

# Sweden



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## Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

15.02.2021

### COVID -19 update: Exemption for individuals working with the transportation of goods

There are exemptions for individuals working with the transportation of goods.

See the detailed list of exemptions [here](#).

The exception applies to foreign personnel transporting goods and other personnel in the transport sector. This refers to personnel who perform transports regardless of which goods are being transported and regardless of which destination the transport has.

Thus, the temporary entry restrictions do not apply to transport staff, even when traveling to or from their vehicle, aircraft or ship (to perform or after completing a transport). The exception also covers professional drivers whose vehicles and cargo that are already in Sweden. As part of this transport exemption, it is also considered that empty transports can be covered if they are part of the transport chain. Truck drivers must be able to present Community and driver licenses in order to be covered by the exemption for transport

**Source: The Swedish Bus and Coach Federation, part of Transportföretagen/The Swedish Confederation of Transport Enterprises and The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise.**

12.02.2021

### COVID-19 update: Overview of the restrictions in Sweden

#### For Swedish citizens

- Can enter Sweden.
- Should follow the the Public Health Agency of Sweden's recommendations for everyone travelling to Sweden from abroad.

#### Foreign citizens who are residents according to the Swedish Population Registry, hold a valid residence permit, residence right or residence status.

- Exempted from the entry ban.
- Exempted from the requirement to present a negative Covid-19 test.
- Should follow the the Public Health Agency of Sweden's recommendations for everyone travelling to Sweden from abroad.

#### Entry from an EEA (European Economic Area) country

- Negative test result documenting that the holder does not have an ongoing covid-19 infection, is required.
- No further entry bans are enforced.
- Should follow the the Public Health Agency of Sweden's recommendations for everyone travelling to Sweden from abroad.

#### Entry from a non-EEA country

- Negative test result documenting that the holder does not have an ongoing covid-19 infection, is required.
- Must be covered by at least one exemption to the general entry ban.

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The Public Health Agency of Sweden recommends that anyone who is 6 years of age or older, including Swedish citizens, entering Sweden from outside the Nordic countries take a PCR test after arriving in Sweden. The recommendation applies regardless of whether you have symptoms or not. If you enter Sweden from a so-called third country, you may also need to self-isolate for seven days after your arrival. This recommendation is valid until 31 October. Exemptions to the recommendation are available here: <https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden/communicable-disease-control/covid-19/if-you-are-planning-to-travel/recommendations-for-those-travelling/>

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The entry ban does not apply to:

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### Entry from Denmark, Norway or the UK

- Negative test result documenting that the holder does not have an ongoing covid-19 infection, is required.
- Must be covered by at least one exemption to the stricter entry ban.
- Should follow the the Public Health Agency of Sweden's recommendations for everyone travelling to Sweden from abroad.

See [here](#) for the full information in English.

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22.01.2021

Issues at Denmark - Sweden Border resolved

Denmark - Sweden

SÅ, NLF and DTL , IRU associations in the Nordics, after contacting their respective authorities, have now confirmed that carriers of goods **shall be allowed to transit Sweden and / or travel back** after delivering the goods regardless of the final destination.

This news comes in a context , where some truck drivers were denied entry into Sweden from Denmark in the past few days.

A link to the relevant legislation, where it is underlined that persons transporting goods from Sweden to Denmark are exempted from the travel ban can be accessed [here](#) (in Swedish).

**Source: DTL**

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26.05.2020

On 25 May, it was confirmed that relaxations of driving and rest times rules currently in place in Sweden will not be extended further. Therefore, as from 00:00 on 1 June, normal driving and rest time periods will apply.

More information can be found [here](#).

**Source: DTL**

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09.04.2020

The Swedish Transport Agency states that Sweden plans to adopt a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the **drivers of vehicles transporting all types of goods and transport of passengers.**

This temporary relaxation applies **from 15 April 2020 and will run until 31 May 2020**. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14 (2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). It will apply to all drivers, irrespective of their nationality, when operating on the Swedish territory.

For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.

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- Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 120 hours.

- No derogation to Article 7 of Regulation 561/2006.

- Derogation to Article 8(1) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

- Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.

- Derogation to Article 8(8) of Regulation 561/2006: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest shorter than 45 hours in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.

**Source: Transportföretagen**

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16.03.2020

The Sweden government has taken measures introducing social distancing to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Fr eight transport activities within, to and from Sweden are not impacted by these measures.

As of March 16th, the Swedish Transport Agency is granting a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times rules for freight operations according to [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#). Exemptions in Sweden apply to daily rest time (minimum 9 hours), weekly rest time (minimum 24 hours) and driving time as long as breaks are taken after a maximum of 4,5 hours driving time. Exemptions are valid for 30 days and are valid for all types of transports (i.e. goods, bus and coach), provided that road safety is not affected [be impaired] when transport companies make use of these exemptions.

**Sources: SA and Stoneridge Electronics**

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## General measures

### Use of facemasks

There is no general requirement to wear a face mask in normal social situations, in public places, and in public transport. However, Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Face masks must always be seen as complementary to other recommendations: stay at home when you have symptoms, wash your hands regularly and keep at a distance from others.

