Estonia



Source: European Union/Re-open EU

12.05.2022

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

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Estonia. Travellers are not required to provide proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

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

Document checklist

Travellers from outside the EU/Schengen area must provide one of the following:

 Proof of vaccination, valid for 270 days. With the booster dose, validity is extended to 12 months. For minors aged from 12 to 18 years no maximum validity for certificates is in place. Estonia accepts all vaccines that are recognised in the country of departure, including Novavax, AstraZeneca, Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson /Janssen.

The document certifying vaccination must be in Latin or Cyrillic script, in Estonian, Russian or English, and include the following information: the disease or agent targeted; the date of vaccination; the vaccine medicinal product; the number of doses in a series of vaccinations; the detials of the issuer of the certificate.

Or

 Proof of recovery, valid for 180 days from the date of a positive test result.

Recovered persons must submit an officially authenticated certificate in Latin or Cyrillic script in Estonian, Russian or English (that may be a printout from another country's database) or an extract of a medical document. A positive antigen test is not enough to prove recovery from the disease.

Or

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

07.03.2022

Update on key border crossing points: Belarus, Estonia and Latvia

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Following closure, due to the ongoing Ukraine crisis, of border crossing points between Ukraine and Russia, and between Ukraine and Belarus, many transport operators have had to change itineraries and find alternative routes. This has increased traffic and put even more pressure on already congested border crossing points in the region.

Between Belarus and the EU (Latvia, Lithuania, Poland), where more than 5,000 trucks were already waiting before the crisis began, queues have subsequently grown longer with waiting times now reaching nearly two weeks.

Between Russia and Latvia, and between Russia and Estonia, more than 1,200 trucks were queueing, with an estimated waiting time of 30-40 hours, over recent days. Truck movements at these borders have now returned to normal levels. There are practically no queues to exit the EU. To enter the EU however, queues have increased due to strengthened control measures and inspections.

Please find below useful links to monitor the situation at borders:

Belarus

gpk.gov.by/situation-at-the-border/maps gpk.gov.by/situation-at-the-border/punkty-propuska

Estonia

 $estonian border. eu/yphis/borders And Waiting Areas. action \\ estonian border. eu/yphis/border Queue Info. action$

l atvia

vid.gov.lv/ru/kravas_auto_rindas vid.gov.lv/ru/soobshcheniya-ob-ocheredyah

Sources: National Border Agencies, MKFE

18.06.2020

As of 1 June, the Estonian borders have been reopened for people arriving from European countries.

Concerning arrivals in Estonia, no self-isolation at home is required if people:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ $\,$ arrive from a EU Member State, a Schengen country or the UK,
- show no symptoms,
- have stayed in one of the countries mentioned above, where the infection rate has been below 15 persons per 100.000 inhabitants during the past 14 days.

More information can be found on the Government website (Estonian , English and Russian)

Source: ERAA

 Proof of negative test result, performed by a healthcare professional, either molecular (PCR) or antigen-RTD approved by the European Union Safety Committee taken up to 48 hours before arrival in Estonia.

Children below 12 years are exempt from vaccine, quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

May I transit this country?

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

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.

National health measures

Most COVID-19 measures have been lifted in Estonia. Facemasks are worn when using public transport.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Use of facemasks

Facemasks should be worn when using public transport.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

OPEN

15.05.2020

Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) have decided that free movement between the three Baltic states will be restored on 15 May for residents of Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia, and for people staying there legally, provided that they show no symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) (more information here).

From 14 May, new border crossing procedures come into force between Estonia and Finland. Those with a Finnish citizenship, residence permit, or whose permanent residence is in Finland, according to the population register, can now come to Estonia more frequently for work or studies or for family reasons without being required to stay in isolation, provided that they have no symptoms of the virus (more information here).

A special website has been created to share all information on the emergency situation in Estonia. Information is available in Estonian, English, and Russian.

Source: ERAA

18.03.2020

The government has decided to restrict the crossing of the Schengen internal and external border temporarily, and to reintroduce border controls in order to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Only citizens of Estonia and holders of Estonian residency permits (or rights of residence) can enter Estonia, as well as foreign citizens with family members living in the country.

International road freight is exempt.

Foreigners are allowed to transit Estonia if travelling to their home country as long as they are not showing symptoms of COVID-19.

At the border control, travel documents and medical symptoms will be checked.

