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Entry to Germany for fully vaccinated persons

This article contains information on entry to Germany for persons who are fully vaccinated with approved vaccines.

Persons who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 with vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) (or equivalents of these vaccines used in third countries) can enter Germany from Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & die Grenadinen, Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, British Virgin Islands, Anguilla and Montserrat. This includes persons who wish to enter Germany for the purpose of visits or tourism. Fully vaccinated persons as defined above can apply for visas at the Embassy in Port-of-Spain if required.

However, this does not apply to entry to Germany from countries that are classified as areas of variant of concern. Transportation to Germany from these areas continues to be prohibited. Only persons who have been vaccinated with vaccines listed on the website of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (PEI) <https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content> can enter Germany (see details below). This currently applies solely to vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or equivalents of these vaccines used in third countries. The plan is to extend this to other vaccines with a comparable level of protection as soon as the necessary tests have been completed.

Proof of vaccination

To enter Germany, all travellers must present proof of vaccination that meets the requirements listed under 1., 2. and 3. below in full.

1. It must be a digital EU COVID certificate or comparable proof of vaccination in digital or physical (paper) form in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish. Photographs of physical proof cannot be accepted as digital proof. Proof in digital form should have been issued digitally by the authorised issuer and transmitted digitally to the entitled holder.
2. Proof of vaccination must contain the following information:
 - a) the personal data of the vaccinated person (at least their family name, first name and date of birth or the number of a valid passport or other official photo ID, which is to be presented upon inspection),
 - b) date of vaccination, number of vaccinations,
 - c) name of vaccine,
 - d) name of disease vaccinated against, and
 - e) identifiers that indicate the person or institution responsible for administering the vaccination or issuing the certificate, for example an official symbol or the name of the issuer.

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3. Furthermore, the vaccine itself must meet certain requirements. These requirements – which are mandatory – are published on the website of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut <https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content> and concern:
- a) the vaccines used,
 - b) the number of individual vaccinations required for full protection,
 - c) any booster shots required to maintain full protection,
 - d) the following intervals:
 - aa) the time that must be waited following vaccination before the individual is considered fully protected, and
 - bb) the maximum time allowed between individual vaccinations or booster shots.

Before all planned travel, you should therefore check whether your proof of vaccination meets the above requirements – in particular, whether the vaccination that you have received meets the criteria published on the website of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut <https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content> in full.

Children under the age of 12 who are not yet vaccinated can enter the country with proof of a negative test result (PCR test or antigen test) when accompanied by at least one fully vaccinated parent. Children under the age of six do not require proof of a negative test result.

For more information, please consult the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior <https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs>.