New guidelines for face masks will be presented by the Public Health Agency before 7/1/2021. They will specify which face masks to use and at what times they should be used.

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### Physical Distancing

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### Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

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If a private gathering is held at an event venue, in a meeting room and at other rented premises, a maximum of 50 people are allowed to attend. If you organise an event in violation of the ban, you may face a fine or prison sentence of up to 6 months.

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[Current rules and recommendations](#)

## Safety measures for public transportation

Recommendations to public transport authorities are in place. These recommendations include:

- distancing between passengers and getting passengers on board from side doors instead of front door on buses;
- provide enough space to avoid crowding;
- limit the number of passengers per vehicle;
- inform passengers about how to minimise the risk of disease transmission.

Public transportation is operating but services may be limited, both as regards the number of passengers allowed and frequency of departures. Public transport should be limited as much as possible. For information about services or routes, visit the relevant website or contact the operator on the phone for information in English. If you become ill, you need to be able to make your way home without putting others at risk of infection.

## Places of worship

Gatherings for religious practice are restricted to 8 people (funerals 20 people).

## Quarantine

If you develop mild symptoms that do not disappear within 24 hours or that do not have some other explanation, e.g. allergy, migraine or similar, you should get tested.

If the symptoms remain and you are not tested, the same recommendation applies as to those who have received a positive test result (i.e. those who have COVID-19): **Stay at home for at least seven days from the onset of the first symptoms.** You should also have been **free from fever the last two of those seven days.** A dry cough and loss of smell and taste may remain but if you feel well otherwise and seven days have passed since you fell ill, you can return to work, school or preschool.

If you have been tested without symptoms and received a positive test result, you must stay home for at least seven days after the sampling. Should you develop symptoms after the sampling, you may count from the day when symptoms appear and follow the recommendations above.

The same applies if you have been ill, but not with COVID-19: stay at home for as long as you are ill. You should clearly feel better and be free from fever for two days before returning to work or school.

Testing for COVID-19 is always organised in accordance with regional and local guidelines. The Public Health Agency of Sweden recommends adults and school-aged children (including children in preschool class) with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) to take a PCR test in order to find out if they have a current COVID-19 infection.

## **Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops**

Open

Most shops and stores are open, but may have reduced opening hours and limits to the number of customers allowed. Make sure to maintain a safe distance from other people.

## **Tourist accommodations**

Open

All businesses are obliged to take measures to reduce the risk of the spread of infection, for example by limiting the number of guests staying at the same time in a room. Hotel, hostels and campsites should offer alternative solutions to queues at check-in or indicate the distance between guests. Hotels, hostels and campsites should also ensure that staff and visitors have the opportunity to wash their hands with soap and water and offer hand sanitizer. Different plants can handle this differently, depending on their size and location.

If the business has a restaurant, bar, café or similar, they are also covered by the rules for restaurants and taverns. The authorities for infection control can, after consultation with the municipality, decide to close these parts of the business, if they do not meet the requirements.

Campsites are not included in the ban on public gatherings. However, events on and in connection with campsites may be affected. Due to the risk of contagion, the Swedish Tourist Association ("STF") has introduced restrictions concerning how many people may spend the night in the Association's mountain cabins. Hikers will have to book a space in the cabins and pay in advance. Private cabins may also have introduced similar rules.

## **Catering establishments**

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From 1 July, maximum 8 people are allowed to sit at the same table. At least 1 metre distance must be ensured between tables.

Venues serving food and drink must:

- Implement measures to avoid crowding of people in queues, at tables, buffets or bar counters;
- Ensure that guests can keep at least 1 metre distance from other people;
- Only serve food and drink to guests who are seated at a table or a bar counter;
- Guests are permitted to order and pick up food and drink, provided that this does not lead to crowding or queues;
- Offer guests the opportunity to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, or offer them hand sanitiser;
- Inform guests about how they can decrease the risk for spreading infection.

## **Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions**

Open with limitations

## **Personal care services**

Open

Personal care services are open, taking into account required precautions.

## **Health protocols for tourism services and tourists**

If you are on a visit in Sweden and become ill or get injured, call 1177 for information about illnesses and about Swedish healthcare. In case of emergency, call 112 for an ambulance. During the Covid-19 pandemic, there may be reductions in healthcare services because of the handling of Covid-19. Do not visit a health centre ("vårdcentral") if you have any symptoms associated with Covid-19. Instead call 1177 where you will get medical advice from a registered nurse.

Furthermore, Visita (an industry organisation for the hospitality sector) launched a campaign that consists of three brochures including measures preventing infection in restaurants, hotels and campsites.

For more details please visit:

[Information for restaurants](#)

[Visita](#)

## **Other measures**

Sweden has adopted a set of [general guidelines to avoid the spread of Covid-19](#)

[FAQs on COVID-19](#) by the public health agency of Sweden.