There are no restrictions for exiting the country.

The border control was reintroduced on 17 March 2020. The temporary restriction of border crossing will be in force until further notice, and the situation will be reviewed every two weeks.

Source: ERAA

Safety measures for public transportation

Facemasks should be worn on public transport.

Places of worship

OPEN

Quarantine

People infected with coronavirus should remain at home in isolation until they receive medical clearance to leave.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

OPEN

Tourist accommodations

OPEN

Catering establishments

OPEN

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

OPEN

Personal care services

OPEN

Outdoors areas and beaches

OPEN

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

www.kriis.ee

Useful Info for tourists

Before starting your journey, please check the Kriis.ee websit e.

09.03.2022

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

Document checklist

- 1. All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration
- 2. All travellers must provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result. Details in the sections below.
- 3. Vaccination certificates for adults are valid for 270 days (9 months). For minors aged 12 to 18 years, certificates are valid for 15 months.

 $\mbox{\bf Children below 12 years}$ are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn More:

Visit Estonia

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

- Travellers should check to see if they are on the gree n list or the red list of countries.
- Travellers on the green list who are either fully vaccinated up to 270 days, or have a booster dose, or are recovered up to 180 days, can enter Estonia without restrictions.
- Travellers on the green list who are not vaccinated and not recovered can either take a pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) or antigen test (24 hours) or self-isolate for 7 days when they arrive.
- Travellers on the red list who are not vaccinated or recovered must self-isolate for 7 days.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

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

Documents equivalent to the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) are also accepted, if they meet the same requirements lised above for the EUDCC.

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

Learn More:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

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

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

- Travellers should consult Annex 1 to see whether they are allowed to enter Estonia for tourism purposes.
- If they are allowed entry, travellers on the green list a re free of restrictions. If they are on the red list, they must enter 7-day self-isolation.
- For all other travellers, entry depends on their vaccination or recovered status.
- Vaccination certificates are valid for 270 days (9 months). For persons with a booster dose, the certificate is valid for 1 year. For minors aged 12 to 18 years, certificates are valid for 15 months.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn More:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

Estonian citizens, their family members and residents are allowed entry regardless of whether or not they show symptoms of the disease.

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

Entry requirements also depend on the country of departure's level of risk according to Estonia's national risk assessment.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

May I transit this country?

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

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

Estonia remains open for travel and business. However, restrictions and special measures are in place to fight the pandemic. Facemasks must be worn, social distancing rules respected and COVID-19 certificates presented to access all indoor spaces and venues.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Use of facemasks

Facemasks and respirators must be worn in all indoor venues by all persons aged 12 and over. This rule applies to all cultural, leisure and sports facilities, tourist accommodations, restaurant and bars, and wherever a COVID-19 certificate is required for entry.

Physical Distancing

Social distancing of 2 metres is observed indoors and, where necessary, at outdoor venues and events.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Restrictions are in place to limit the number of people who can congregate inside the same space. When indoors, facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected. Facemasks are not required when outdoors.

Safety measures for public transportation

Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Places of worship

Churches are open for religious services. There are limits on the number of people who can congregate. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Quarantine

Travellers in quarantine are not allowed to leave their place of isolation until they are declared healthy after a test and by a physician.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Shops and service points are open. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations are open for visitors. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Catering establishments

Catering establishments, including bars and restaurants, are open. Certificates must be presented at the door. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Cultural, leisure and sports facilities are open. Certificates must be presented at the door. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Personal care services

Personal care services are open. Certificates must be presented at the door. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Facemasks are not required when outdoors.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Strict protocols are in place to ensure hygiene and to prevent the spread of the virus. Certificates are required for entry. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected wherever groups of people congregate.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

Travelling and border crossing

19.01.2022

Information on 'EU Digital COVID Certificates' issued in Estonia

Travellers are required to present a certificate to access public spaces including tourist accommodations, bars and restaurants, and cultural, leisure and sports facilities. Please consult the Measures section for further details. Travellers are reminded to carry the relevant documents with them at all times.

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.

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

Document checklist

- 1. All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration
- 2. All travellers must provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result. Details in the sections below.

