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Information for travellers to Iceland after 15 June 2020

Iceland's borders have remained open to other EU and Schengen states throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, under the condition that passengers quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Iceland will continue to implement the [travel restrictions](#) imposed for the Schengen Area, which are currently due to remain in place until 15 June 2020. From this date, passengers can opt for a COVID-19 test upon arrival, as an alternative to quarantine.

Before departure

Passengers are required to fill out a pre-registration form (on www.covid.is) before arrival, which requires passengers to provide their personal details and contact information, flight information, travel dates and address(es) during their stay in Iceland. The form also includes a declaration of health and passengers are required to provide information on countries they have visited before arrival, whether they have any symptoms of COVID-19, whether they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 before their arrival, or if they have been in close contact with an infected individual.

Passengers are also encouraged to download and use the COVID-19 app *Rakning C-19*. The app contains important information on COVID-19 and how to contact the health care service in Iceland.

Health safety of air travellers, aviation personnel, ports and ships

Guidelines for health safety measures are being updated in line with EASA and ECDC COVID-19 Health Safety Protocol, Operational Guidelines for the management of air passengers and aviation personnel in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. Passengers will be required to abide by these guidelines. Similar guidelines are being prepared for ports and ships. This information will be available on www.covid.is.

Health safety control measures at the border

The pre-registration form provides passengers with information on the conditions for entry into Iceland. Passengers can choose to be tested for COVID-19 on arrival or self-quarantine for two weeks. Children born in 2005 or later are exempt from these measures, as well as those who have stayed outside of [high-risk areas](#) for 14 days prior to arrival. Flight and freight ship crews who are residents in Iceland are also exempt from these measures. At this time, the Icelandic health authorities cannot accept proof of test results. Those with a previously confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in Iceland are exempt from quarantine upon their return from travel abroad.

Points of entry

Testing will be available at Keflavik airport and in Seydisfjordur (for passengers arriving on the Smyril Line) for those who opt to be tested on arrival in Iceland. Passengers arriving in other international airports

(Reykjavik, Akureyri, Egilsstaðir) or ports will be tested at the closest local healthcare centre. The pre-registration process will facilitate testing and shorten wait times for passengers.

Testing at the border

PCR testing will be offered on arrival from 15 June, free of charge. From the 1 July however, passengers will be charged ISK 15 000 for a single test. Following the test, passengers can travel onward to their registered address (provided in their pre-registration form). Passengers do not need to self-quarantine until they receive their test results, but should take preventive measures to protect themselves and others from infection. Passengers can expect to receive their test results within 24 hours, usually on the same day, or the following day for those arriving later than 5 PM. Passengers will receive their test results through the app (Rakning C-19), or through text message. Passengers who test positive will receive a phone call notifying them. To ensure they receive their test results, all passengers are required to provide reliable contact information on their pre-registration forms.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test result

If a passenger tests positive, they may be offered to undergo further tests to determine whether or not they have an active infection. In the case of an active infection, the passenger must self-isolate. Foreign nationals who are required to self-isolate and do not have access to a suitable location where they can isolate will be given accommodation at a specialised isolation centre at no cost to them. Infected individuals must provide information to the contact tracing team on who they have come in close contact with during two days prior to the onset of their symptoms. Further information on isolation requirements can be found here: <https://www.covid.is/categories/how-does-isolation-work>.

Requirements for a two-week quarantine

All information on requirements for quarantine is available at <https://www.covid.is/categories/how-does-quarantine-work>. Please note that violations of quarantine or isolation requirements are subject to fines or enforcement action from the relevant authorities to ensure compliance.

In the event of an obligatory self-quarantine

The contact tracing team interviews those who have been in close contact with a confirmed active case during two days prior to the onset of symptoms, e.g. been within 2 meters of an individual for more than 15 minutes, or those who have sat close to an infected individual on an airplane (usually within two seat-row radius). They might be required to self-quarantine for two weeks from the time of last contact.

A negative test result does not guarantee that an individual will not later be required to self-quarantine if they have been exposed to infection, e.g. on the flight to Iceland.

In case of diagnosis

Medical examination, treatment or medical supervision of notifiable diseases, including COVID-19, is of no cost to the patient. This does not apply to an elective PCR-test for the diagnosis of COVID-19.

During the stay

All travellers are encouraged to take precautionary measures to protect themselves and others, such as frequent handwashing, use of disinfectants, the two-meter social distancing guidelines, and to respect health safety regulations in place. PCR tests do not absolutely rule out COVID-19 infections in asymptomatic individuals.

Travellers are encouraged to download and use the COVID-19 app *Rakning C-19*. The app contains important information on COVID-19 and how to contact the health care service. They are also encouraged to follow information on the official COVID-19 information portal www.covid.is, which hosts the most up to date information and important announcements in several languages for tourists.

Tourists are encouraged to monitor their health. Those who become ill or think they may have symptoms of COVID-19 can contact the health care helpline through the app *Rakning C-19*, the information portal www.covid.is, through the national online health portal Heilsuvera, by phone by dialling 1700 or, if calling from a foreign phone number, at +354 544 4113.

All travellers are encouraged to maintain a distance of 2 meters as much as possible. Social distancing is an important part of preventive measures and anyone who wishes is entitled to maintain distance.