## **Information on Tourism at National level**

### **National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM**

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## EU Digital COVID Certificates

This country is already connected to the Gateway and is issuing and/or verifying at least one EU Digital COVID Certificate (Vaccination, Recovery, Test)

[Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Sweden](#)

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The [EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation](#) entered into force on 01 July 2021. EU citizens and residents will now be able to have their Digital COVID Certificates issued and verified across the EU. National authorities are in charge of issuing the certificate.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from Covid-19, or test result. **Despite the European Digital COVID Certificate, each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level.** This means that what is required to enter upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your destination.

**Find out more:**

[Information on the "EU Digital COVID Certificate"](#)

[Press Release](#)

[Questions & Answers](#)

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Further information: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/SWE/7011>

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To travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU/ EEA, you must be covered by at least one of the exemptions from the entry ban and also be able to present a negative COVID-19 test, or be exempted from the test requirement.

The entry ban does not apply to:

- EU and Schengen Associated Countries citizens and their family members;
- permanent residents or holders of a residence permit in Sweden or another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have a national visa in Sweden or a national visa valid longer than three months in another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have family ties as specified under the Aliens Act (2005:716).

**Find out more:**

[polisen.se](https://polisen.se)

[Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden - Government.se](https://www.government.se/eng/questions-and-answers-about-the-entry-ban-to-sweden)

## May I transit this country?

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions **but need to bring the EU Covid Certificate if they do not reside in Sweden.**

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

## General measures

### Use of facemasks

There is no general requirement to wear a face mask in normal social situations, in public places, and in public transport. However, Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Face masks must always be seen as complementary to other recommendations: stay at home when you have symptoms, wash your hands regularly and keep at a distance from others.

New guidelines for face masks will be presented by the Public Health Agency before 7/1/2021. They will specify which face masks to use and at what times they should be used.

More details are available [here](#)

## Physical Distancing

The general guidelines require to maintain social distancing (1.5 metres) from people other than those you live with. You should refrain from certain kinds of activity that cannot be performed while physically distanced from others. This may refer to: certain sporting activities, such as contact sports like wrestling, ice hockey and basketball; private events such as parties, weddings, dinner parties and after-work events; health and beauty treatments that are not medically justified, such as massages, pedicures, haircuts, etc.

## Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

From 15 June 2021 new restrictions will apply.

Maximum number of participants:

- indoor events without designated seating: 50 participants
- indoor events with designated seating: 300 participants (groups must be able to maintain a physical distance of at least 1 metre on each side. Each group may contain no more than eight individuals)
- outdoor events without designated seating: 600 participants
- outdoor events with designated seating: 3000 participants
- funerals: 20 participants (or more, under strict conditions)

If a private gathering is held at an event venue, in a meeting room and at other rented premises, a maximum of 50 people are allowed to attend. If you organise an event in violation of the ban, you may face a fine or prison sentence of up to 6 months.

**Find out more:**

[Current rules and recommendations](#)

## Information on Tourism at National level

### National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

[Visit Sweden](#)

## EU Digital COVID Certificates

**IS COUNTRY IS ALREADY CONNECTED TO THE GATEWAY AND IS ISSUING AND/OR VERIFYING AT LEAST ONE EU DIGITAL COVID CERTIFICATE (VACCINATION, RECOVERY, TEST)**

[Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Sweden](#)

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The [EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation](#) entered into force on 01 July 2021. EU citizens and residents will now be able to have their Digital COVID Certificates issued and verified across the EU. National authorities are in charge of issuing the certificate.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from Covid-19, or test result. **Despite the European Digital COVID Certificate, each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level.** This means that what is required to enter upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your destination.

**Find out more:**

[Information on the "EU Digital COVID Certificate"](#)

[Press Release](#)

[Questions & Answers](#)

[Factsheet](#)

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21.06.2021

## **What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?**

### **Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate**

Information not yet available.

### **Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements**

Sweden adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Sweden are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.

Citizens from EU Member States and Schengen Associated countries, and their family members, as well as people with Swedish residence permits, are allowed to enter Sweden at the conditions provided below.

The Government has extended until **1 July 2021** the general entry ban for foreign citizens who cannot present a negative COVID-19 test result on arrival in Sweden.

From 1 June, travellers from the Nordic countries (**Finland, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland**) are exempted from the COVID-19 test requirement. This also applies to people with residence permits in Sweden, regardless of citizenship.

Travellers from the other EU and Schengen Associated Countries are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test** taken **within 48 hours prior to arrival**.

Accepted tests: **antigen, TMA, PCR, LAMP**

Travellers **under 18 years old** are exempted.

The following information must appear on the certificate:

- name of the person who has been tested
- date/time of the test
- type of test
- the test result
- Issuer of the certificate

The information must be provided in one of these languages: **Swedish, English, Norwegian, Danish** or **French**.

Exemptions are available for cross-border workers and some other categories.

A second test **5 days after arrival** is recommended.

#### **Mandatory Travel Documentation**

Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is not a general requirement for entering Sweden.

#### **Find out more:**

[International travel restrictions \(Krisinformation.se\)](#)

[Information about the Swedish travel restrictions from the Police](#)

[Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden - Government.se](#)

[Frequently asked questions about the temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden](#)

[Information about travelling to Sweden from Visit Sweden \(Sweden's official website for tourism and travel information\)](#)

#### **Contact for Sweden:**

For questions about the entry restrictions to Sweden, contact the Swedish Police on 114 14.