Entry rules

Entry requirements also depend on the country of departure's level of risk according to Estonia's national risk assessment: green, yellow or red

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn More:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

- Travellers on the green list enjoy no restrictions on movement.
- Travellers on the yellow list must present proof of vaccination and a negative test result. PCR tests must be taken within 72 hours of arrival and antigen tests within 48 hours. Travellers without a negative test certificate can take a test on arrival and quarantine while awaiting the results.
- Unvaccinated travellers on the red list must quarantine for 10 days on arrival. Tests must be taken on arrival and on day six. If both tests are negative, quarantine can be shortened. Vaccinated travellers are not required to test.
- Travellers from omicron-risk countries must isolate for 10 days on arrival. Their status will also be affected by their vaccination status and willingness to undergo further tests.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

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

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test

- Travellers on the green list enjoy no restrictions on movement
- Travellers on the yellow list must present proof of vaccination and a negative test result. PCR tests must be taken within 72 hours of arrival and antigen tests within 48 hours. Travellers without a negative test certificate can take a test on arrival and quarantine while awaiting the results.
- Unvaccinated travellers on the red list must quarantine for 10 days on arrival. Tests must be taken on arrival and on day six. If both tests are negative, quarantine can be shortened. Vaccinated travellers are not required to test.
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Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn More:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

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

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

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- Travellers on the yellow list must present proof of vaccination and a negative test result. PCR tests must be taken within 72 hours of arrival and antigen tests within 48 hours. Travellers without a negative test certificate can take a test on arrival and quarantine while awaiting the results.
- Unvaccinated travellers on the red list must quarantine for 10 days on arrival. Tests must be taken on arrival and on day six. If both tests are negative, quarantine can be shortened. Vaccinated travellers are not required to test.
- Travellers from omicron-risk countries must isolate for 10 days on arrival. Their status will also be affected by their vaccination status and willingness to undergo further tests.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn More:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

Estonian citizens, their family members and residents are allowed entry regardless of whether or not they show symptoms of the disease.

All travellers must complete the Passenger Declaration Form and provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.

Entry requirements also depend on the country of departure's level of risk according to Estonia's national risk assessment.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

May I transit this country?

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

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

Estonia remains open for travel and business. However, restrictions and special measures are in place to fight the pandemic. Facemasks must be worn, social distancing rules respected and COVID-19 certificates presented to access all indoor spaces and venues.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Use of facemasks

Facemasks and respirators must be worn in all indoor venues by all persons aged 12 and over. This rule applies to all cultural, leisure and sports facilities, tourist accommodations, restaurant and bars, and wherever a COVID-19 certificate is required for entry.

Physical Distancing

Social distancing of 2 meters is observed indoors and, where necessary, at outdoor venues and events.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Restrictions are in place to limit the number of people who can congregate inside the same space. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Safety measures for public transportation

Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Places of worship

Churches are open for religious services. There are limits on the number of people who can congregate. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Quarantine

Travellers in quarantine are not allowed to leave their place of isolation until they are declared healthy after a test and by a physician.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Shops and service points are open. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations are open for visitors. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Catering establishments

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Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

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Personal care services

Personal care services are open. Certificates must be presented at the door. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Outdoor exercise is enouraged. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected wherever groups of people congregate.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Strict protocols are in place to ensure hygiene and to prevent the spread of the virus. Certificates are required for entry. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing rules respected wherever groups of people congregate.

Learn more:

Visit Estonia

Kriis.ee

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

Travelling and border crossing

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

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All travellers entering this country must fill out the Traveller Questionnaire and show either a negative COVID test, proof of vaccination, or proof of past infection.

Entry requirements depend on the country of departure's level of risk according to Estonia's national classification of risk assessment.

Children below 12 years are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Travellers are advised to consult current measures on the Official Estonian Gateway website.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

Estonia is expected to start accepting "EU Digital COVID certificates" (EUDCC) from 1 July 2021.

Holders of EUDCC will be allowed to enter Estonia, without being subject to further restrictions (testing or quarantine), at the condition that their certificate contains either:

- Certificate of vaccination, valid 1 year from the administration of the second dose of the vaccine (or unique dose, for single-dose vaccines).
- Certificate of recovery from COVID-19. Validity: 180 days.

Travellers from risk-countries may enter the country with proof of a negative test result.

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

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

All travellers from risk or high-risk countries are subject to the requirement for a pre-departure negative PCR test. For high-risk countries also a second test after entry and a 10 quarantine is required. The quarantine period can be shortened after a negative test result for the second test on day 6.

