National Emergency & travel prohibition (14.03.2020)

While the quarantine is in place, Lithuanian citizens, with some exceptions, will be banned from leaving the country, and foreigners will be banned from entering the country with some exceptions. Persons returning to their country of residence shall be allowed to transit through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania without a stopover until 19 March 2020, 00:00.

Start date: 16.03.2020
End date: 30.03.2020

Further information: https://urm.lt/default/en/important-covid19

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union
11.08.2020

Every person, regardless of nationality, crossing a land border into Lithuania must fill in an online form no later than 12 hours following their arrival in the country. Link to the online form: https://keleiviams.nvsc.lt/en/form

Source: LINAVA

01.07.2020

On 17 June, the Lithuanian government lifted the nationwide quarantine but extended the state of emergency, which was declared back in February.

Temporary controls at internal borders will be carried out until 16 July. Foreigners are not allowed to enter Lithuania; the following categories are exempt from this provision:

- Crew members working in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or crew members working for foreign companies performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle.
- Citizens of the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and persons legally residing in those countries that did not exceed 25 cases per 100 thousand population in the last 14 days. A list of such States shall be published each Monday by the Head of State Emergency Operations.
- Foreigners who have the right to reside in the Republic of Lithuania and foreigners who are family members i.e. parents, adoptive parents, children, adopted children, spouses and guardians of citizens of the Republic of Lithuania and foreigners who have the right to reside in the Republic of Lithuania.
- Foreigners holding a national visa of the Republic of Lithuania.

Restrictions apply at the following land border crossing points: Medininkai–Kamenyj Log; Šalininkai–Benekainys; Raigardas–Privalka; Kybartai–eršievska; Panemun–Soetsks.

The following border crossing points are closed: Tvereius–Vidžiai; Lavonšks–Kotlovka; Šumskas–Lošia; Ramonškai–Pograninyj; Nida–Morškoe; Adutškis–Moldeviai; Papelekiš–Lentupis; Kraknai–Gerainiais; Eišišks–Dotiška; Rakai–Petulevci; Norvišk–Picknai; Latežeris–Parie

On 29 June, Lithuania introduced a 14-day isolation requirement for its nationals and residents arriving from the 50 most affected countries, including Sweden, Russia and Belarus. International freight transport drivers are exempt from this provision. The ministry will update the list every week. The countries considered most affected are those with more than 25 new cases per population of 100,000 reported over the last two weeks. Travellers from countries with infection rates of between 15 and 25 are advised, but not required, to go into 14-day self-isolation.

Source: LINAVA

02.06.2020

On 1 June, the Lithuanian Government extended national quarantine until 24:00 of 16 June. Additional provisions have been added to reflect the evolution of the pandemic.

Self isolation of 14 days remains mandatory for individuals returning to Lithuania or arriving from foreign countries. The requirement does not apply to:
• Crew members working in international transport for Lithuanian companies. Isolation up to 14 days is mandatory, except in the case of return from countries where the infection rate of the last two weeks does not exceed 25 cases per 100 thousand population.
• Citizens from the countries of the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and persons legally residing in those countries can enter the territory of Lithuania provided that people do not come from a country where the infection rate of the last two weeks does not exceed 25 cases per 100 thousand population.
• Citizens of the Republic of Lithuania and persons legally residing in the Republic of Lithuania who have returned or arrived from the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Poland.
• Citizens of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia and persons legally residing in these countries who have returned or arrived from the Republic of Estonia or the Republic of Latvia.
• Citizens of the Republic of Poland and persons legally residing in this country who have returned or arrived for work, business or study purposes, if they have not visited other countries, except the Republic of Poland or the Republic of Lithuania, during the last 14 days prior to arrival in the Republic of Lithuania.
• Persons in transit through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

The transport of goods transiting through Lithuania is permitted. Upon detection of any symptom at the border of Lithuania, drivers or crew members engaged in international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, transiting through the territory of Lithuania, will not be allowed to enter the country unless they are citizens of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia or legal residents of Lithuania.