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

[Health cover for temporary stays](#)

**What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?**

The Government has decided to extend the general entry ban for foreign citizens until 1 July 2021.

A temporary ban on non-essential travel to the EU via Sweden, introduced following a call from the European Council and the European Commission, has been in effect since March 2020. Since February 2021 it also includes a requirement of a negative COVID-19 test result for entry into Sweden. The ban includes certain exemptions.

To travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU/ EEA, you must be covered by at least one of the exemptions from the entry ban and also be able to present a negative COVID-19 test, or be exempt from the test requirement.

The entry ban does not apply to:

- EU and Schengen Associated Countries citizens and their family members;
- permanent residents or holders of a residence permit in Sweden or another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have a national visa in Sweden or a national visa valid longer than three months in another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have family ties as specified under the Aliens Act (2005:716).

Entry in Sweden is allowed for foreigners who reside in the following countries: **Australia, New Zealand, Rwanda, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand** and **Israel**.

Entry to Sweden from the UK is subject to the same rules that apply to other third countries outside the EU/EEA area. In practice, this means that an entry ban and the requirement of a negative COVID-19 test result for people arriving from the UK will remain in effect, with certain exemptions.

British citizens and their family members who have applied for residence status are exempt from the entry ban and test requirement on entry to Sweden from countries outside the EU/EEA.

**Find out more:**

[polisen.se](https://polisen.se)

[Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden - Government.se](https://www.government.se/eng/questions-and-answers-about-the-entry-ban-to-sweden)

## May I transit this country?

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

## General measures

From 14/12/2020, regional advice will be replaced by stricter national regulations and general advice, according to the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

From 19/12/2020, all non-essential public services run by the state, regions and municipalities are closed (this includes swimming pools, sports centres and museums).

Schools for over-16s will continue online classes until 24/1/2021.

Employers are asked to let non-essential staff work from home until 24/1/2021.

## **Use of facemasks**

There is no general requirement to wear a face mask in normal social situations, in public places, and in public transport. However, Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Face masks must always be seen as complementary to other recommendations: stay at home when you have symptoms, wash your hands regularly and keep at a distance from others.

New guidelines for face masks will be presented by the Public Health Agency before 7/1/2021. They will specify which face masks to use and at what times they should be used.

More details are available [here](#)

## **Physical Distancing**

The general guidelines require to maintain social distancing (1.5 metres) from people other than those you live with. You should refrain from certain kinds of activity that cannot be performed while physically distanced from others. This may refer to: certain sporting activities, such as contact sports like wrestling, ice hockey and basketball; private events such as parties, weddings, dinner parties and after-work events; health and beauty treatments that are not medically justified, such as massages, pedicures, haircuts, etc.

## **Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events**

From 1 June 2021 new restrictions will apply.

Maximum number of participants:

- indoor events without designated seating: 8 participants
- indoor events with designated seating: 50 participants
- outdoor events without designated seating: 100 participants
- outdoor events with designated seating: 500 participants
- funerals: 20 participants (or more, under strict conditions)

If a private gathering is held at an event venue, in a meeting room and at other rented premises, a maximum of 8 people are allowed to attend. If you organise an event in violation of the ban, you may face a fine or prison sentence of up to 6 months.

**Public gatherings include:**

- gatherings that constitute demonstrations or which are otherwise held for discussion, expression of opinion or providing information on public or private matters;
- lectures and speeches held for the purposes of teaching or for public or civic education;
- gatherings for religious practice;
- theatrical and cinema performances, concerts and other gatherings for the performance of artistic work, and circus performances;
- other gatherings at which freedom of assembly is exercised.

**Public events include:**

- competitions and exhibitions in sports and aviation;
- dance performances;
- fairground amusements and parades;
- markets and fairs;
- other events not regarded as public gatherings;
- Schools, public transport, private events and visits to shops are excluded.

**Find out more:**

[Rules from 1 June](#)

[More information about the ban provided by the Government](#)

## **Safety measures for public transportation**

Recommendations to public transport authorities are in place. These recommendations include:

- distancing between passengers and getting passengers on board from side doors instead of front door on buses;
- provide enough space to avoid crowding;
- limit the number of passengers per vehicle;
- inform passengers about how to minimise the risk of disease transmission.

Public transportation is operating but services may be limited, both as regards the number of passengers allowed and frequency of departures. Public transport should be limited as much as possible. For information about services or routes, visit the relevant website or contact the operator on the phone for information in English. If you become ill, you need to be able to make your way home without putting others at risk of infection.

## **Information on Tourism at National level**

## National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

[Visit Sweden](#)

### Useful Info for tourists

Before starting your journey, please check visa requirements for your destination at: [The Schengen visa](#)

### EU Digital COVID Certificates

This country is ready to connect to the EU Digital COVID certificate Gateway

[Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Sweden](#)

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The "EU Digital COVID Certificate" (available from **1 July 2021**) provides proof that a person has either:

- **been vaccinated against COVID-19** (vaccine type and manufacturer, number of doses, date of vaccination);
- **received a negative test result**, PCR or rapid antigen, with the name of the test, date and time of test, test centre and result (self-tests are not valid);
- **recovered from COVID-19**.