Special rules apply to children.

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The testing and quarantine requirement does not apply to persons who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in the last twelve months, or who have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 180 days and who have been declared healthy by a doctor.

Find out more:

Information on countries and restrictions on freedom of movement requirements for passengers

Exemptions from restrictions for people who have recovered from and been vaccinated against COVID-19 | (kriis.ee)

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?

Travel to Estonia from outside the European Union, the European Economic Area or the Schengen area is possible for non-vaccinated people, including for tourism, only from the countries listed in Annex 1 of the recommendation of the Council of the European Union on the gradual lifting of the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel into the EU.

An updated list of countries for which entry to Estonia is subject to limitations is available on the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

Testing (before and after entry) and a 10-day quarantine period is mandatory for passengers arriving from a country on the list with an infection rate above 200 cases per 100.000 inhabitants in the last 14 days.

When arriving from third countries that are not listed in Annex I, mandatory testing (before and after entry) and a 10-day quarantine period is always required.

The quarantine period can be shortened after a negative test result for the second test on day 6.

Special rules for children apply.

blocked URL Provisions for vaccinated people

The testing and quarantine requirement does not apply to persons who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in the last twelve months, or who have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 180 days and who have been declared healthy by a doctor.

All passengers arriving by plane (including children for whom the data is provided by their parents) must fill in **the traveller's questionnaire** before arrival. You can do this up to three days before arriving in Estonia. The border guard or the airline may ask for confirmation of the border crossing declaration sent by e-mail either electronically or on paper. Those arriving by ship, bus, or car are obliged to fill in the traveller's questionnaire when arriving from a high-risk country (marked in red).

What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

Information about entry conditions to other countries can be found on the website "Reisi Targalt".

Estonian citizens, their family members and residents are allowed entry regardless of whether or not they show symptoms of the disease. Those returning to Estonia from COVID-19 risk countries will have the obligation to self-isolate for 10 days.

People with no symptoms returning to Estonia from COVID-19 risk countries which are member states of the European Union, the European Economic Area, and the Schengen Area, can reduce their 10-day self-isolation period by taking two coronavirus tests, provided both results are negative. The first test must be taken immediately after arrival in Estonia. Until the test results are returned, the person must remain in self-isolation at their place of residence or permanent stay.

Find out more:

Travelling abroad from Estonia Travelling to Estonia - Estonian citizens and residents

May I transit this country?

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

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

For the latest official information about coronavirus in Estonia, please visit **kriis.ee** (in English, Estonian and Russian).

Use of facemasks

Masks must be worn indoors where COVID infection safety is not checked. For example, masks must be worn in shops, pharmacies, service points of telecommunication companies or banks, post offices, libraries, as well as in the service points of the Police and Border Guard Board, the Social Insurance Board, or the Health Insurance Fund, and elsewhere. The obligation to wear a mask does not apply to children under the age of 12 or if wearing a mask is not reasonable for health or other valid reasons.

Find out more:

How and when to wear a mask?

Physical Distancing

Indoors, people that do not belong to the same household should distance as much as possible from others to contain the spread of the virus.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

All individuals (from the age of 18) must present a valid COVID certificate to participate in sport, training, youth work, hobby activities and education, refresher training and refresher courses; at sports competitions and sports and exercise events; in saunas, spas, water parks, and swimming pools; at public meetings and events, including in theatres and cinemas, at concerts and conferences; in museums and exhibition halls; for entertainment services; and for eating and drinking on site in catering establishments. All participants must also prove their infection safety when the activity or event takes place at the place where the service is provided, such as when renting a catering establishment or ordering a theatre performance. This applies both to indoor and outdoor activities and events, except for outdoor events that are not taking place an unlimited territory (i.e. not in a restricted outdoor area).

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Safety measures for public transportation

The obligation to wear a face mask is in place. Children under the age of 12 do not have to wear a mask.

Safety measures on public transportation

Places of worship

Open with limitations

Public religious services and rites with up to 50 participants may be held in places of worship. It is not required to verify the infection safety of the people attending religious services; however, regardless of the number of participants, a mask must be worn indoors, requirement for dispersal must be taken into account, and the place of worship must comply with disinfection requirements and other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Quarantine

People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 infection are not allowed to leave their place of residence from their diagnoses until they have been declared recovered. This also applies to the residents of shelters and safe houses who have to stay in guarantine there.

