SWITZERLAND

Coronavirus: Entering Switzerland

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic there are special rules for people entering Switzerland. Depending on the type of travel, you might have to fill out an entry form, show proof of a negative test and/or go into quarantine.

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Notice for foreign nationals

You may not be allowed to enter Switzerland. Before you travel, you should check the following:

- **Am I even allowed to travel to Switzerland?** You'll find the answer to this question on the website of the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) as the SEM is responsible for Switzerland's entry requirements.
- Only if entry is permitted: **what rules are there**? You'll find the answer to this on the FOPH website as the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) is responsible for health-related measures at the border. Please also note the section Additional information for incoming persons.

Anyone who has a Swiss passport or a valid Swiss residence permit can enter Switzerland at any time. All travellers must take note of the health-related measures at the Swiss border.
The interactive travel check tool shows you what measures apply to you.

COVID-19 vaccination requirements

People who are fully vaccinated are exempt from many health-related measures at the border. These exemptions apply to people who have been vaccinated with one of the following vaccines:

- Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2 / Comirnaty® / Tozinameran)
- Moderna (mRNA-1273 / Spikevax / COVID-19 vaccine Moderna)
- AstraZeneca (AZD1222 Vaxzevria®/ Covishield™)
- Janssen / Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)
- Sinopharm / BIBP (SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell))
- Sinovac (CoronaVac)

Do you not have a COVID certificate that is recognised in Switzerland? In this case, in addition to your last name, first name and date of birth, your proof of vaccination must also include the date of vaccination and the vaccine used.

The exemptions to the health-related measures at the border apply for twelve months from the time that you are fully vaccinated.

Entering Switzerland with the EU certificate
The "EU Digital COVID Certificate" of the EU is also recognised in Switzerland. You can thus enter Switzerland with the certificate.

Entry form
You will find the entry form for incoming travellers at swissplf.admin.ch. Fill out the form before you enter Switzerland.

Who has to fill out the entry form?
- You must complete the form if the following applies to you:
- You are entering Switzerland by airplane. This also includes a stopover in Switzerland, for example air travellers who have to change flight.

Filling out and control
Fill out the electronic entry form on a computer or smartphone before or during travel. Once you've filled out the form you'll be emailed a QR code as confirmation. Have this code ready for inspection when you enter Switzerland. If you are controlled you can show the QR code on your smartphone or produce a printed confirmation. If you have not filled out the entry form despite the obligation to do so, the controlling authority can punish you with a CHF 100 fine. The same applies if you provide false information on the form.

 What do you do if you don't have internet access to fill out the form?

Further information on the entry form
You'll find plenty of information in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). For example you'll find information on what to do if you don't have a seat number or if there are technical problems, about data protection and about the paper version of the form.

Negative test result
Are you not fully vaccinated or unable to prove that you have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months? In the following cases you will have to present proof of a negative PCR test (not older than 72 hours) or rapid antigen test (not older than 48 hours):

- You are entering Switzerland by airplane.
- Within the last 10 days before entering Switzerland, you have been in a place with a variant of concern.

We recommend that you get tested after your arrival in Switzerland. This applies even if you have no symptoms. You can find more information on the page Tests.

Quarantine for persons arriving in Switzerland

Have you been in a [country with a variant of concern](#) in the last 10 days before entering Switzerland? If you have not been vaccinated or are unable to prove that you have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months, you must go into quarantine after entering Switzerland.

As of 4 August 2021, there are no longer any countries on the list of countries with a variant of concern. There is currently no quarantine obligation for people entering Switzerland. Therefore, some cantons have temporarily deactivated their quarantine notification form.

What to do after entering Switzerland
- Upon arrival, go immediately to your home or to other suitable accommodation (e.g. hotel or holiday apartment). On the way there, keep a minimum distance of 1.5 metres from other people. If you are unable to maintain this distance, we recommend that you wear a mask. Avoid public transport if possible.
- Report your arrival to the [cantonal authority responsible](#) within two days.
- For 10 days after your arrival in Switzerland you must stay in your home or other suitable accommodation without going out. Avoid contact with other people and follow the instructions in the document [instructions on quarantine (PDF, 343 kB, 01.07.2021)](#). This document is also available in the [languages of the migrant population](#).
- There is the possibility of shortening travel quarantine from day 7 onwards. You'll find information on the [Isolation and Quarantine](#) site.

The cantonal authorities are responsible for monitoring quarantine, and they conduct spot checks. Anyone who fails to comply with the quarantine requirement is committing an offence under the [Epidemics Act](#) (in German), which can be punished by a fine of up to CHF 10,000.

Further information on quarantine
You'll find more information on travel quarantine in the [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)](#). There you'll find answers to questions on things like continued payment of salary and loss of earnings during quarantine.

Do you still have questions that aren't answered in the FAQs? You can call the infoline on [+41 58 464 44 88](#) from 6am to 11pm, 7 days a week. You'll find information on the costs of the call on the [Contact information and links](#) page

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Entering with children
The rules for entering Switzerland also apply to children and adolescents, with the exception of the testing requirement. If you are entering Switzerland with children or adolescents, please note the following:
- The entry form obligation also applies to children and adolescents of all ages. They can be included in the entry form of an adult traveling with them.
- The quarantine obligation also applies to children and adolescents of all ages.

- Children under the age of 16 are never required to provide proof of a negative coronavirus test on entering Switzerland. They are exempt from the test requirement on boarding and from the test requirement at the Swiss border.

Additional information for incoming persons

On the Measures and Ordinances page you will see what rules and bans apply on a nationwide basis. In other words, these coronavirus-related measures at the very least apply all over Switzerland; the cantons may have stricter measures. This means you should also find out from the canton to which you are traveling what rules apply there.

Please also observe the distancing and hygiene rules that apply in Switzerland. This is the best way to protect yourself and others from infection with the coronavirus.

Have you started to have symptoms of illness after entering Switzerland? Take them seriously and follow the instruction on the Isolation and Quarantine page.

In this period of pandemic, the rules are constantly evolving and in order to avoid transmitting information, the following links to the official pages of the offices in charge of the application and communication of measures in force in Switzerland can be visited:

Federal Office of Public Health FOPH / Coronavirus: Entering Switzerland
State Secretariat for Migration SEM

The information on the above pages is detailed, continuously updated and in English.

This website will be updated when the latest decisions come into effect, i.e. on 20 September 2021. In the meantime, you will find the latest information in the press release.

A very practical and easy to use tool has also been put in place by the Swiss authorities in order to allow all persons wishing to travel to Switzerland to check under which conditions entry is possible and whether or not special measures will be imposed upon arrival, this tool is called TravelCheck.

You can always address their questions regarding entry into Switzerland to the Visa Section in Delhi (newdelhi.visa@eda.admin.ch) which is in charge of all visa and entry issues for whole India. Visa information Embassy Delhi Website