When travelling, holders of the "EU Digital COVID Certificate" will have the same rights as citizens of the visited Member State who have been vaccinated, tested or recovered.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from COVID or test result. Each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level. This means that **what you will be eligible for, upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your country of destination**.

#### How does it work:

1. **Member States** issue a certificate automatically or upon request, which is issued either digitally or on paper, and has a QR code with an electronic signature;
2. **Citizens** store the certificate in their digital app or wallet and can use it when they travel;
3. When the **verifier** asks the citizen for the certificate, the QR code is shown and the digital signature is verified.

**Find out more:**

[Information on the "EU Digital COVID Certificate"](#)

[Press Release](#)

[Questions & Answers](#)

[Factsheet](#)

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06.05.2021

## **From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?**

**No**

Sweden adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Sweden are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.

The Government has decided to extend the general entry ban for foreign citizens who cannot present a negative COVID-19 test result on arrival in Sweden until 31 May 2021.

Citizens from EU Member States and Schengen Associated countries, and their family members, as well as people with Swedish residence permits, are allowed to enter Sweden at the conditions specified hereafter.

### **Is a coronavirus test required?**

All travellers are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test**.  
The test must be taken within **48 hours prior to arrival**.

Accepted tests: **antigen, TMA, PCR, LAMP**

Children aged **17 and under** are exempted.

The following information must appear on the certificate:

- name of the person who has been tested
- date/time of the test
- type of test
- the test result
- Issuer of the certificate

The information must be clearly stated in Swedish, English, Norwegian or Danish.

Exemptions are available for cross-border workers and some other categories.

If you got tested before your departure for Sweden, you do not have to get tested again in connection with your arrival, but you should still get tested **5 days after your arrival**.

### **Is a quarantine required?**

A quarantine is not required.

### **Mandatory Travel Documentation**

Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is not a general requirement for entering Sweden.

**Find out more:**

[Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden - Government.se](#)  
[International travel restrictions - Krisinformation.se](#)

## What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

The Government has decided to extend the general entry ban for foreign citizens until 31 May 2021.

A temporary ban on non-essential travel to the EU via Sweden, introduced following a call from the European Council and the European Commission, has been in effect since March 2020. Since February 2021 it also includes a requirement of a negative COVID-19 test result for entry into Sweden. The ban includes certain exemptions.

To travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU/ EEA, you must be covered by at least one of the exemptions from the entry ban and also be able to present a negative COVID-19 test, or be exempt from the test requirement.

The entry ban does not apply to:

- EU and Schengen Associated Countries citizens and their family members;
- permanent residents or holders of a residence permit in Sweden or another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have a national visa in Sweden or a national visa valid longer than three months in another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have family ties as specified under the Aliens Act (2005:716).

Entry in Sweden is allowed for foreigners who reside in the following countries: **Australia, New Zealand, Rwanda, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand.**

Entry to Sweden from the UK is subject to the same rules that apply to other third countries outside the EU/EEA area. In practice, this means that an entry ban and the requirement of a negative COVID-19 test result for people arriving from the UK will remain in effect, with certain exemptions.

British citizens and their family members who have applied for residence status are exempt from the entry ban and test requirement on entry to Sweden from countries outside the EU/EEA.

**Find out more:**

[polisen.se](#)  
[Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden - Government.se](#)

## May I transit this country?

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.



EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

## General measures

From 14/12/2020, regional advice will be replaced by stricter national regulations and general advice, according to the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

From 19/12/2020, all non-essential public services run by the state, regions and municipalities are closed (this includes swimming pools, sports centres and museums).

Schools for over-16s will continue online classes until 24/1/2021.

Employers are asked to let non-essential staff work from home until 24/1/2021.

## Use of facemasks

There is no general requirement to wear a face mask in normal social situations, in public places, and in public transport. However, Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Face masks must always be seen as complementary to other recommendations: stay at home when you have symptoms, wash your hands regularly and keep at a distance from others.

New guidelines for face masks will be presented by the Public Health Agency before 7/1/2021. They will specify which face masks to use and at what times they should be used.

More details are available [here](#)

## Physical Distancing

The general guidelines require to maintain social distancing (1.5 metres) from people other than those you live with. You should refrain from certain kinds of activity that cannot be performed while physically distanced from others. This may refer to: certain sporting activities, such as contact sports like wrestling, ice hockey and basketball; private events such as parties, weddings, dinner parties and after-work events; health and beauty treatments that are not medically justified, such as massages, pedicures, haircuts, etc.

Source: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/SWE/7001>

## From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

**NO**

Sweden adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Sweden are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.

Citizens from EU Member States (with the exception of Denmark) and Schengen Associated countries (with the exception of Norway), and their family members, as well as people with Swedish residence permits, are allowed to enter Sweden at the conditions specified hereafter.