People who live together with a COVID-19 patient or have come in close contact with one must stay in self-isolation for 10 days and may have limited movement outside their place of residence only if they are asymptomatic.

It is allowed to leave your home in order to obtain essential goods if it cannot be done in any other way, and provided that the guidelines of the Health Board are followed to stop the possible spread of the virus.

Self-isolation does not apply to close contacts who have suffered from COVID-19 infection within the past 180 days and who have been declared healthy by a physician, or to those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (validity one year since the last dose).

From 1 September, fully vaccinated, asymptomatic school staff and students do not need to be quarantined after having been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. In the event of close contact at an educational institution, unvaccinated students between the ages of 12 and 18 or students who turn 19 during the school year, beginning this September, must first undergo a rapid test followed by a PCR test no earlier than 72 hours after taking the rapid test. There is no need to quarantine if the tests are negative. If an unvaccinated student comes into close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 outside a general education or vocational school, the student must remain in self-isolation as usual, regardless of age. Everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, who develop signs of illness must stay at home and contact their family doctor.

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Shops and service points are open provided that social distancing is ensured. It is compulsory to wear a mask in stores and service facilities, disinfectants must be available and disinfection requirements must be fulfilled according to the instructions of the Health Board, and the requirement to disperse people must also be followed.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations are open to visitors, with precaution measures in order to ensure people's safety.

Catering establishments

All customers in catering establishments must present a COVID certificate proving vaccination, recovery or a prior negative test result. It is not necessary to present a certificate for buying food as takeaway, but a mask must be worn. Consuming on the spot is allowed only if checking the COVID-19 certificates is ensured, and this applies even if the catering establishment is rented out, e.g. for birthdays, company parties or other private events. It is not necessary to present the certificate to buy food as takeaway or provide delivery services but in that case a mask must be worn.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

All individuals participating in public meetings and events, including conferences, cinema showings, provision of entertainment services, museums and exhibitions must present a COVID certificate proving vaccination, recovery or a prior negative test result. The infection risk status of all participants must also be checked if the activity or event takes place at the location of service provision, e.g. if a gallery space or a museum hall is rented out for a private event. Upon effective control of COVID certificates, up to 6000 people can participate indoors and up to 12000 people outdoors.

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Personal care services

Open with limitations

All individuals must present a COVID certificate proving vaccination, recovery or a prior negative test result to take part in activities and events in a restricted outdoor area. These limits apply to public meetings and events, including sports and training facilities, saunas, spas, pools, water parks and swimming facilities.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Open

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Information published by the Health Board are available at: He alth protocols for tourism

There is no specific ban on travelling for individuals or groups. However, restrictions on the consumption of services must be taken into account and a 2-metres distance from other people has to be maintained. In some cases, there are also restrictions on the number of simultaneous visitors in tourist attractions. Public places include also shops, beaches, promenades, hiking trails etc.

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

Travelling and border crossing

08.09.2021

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

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Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

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- Certificate of vaccination, valid 1 year from the administration of the second dose of the vaccine (or unique dose, for single-dose vaccines).
- Certificate of recovery from COVID-19. Validity: 180 days.

Travellers from risk-countries may enter the country with proof of a negative test result.

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

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

All travellers from risk or high-risk countries are subject to the requirement for a pre-departure negative PCR test. For high-risk countries also a second test after entry and a 10 quarantine is required. The quarantine period can be shortened after a negative test result for the second test on day 6.

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Information on countries and restrictions on freedom of movement requirements for passengers

Exemptions from restrictions for people who have recovered from and been vaccinated against COVID-19 | (kriis.ee)

Documents you need to travel in Europe Health cover for temporary stays

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Testing (before and after entry) and a 10-day quarantine period is mandatory for passengers arriving from a country on the list with an infection rate above 200 cases per 100.000 inhabitants in the last 14 days.

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General measures

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Use of facemasks

Masks must be worn indoors where COVID infection safety is not checked. For example, masks must be worn in shops, pharmacies, service points of telecommunication companies or banks, post offices, libraries, as well as in the service points of the Police and Border Guard Board, the Social Insurance Board, or the Health Insurance Fund, and elsewhere. The obligation to wear a mask does not apply to children under the age of 12 or if wearing a mask is not reasonable for health or other valid reasons.

Find out more:

How and when to wear a mask?

