area of variant of concern from 23 May 2021 until 6 July 2021)

3. The following states/regions are currently considered to be basic risk areas:

- Afghanistan (since 21 February 2021)
- Algeria (since 15 June 2020)
- Andorra (since 23 May 2021)
- Angola (since 15 June 2020)
- Bahamas (since 25 April 2021)
- Bahrain (since 11 July 2021; high incidence area from 14 February 2021 until 10 July 2021)
- Bangladesh (since 15 June 2020)

- Belarus (since 15 June 2020)
- Belize (since 15 June 2020)
- Benin (since 15 June 2020)
- Bhutan (since 15 June 2020)
- Burkina Faso (since 15 June 2020)
- Burundi (since 15 June 2020)
- Cabo Verde (since 20 June 2021)
- Cameroon (since 15 June 2020)
- Central African Republic (since 15 June 2020)
- Chad (since 15 June 2020)
- Comoros (since 15 June 2020)
- Côte d'Ivoire (since 15 June 2020)
- Croatia - the following counties are currently classified as basic risk areas:
 - Zadar (since 27 June 2021)
- Cuba (since 28 February 2021)
- Djibouti (since 15 June 2020)
- Dominican Republic (since 30 May 2021)
- DR Congo (since 15 June 2020)
- El Salvador (since 15 June 2020)
- Equatorial Guinea (since 15 June 2020)
- Eritrea (since 15 June 2020)
- Ethiopia (since 15 June 2020)
- France - the following overseas departments are classified as basic risk areas:
 - Réunion (since 28 February 2021)
 - French Guiana (since 21 August 2020)
 - St. Martin (since 26 August 2020)
- Gabon (since 15 June 2020)
- Gambia (since 15 June 2020)
- Georgia (since 13 June 2021)
- Ghana (since 15 June 2020)
- Guatemala (since 15 June 2020)
- Guinea (since 15 June 2020)
- Guinea-Bissau (since 15 June 2020)
- Guyana (since 15 June 2020)
- Haiti (since 15 June 2020)
- Honduras (since 15 June 2020)
- Indonesia (since 15 June 2020)
- Iraq (since 15 June 2020)
- Ireland (since 21 March 2021) – the following regions are currently classified as basic risk areas:
 - Border (since 21 March 2021)
 - Dublin (since 21 March 2021)
 - Mid-East (since 21 March 2021)

- Mid-West (since 11 July 2021)
 - Midland (since 11 July 2021)
- Kazakhstan (since 15 June 2020)
- Kenya (since 15 June 2020)
- Korea (Democratic People's Republic, North Korea) (since 15 June 2020)
- Kyrgyzstan (since 15 June 2020)
- Liberia (since 15 June 2020)
- Libya (since 15 June 2020)
- Madagascar (since 15 June 2020)
- Mali (since 15 June 2020)
- Mauritania (since 15 June 2020)
- Mexico (since 13 June 2021)
- Morocco (since 15 June 2020)
- Netherlands - the following overseas parts are classified as basic risk areas:
 - Sint Maarten (since 6 June 2021)
- Nicaragua (since 15 June 2020)
- Niger (since 15 June 2020)
- Nigeria (since 15 June 2020)
- Norway - the following counties are classified as basic risk areas:
 - Agder (since 4 July 2021)
 - Rogaland (since 4 July 2021)
- Pakistan (since 15 June 2020)
- Panama (since 28 February 2021)
- Papua New Guinea (since 17 June 2020)
- Philippines (since 15 June 2020)
- Republic of the Congo (since 15 June 2020)
- Rwanda (since 27 June 2021)
- St. Kitts and Nevis (since 20 June 2021)
- Senegal (since 15 June 2020)
- Sierra Leone (since 15 June 2020)
- Somalia (since 15 June 2020)
- Spain incl. the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands (since 11 July 2021)
- South Sudan (since 15 June 2020)
- Sweden - the following regions are classified as basic risk areas:
 - Norrbotten (since 6 June 2021)
 - Värmland (since 6 June 2021)
- Tajikistan (since 15 June 2020)
- Timor Leste (East Timor) (since 17 June 2020)
- Togo (since 15 June 2020)
- Trinidad and Tobago (since 11 July 2021; high incidence area from 23 May 2021 until 10 July 2021)
- Turkey (since 6 June 2021)
- Turkmenistan (since 17 June 2020)

- Uganda (since 20 June 2021)
- United Arab Emirates (since 18 April 2021)
- Uzbekistan (since 15 June 2020)
- Venezuela (since 15 June 2020)
- Yemen (since 15 June 2020)