Until 31 March, Sweden enforces a stricter entry ban from Denmark and Norway. Foreigners coming from Denmark are allowed to enter Sweden if they live or work in Sweden. Exceptions apply to people who live on Bornholm and travel, via Sweden, between Bornholm and another part of Denmark, as well as to health and medical personnel who shall perform work on Bornholm and personnel who shall perform health and medical transports. Other than those exemptions, only Swedish citizens are allowed to enter Sweden from Denmark.

From 31 March, Danish and Norwegian citizens can enter under the same requirements as other EU/EEA nationals.

### Is a coronavirus test required?

All travellers are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test**. The test must be taken within **48 hours prior to arrival**. Accepted tests: antigen, TMA, PCR, LAMP. Children aged 17 and under are exempted.

The following information must appear on the certificate:

- name of the person who has been tested
- date/time of the test
- type of test
- the test result
- Issuer of the certificate

The information must be clearly stated in Swedish, English, Norwegian or Danish.

Exemptions are available for cross-border workers and some other categories.

If you got tested before your departure for Sweden, you do not have to get tested again in connection with your arrival, but you should still get tested **5 days after your arrival**.

### Is a quarantine required?

A quarantine is not required.

### Mandatory Travel Documentation

Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is not a general requirement for entering Sweden.

**Find out more:**

[International travel restrictions - Krisinformation.se](#)

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

## What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Until 31 May 2021, there is an entry ban for non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU.

The entry ban does not apply to:

- EU and Schengen Associated Countries citizens and their family members;
- permanent residents or holders of a residence permit in Sweden or another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have a national visa in Sweden or a national visa valid longer than three months in another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country;
- People who have family ties as specified under the Aliens Act (2005:716).

Entry in Sweden is allowed for foreigners who reside in the following countries: **Australia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea and Thailand.**

A [temporary entry ban](#) applies to all passengers arriving from the UK. UK nationals who can demonstrate that they live or work in Sweden or have urgent family reasons are [exempt](#). Swedish citizens are also exempt.

Travellers to Sweden from the UK who are exempt from the entry ban will have to show a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Sweden. Holders of Swedish passports do not have to do this.

Citizens of other countries who have particularly urgent needs or who are to carry out essential functions in Sweden can also be allowed entry. This includes an exemption for students and highly skilled professionals, amongst others. For more information.

**Find out more:**

[polisen.se](#)

## May I transit this country?

**YES**

## May I enter this country by road transport?

**YES**

[Driving abroad](#)

## May I enter this country by train?

**YES**

[Rail passenger rights](#)

## May I enter this country by sea transport?

**YES**

[Ship passenger rights](#)

## May I fly to this country?

You can find the latest information on air travel regulations for this country on the [IATA website](#).

You can also find information about [air passenger rights](#) on our portal for citizens.

## General measures

From 14/12/2020, regional advice will be replaced by stricter national regulations and general advice, according to the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

From 19/12/2020, all non-essential public services run by the state, regions and municipalities are closed (this includes swimming pools, sports centres and museums).

Schools for over-16s will continue online classes until 24/1/2021.

Employers are asked to let non-essential staff work from home until 24/1/2021.

[Health cover for temporary stays](#)

## Use of facemasks

There is no general requirement to wear a face mask in normal social situations, in public places, and in public transport. However, Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Face masks must always be seen as complementary to other recommendations: stay at home when you have symptoms, wash your hands regularly and keep at a distance from others.

New guidelines for face masks will be presented by the Public Health Agency before 7/1/2021. They will specify which face masks to use and at what times they should be used.

More details are available [here](#)

## Physical Distancing

The general guidelines require to maintain social distancing (1.5 metres) from people other than those you live with. You should refrain from certain kinds of activity that cannot be performed while physically distanced from others. This may refer to: certain sporting activities, such as contact sports like wrestling, ice hockey and basketball; private events such as parties, weddings, dinner parties and after-work events; health and beauty treatments that are not medically justified, such as massages, pedicures, haircuts, etc.

Source: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/SWE/7001>

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28.01.2021

## From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

### Partially

Sweden adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Sweden are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.

Citizens from EU Member States (with the exception of Denmark) and Schengen Associated countries, and their family members, as well as people with Swedish residence permits, are allowed to enter Sweden without restrictions.

From 22 December 2020 till 21 January 2021 Sweden enforces a stricter entry ban from Denmark, including all foreign citizens except personnel transporting goods or passengers, foreign diplomats or consular staff and their families and staff, foreign couriers, people working in or for an international organisation and people with urgent family reasons.

Foreigners coming from Denmark are allowed to enter Sweden if they live or work in Sweden. Exceptions also apply to people who live on Bornholm and travel, via Sweden, between Bornholm and another part of Denmark, as well as to health and medical personnel who shall perform work on Bornholm and personnel who shall perform health and medical transports. Other than those exemptions, only Swedish citizens will be allowed to enter Sweden from Denmark.

**Is a coronavirus test required?**

NO.

#### Is a quarantine required?

NO.

#### Mandatory Travel Documentation

Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is not a general requirement for entering Sweden.