Individuals can enter the country through the following state border crossing points:

• Road: Medininkai – Kamenyj Log, Raigardas – Privalka, Salininkai – Beneikaiys, Kybartai – emyšveskoje, Panemun – Sovetsk, Kalvarija – Budzisk, Lazdijai – Aradninkai and all crossing points of the border with Latvia. The entry of persons and/or their passenger cars into the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is allowed only through the following international state border crossing points: Kalvarija–Budziskas and Saloiai–Grenstal and all border crossing points of the state border with the Republic of Latvia. In exceptional cases, after obtaining the permission of the Head of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania or a person authorised by him, persons and/or their passenger cars may be allowed to enter the Republic of Lithuania through other road border crossing points.
• Railway: Vilnius railway station border crossing point, Stasylas – Beneikiaiys, Kena – Gudagojis, Kybartai – Nesterovas, Šeštokai – Trakišks and all border crossing points of the state border with the Republic of Latvia. In the case of commercial and/or international freight transport by rail, the state border may also be crossed through the Paggiai-Sovetsko railway border checkpoint;
• Airports: border checkpoints of Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga and Šiauliai international airports;
• Seaports: Pilies, Malk lankos, Bting Oil Terminal and Molo border checkpoints.

Source: LINAVA

11.05.2020

To control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government has decided to declare quarantine on the entire territory of the Republic of Lithuania. This quarantine has now been extended to 24:00 on 31 May. However, some additional adjustments will enter into force in the coming days:
- Citizens of Estonia and Latvia will be allowed to enter Lithuania without restrictions as of 15 May. The requirement to comply with the 14-day compulsory self-isolation upon arrival from these countries will be abolished.

- As of 11 May, citizens of all other European Union (EU) countries will be able to enter Lithuania for business or study purposes, but they will be subject to the 14-day self-isolation, except for those coming from Poland (the 14-day self-isolation measure does not apply).

- As of 11 May, ferry travel is permitted on the routes between Kiel / Rostock / Travemünde and Klaipda, when passengers are not picked up at intermediate ports, and minimal contact with bystanders is ensured during the transfer to another ferry at the intermediate port.

- In addition, as of 15 May, Lithuanian citizens will be able to return from abroad or foreigners will be able to come to Lithuania through two more points on the border with Latvia, i. y. Bting-Rucava and Smlyn-Medumi. At present, it is possible to leave for Latvia through these borders, but it is possible to return only through the Saloiai-Grenctal point.

Source: LINAVA

23.04.2020

On 22 April, the Lithuanian government has extended the nationwide quarantine up until 24:00 of 11 May.

Starting immediately, drivers operating to or through Lithuania, must record all stops made during their international route in a free-form document, together with the reason for stopping and the duration. This applies to both Lithuanian and foreign drivers.

Source: LINAVA

09.04.2020

On 16 March, the Lithuanian government announced nationwide quarantine (level 3 of the national plan). This quarantine has now been extended until 27 April.

Restrictions at the borders of Poland and Latvia have been reintroduced. With effect from 14 March, foreign nationals are not permitted to enter the country by any means of transport. Exceptions are in place for persons residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and persons employed within Lithuanian companies, and are either engaged in the international commercial transport of goods, or performing an international commercial transport of goods, by any means of transport.

Persons returning or arriving from foreign countries are required to isolate for 14 days. Please note that this does not apply to crew or crew members working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, or to any foreign citizens transiting through the Republic of Lithuania with a mandatory escort (convoy) to the state of their residence, and who do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

For crew or crew members who either work for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport, or who perform international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, isolation is mandatory from the day of arrival in the Republic of Lithuania until the day of departure from its territory, but not exceeding 14 days. The National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health organise screening at border crossings for symptoms of COVID-19 when returning or arriving from abroad.
Foreign carriers with cargo vehicles transiting through Lithuania are permitted. However, crew or crew members performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle must travel through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania without stopping unnecessarily.

Upon detection of any COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) symptoms at the border of Lithuania, crew or crew members engaged in international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, transiting through the territory of Lithuania, will not be allowed to enter the country unless they are citizens or legal residents of Lithuania.

The number of border crossing points accessible for entry into Lithuania have been reduced to the following:


The entry of persons and/or their passenger cars into the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is allowed only through the following international state border crossing points: Kalvarija–Budziskas and Saloī–Grenstal. In exceptional cases, after obtaining the permission of the Head of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, or a person authorised by him, persons and/or their passenger cars may enter the Republic of Lithuania through other international border crossing points.

Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transport is additionally carried out through the Stasylai–Benekainiai railway border crossing point and the Paggiai–Sovetsk railway border crossing point, and the facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation, and back to the territory of the Russian Federation, shall additionally pass through the Kena Railroad Border Inspection Post and the Kybartai Railway Border Inspection Post.

It is prohibited to transport passengers and/or transport their passenger cars by passenger ships (ferries) to the Republic of Lithuania, with the exception of the ferry along the Kiel–Klaipeda–Kiel route. In exceptional cases, on the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the decision on the permit will be made by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. Passenger flights to and from Lithuanian airports are also prohibited unless authorised by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, subject to approval from the ministries for transport and foreign affairs.

Source: LINAVA

03.04.2020

Coming into effect on 16 March, 00:00, the Lithuania Government has announced a two-week nationwide quarantine (third level of the national plan). Currently quarantine has been extended until 13 April.

Lithuania has reintroduced restrictions at the borders of Poland and Latvia. With effect from 14 March, foreign nationals are not permitted to enter the country by any means of transport. Exceptions are in place for persons residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and persons employed within Lithuanian companies, and are either engaged in the international commercial transport of goods, or performing an international commercial transport of goods, by any means of transport.
Persons returning or arriving from foreign countries are required to have 14 days of isolation, except for crew and crew members working in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in all types of vehicles, foreign citizens in transit through the Republic of Lithuania with a mandatory escort (convoy) to the state of their residence, and those who do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

For crew and crew members who work in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or perform international commercial transport in all types of vehicles, isolation is mandatory from the day of arrival in the Republic of Lithuania until the day of departure from its territory, but not longer than 14 days. The National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health have organized screening at border crossing for symptoms of COVID-19 when returning or arriving from abroad.

International transport drivers are required to mark the stops that took place during the trip in a free-form document, indicating their purpose and duration.

Foreign carriers with cargo vehicles transiting through Lithuania are permitted.

The number of border crossing points to enter Lithuania have been reduced to the following:


The entry of persons and/or their passenger cars into the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is allowed only through the following international state border crossing points: Kalvarija – Budziskas, Saloiai – Grenstal.

Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transport is additionally carried out through Stasyai-Benekainiai railway border crossing point and Paggiai-Sovetsk railway border crossing point. Facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation and back to the territory of the Russian Federation must additionally pass through the Kena Railroad Border Inspection Post and the Kybartai Railway Border Inspection Post.

As of April 4, 00:00, it is forbidden to transport passengers and their cars to the Republic of Lithuania by passenger ships and ferries, with the exception of the Kiel-Klaipeda-Kiel ferry service or with the permission of the interior minister or his authorised representative.

As of April 4, 00:00 passenger flights to and from Lithuanian airports will also be prohibited unless authorised by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, subject to approval from the ministries for transport and foreign affairs.

Source: LINAVA

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Update on the situation at land borders in Lithuania:

Lithuania has reintroduced restrictions at the borders of Poland and Latvia. With effect from 14 March, foreign nationals are not permitted to enter the country by any means of transport. Exceptions are in place for persons residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and persons employed within Lithuanian companies, and are either engaged in the international commercial transport of goods, or performing an international commercial transport of goods, by any means of transport.

Foreign carriers with cargo vehicles transiting through Lithuania are permitted.
Coming into effect on 16 March, 00:00, the Lithuania Government has announced a two-week nationwide quarantine (third level of the national plan).

Lithuania reintroduced control of its borders with Poland and Latvia on 14 March. Foreign nationals will not be allowed to enter the country by any means of transport, unless they work and live permanently in Lithuania (a temporary corridor will be available for Latvian and Estonian citizens to reach their countries).

Goods transport is still allowed. However, foreigners are banned from entering the country, unless they are making necessary deliveries of goods to Lithuania.

The number of border crossing points to enter Lithuania have been reduced to the following:


Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transport is additionally carried out through Stasylai-Benekainiai railway border crossing point and Paggiai-Sovetsk railway border crossing point, and facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation and back to the territory of the Russian Federation shall additionally pass through the Kena Railroad Border Inspection Post and the Kybartai Railway Border Inspection Post.

The number of local passengers on intercity buses and trains is restricted to maintain the necessary distance between passengers.

Source: LINAVA