#### Find out more:

[krisinformationen.se](https://krisinformationen.se)

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

### What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

A [temporary entry ban](#) applies to all passengers arriving from the UK. UK nationals who can demonstrate that they live or work in Sweden or have urgent family reasons are [exempt](#). Swedish citizens are also exempt. The ban is in place since 21 December. The exemption for those living or working in Sweden, or with urgent family reasons, applies from 23 December until 21 January 2021.

As of 1 January, travellers to Sweden from the UK who are exempt from the entry ban will have to show a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Sweden. Holders of Swedish passports do not have to do this.

The Swedish government recommends that all passengers who arrived in Sweden from the UK since 12 December should self-isolate for seven days. They should also take a PCR test on the day of arrival and after five days. More information is available from the [Swedish Public Health Agency](#).

See also:

[Commission adopts Recommendation on EU coordinated approach to travel and transport in response to a new variant of coronavirus in the UK \(22 December 2020\)](#)

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The Swedish government has decided to stop all non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU. **This ban will be in effect until 31 March 2021.**

The entry ban does not apply to citizens and their families from EU Member States or Schengen Associated Countries. Moreover, the ban does not apply if you are a permanent resident or hold a residence permit in Sweden or another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country. The entry ban also does not apply to people who have a national visa in Sweden or a national visa valid longer than three months in another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country. Finally, the ban does not apply to people who have family ties as specified under the Aliens Act (2005:716).

There are also several other exceptions, like foreigners who reside in the following countries: Australia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, and Uruguay.

Citizens of other countries who have particularly urgent needs or who are to carry out essential functions in Sweden can also still be allowed entry. This includes exemption for students and highly skilled professionals, amongst others. For more information, please visit [polisen.se](https://www.polisen.se)

### **May I transit this country?**

Yes

### **May I enter this country by road transport?**

Yes

### **May I enter this country by train?**

Yes

### **May I enter this country by sea transport?**

Yes

## **General measures**

From 14/12/2020, regional advice will be replaced by stricter national regulations and general advice, according to the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

From 19/12/2020, all non-essential public services run by the state, regions and municipalities are closed (this includes swimming pools, sports centres and museums).

Schools for over-16s will continue online classes until 24/1/2021.

Employers are asked to let non-essential staff work from home until 24/1/2021.

[Health cover for temporary stays](#)

## **Use of facemasks**

There is no general requirement to wear a face mask in normal social situations, in public places, and in public transport. However, Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Face masks must always be seen as complementary to other recommendations: stay at home when you have symptoms, wash your hands regularly and keep at a distance from others.

New guidelines for face masks will be presented by the Public Health Agency before 7/1/2021. They will specify which face masks to use and at what times they should be used.

More details are available [here](#)

## Physical Distancing

The general guidelines require to maintain social distancing (1.5 metres) from people other than those you live with. You should refrain from certain kinds of activity that cannot be performed while physically distanced from others. This may refer to: certain sporting activities, such as contact sports like wrestling, ice hockey and basketball; private events such as parties, weddings, dinner parties and after-work events; health and beauty treatments that are not medically justified, such as massages, pedicures, haircuts, etc.

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22.01.2021

## Temporary entry ban to Sweden

The Swedish Government has decided to stop non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU. This ban will be in effect until March 31. This ban has been introduced to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus outbreak, and to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

The entry ban does not apply to citizens and their families from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland. Moreover, the ban does not apply if you are a permanent resident or hold a residence permit in Sweden or another EU country, or if you have a national visa in Sweden.

- [Information from the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs about the entry ban](#)

Exceptions can also be made for people with particularly urgent needs. The exemption will also apply to seasonal workers employed in agriculture, forestry and horticulture.

Swedish border control officials determine the manner in which the exceptions should be interpreted and the decisions that should be taken.

- [Information about the Swedish travel restrictions from the Police](#)
- [Frequently asked questions about the temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden](#)
- [Information about travelling to Sweden from Visit Sweden \(Sweden's official website for tourism and travel information\)](#)

### From Europe

A temporary ban on entry to Sweden for nationals from the UK and Denmark is in effect.

Exceptions may be made, such as for:



- Anyone working or living in Sweden can enter from Denmark.
- Children going to meet parents living in Sweden and their escort.
- Those travelling in health service vehicles.

Foreign nationals traveling from the United Kingdom who must also be able to show a negative test result before being allowed to enter Sweden.

### **If you have recently been abroad**

New variants of the virus that causes Covid-19 have been discovered in the UK, Brasil, and South Africa. If you have been in those countries recently, you should:

- stay at home for at least seven days
- avoid contact with others as much as possible
- get tested as soon as possible after arriving in Sweden and get a follow-up test after five days.

Others in your household should also remain at home while awaiting the test result.

## **Travelling abroad**

An advisory against non-essential travel to countries outside the EU is in effect until 31 January 2021.

- [Information from the Swedish Government about the travel advisory](#)
- [Information from the EU about travelling restrictions in European countries](#)

### **Travel certificates and health statements**

There is no quarantine requirement for travellers to Sweden. Swedavia Airports recommends passengers to use face masks at their airports. Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is no general requirement for entering Sweden.

Pay close attention to the information given by your airline – many airline companies require you to wear a face mask on board.

- [Information about tests in Sweden](#)

Source: <https://www.krisinformation.se/en/hazards-and-risks/disasters-and-incidents/2020/official-information-on-the-new-coronavirus/travel-restrictions>

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23.12.2020

## **From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?**

Yes

### **Entry Restrictions**

Citizens from EU Member States + Schengen Associated countries, and their family members, as well as people with Swedish residence permits, are allowed to enter Sweden without restrictions.

## Mandatory Travel Documentation

Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is not a general requirement for entering Sweden.

**Find out more:**

[krisinformationen.se](https://www.krisinformationen.se)

## What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

The Swedish government has decided to stop non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU. This ban will be in effect until 22.12.2020.

The entry ban does not apply to citizens and their families from EU Member States + Schengen Associated countries. Moreover, the ban does not apply if you are a permanent resident or hold a residence permit in Sweden or another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country. The entry ban also does not apply to people who have a national visa in Sweden or a national visa valid longer than three months in another EU Member State or Schengen Associated country. Finally, the ban does not apply to people who have family ties as specified under the Aliens Act (2005:716).

There are also several other exceptions, like foreigners who reside in the following countries: Australia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, and Uruguay.

Citizens of other countries who have particularly urgent needs or who are to carry out essential functions in Sweden can also still be allowed entry. This includes exemption for students and highly skilled professionals, amongst others. For more information, please visit [polisen.se](https://www.polisen.se)

## May I transit this country?

Yes

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11.09.2020

### Travelling to Sweden

EU citizens and their family members, and people with Swedish residence permits, are allowed to enter Sweden without restrictions.

Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein are allowed to enter Sweden without restrictions.

### Travelling from Sweden or returning to Sweden

The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has issued an advisory against non-essential travel to many countries. No such advice is in place for the following countries: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Switzerland, Spain and the Vatican.

The reasons for the advice against non-essential travel to some countries are the spread of the new coronavirus and the uncertainty that currently applies to foreign travel.

### **Rules and Exceptions**

There is no quarantine requirement for travellers to Sweden.

### **Mandatory Travel Documentation**

Airline operators may require passengers to show a health statement but this is no general requirement for entering Sweden.

### **Third-country nationals**

Sweden has imposed a temporary entry ban to non-essential travels to Sweden across an external border,

meaning from other countries than the EU/EEA, except the UK or Switzerland. **The decision is currently in effect until 31/10/20 (inclusive).**

The ban does not apply to Swedish citizens, nor does it apply to travels inside the EU/EEA area.

There are also several other exceptions, like foreigners who reside in the following select countries: Australia, Georgia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay.

Citizens of other countries who have particularly urgent needs or who are to carry out essential functions in Sweden can also still be allowed entry. The latest change even includes exemption for students and highly skilled professionals, amongst others.

For more information, please visit [polisen.se](https://polisen.se)

### **Links to national sources**

[krisinformationen.se](https://krisinformationen.se)

[Driving abroad](#)

Source: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/SWE>



**Source: WCO/Swedish Customs**

25.03.2020

Information based on the recommendations of the Public Health Agency is spread throughout the organisation on a regular basis. This include to stay at home if you have any symptoms and to wash your hands with soap and water regularly. Employees that have duties that can be done from home are to work from home. Swedish Customs has taken measures to ensure that there is adequate protective equipment for customs officers in stock, should the situation require the use of such equipment. Information about new regulations and possible regulatory initiatives has been communicated to customs officers, and the internal guidelines regarding the correct use of protective equipment has been updated. All business travels are to be cancelled/postponed except for those essential (which is to be decided by management).

So far, Swedish Customs has not encountered any unexpected challenges, the organization is adjusting to the new situation and we have crisis teams at both national and regional level that coordinate the work. Neither are we experiencing any disruptions caused by shortage in personnel, due to sick leave, so far.

Web-links to any relevant documents:

The website of Swedish Customs is updated with the information directly relating to customs matters: [www.tullverket.se](http://www.tullverket.se)

Most relevant Swedish weblinks for information concerning covid-19 would be

- Public Health Agency of Sweden: <https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-healthagency-of-sweden/>
- Swedish Government Offices: <https://www.government.se/>
- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency: <https://www.msb.se/en/>

Further information: [http://www.wcoomd.org/.....natural-disaster/covid\\_19/sweden\\_en.pdf?la=en](http://www.wcoomd.org/.....natural-disaster/covid_19/sweden_en.pdf?la=en)



**Source: European Commission**

16.03.2020

**Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers**

Sweden notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561 /2006. It will apply to those drivers involved in domestic and international transports.

Start date: 16.03.2020

End date: 14.04.2020

Further information: <https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/temporary-relaxatio...>

**Ban on non-essential travel from third countries**

Following a call by the European Council and European Commission the Swedish Government has banned non-essential travel to Sweden from all countries except European Union Member States, the United Kingdom, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. This do not apply on Swedish citizens, third-country nationals, travellers with an essential function or need etc.

Start date:

17.03.2020

End date:

30.06.2020

More info: <https://www.government.se>

Source: [https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en)