Physical Distancing

Indoors, people that do not belong to the same household should distance as much as possible from others to contain the spread of the virus.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

All individuals (from the age of 18) must present a valid COVID certificate to participate in sport, training, youth work, hobby activities and education, refresher training and refresher courses; at sports competitions and sports and exercise events; in saunas, spas, water parks, and swimming pools; at public meetings and events, including in theatres and cinemas, at concerts and conferences; in museums and exhibition halls; for entertainment services; and for eating and drinking on site in catering establishments. All participants must also prove their infection safety when the activity or event takes place at the place where the service is provided, such as when renting a catering establishment or ordering a theatre performance. This applies both to indoor and outdoor activities and events, except for outdoor events that are not taking place an unlimited territory (i.e. not in a restricted outdoor area).

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Safety measures for public transportation

The obligation to wear a face mask is in place. Children under the age of 12 do not have to wear a mask.

Safety measures on public transportation

Places of worship

Open with limitations

Public religious services and rites with up to 50 participants may be held in places of worship. It is not required to verify the infection safety of the people attending religious services; however, regardless of the number of participants, a mask must be worn indoors, requirement for dispersal must be taken into account, and the place of worship must comply with disinfection requirements and other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Quarantine

People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 infection are not allowed to leave their place of residence from their diagnoses until they have been declared recovered. This also applies to the residents of shelters and safe houses who have to stay in quarantine there.

People who live together with a COVID-19 patient or have come in close contact with one must stay in self-isolation for 10 days and may have limited movement outside their place of residence only if they are asymptomatic.

It is allowed to leave your home in order to obtain essential goods if it cannot be done in any other way, and provided that the guidelines of the Health Board are followed to stop the possible spread of the virus.

Self-isolation does not apply to close contacts who have suffered from COVID-19 infection within the past 180 days and who have been declared healthy by a physician, or to those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (validity one year since the last dose).

From 1 September, fully vaccinated, asymptomatic school staff and students do not need to be quarantined after having been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. In the event of close contact at an educational institution, unvaccinated students between the ages of 12 and 18 or students who turn 19 during the school year, beginning this September, must first undergo a rapid test followed by a PCR test no earlier than 72 hours after taking the rapid test. There is no need to quarantine if the tests are negative. If an unvaccinated student comes into close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 outside a general education or vocational school, the student must remain in self-isolation as usual, regardless of age. Everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, who develop signs of illness must stay at home and contact their family doctor.

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Shops and service points are open provided that social distancing is ensured. It is compulsory to wear a mask in stores and service facilities, disinfectants must be available and disinfection requirements must be fulfilled according to the instructions of the Health Board, and the requirement to disperse people must also be followed.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations are open to visitors, with precaution measures in order to ensure people's safety.

Catering establishments

All customers in catering establishments must present a COVID certificate proving vaccination, recovery or a prior negative test result. It is not necessary to present a certificate for buying food as takeaway, but a mask must be worn. Consuming on the spot is allowed only if checking the COVID-19 certificates is ensured, and this applies even if the catering establishment is rented out, e.g. for birthdays, company parties or other private events. It is not necessary to present the certificate to buy food as takeaway or provide delivery services but in that case a mask must be worn.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

All individuals participating in public meetings and events, including conferences, cinema showings, provision of entertainment services, museums and exhibitions must present a COVID certificate proving vaccination, recovery or a prior negative test result. The infection risk status of all participants must also be checked if the activity or event takes place at the location of service provision, e.g. if a gallery space or a museum hall is rented out for a private event. Upon effective control of COVID certificates, up to 6000 people can participate indoors and up to 12000 people outdoors.

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Personal care services

Open with limitations

All individuals must present a COVID certificate proving vaccination, recovery or a prior negative test result to take part in activities and events in a restricted outdoor area. These limits apply to public meetings and events, including sports and training facilities, saunas, spas, pools, water parks and swimming facilities.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Open

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Information published by the Health Board are available at: He alth protocols for tourism

There is no specific ban on travelling for individuals or groups. However, restrictions on the consumption of services must be taken into account and a 2-metres distance from other people has to be maintained. In some cases, there are also restrictions on the number of simultaneous visitors in tourist attractions. Public places include also shops, beaches, promenades, hiking trails etc.

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

Travelling and border crossing

Useful Info for tourists

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General measures

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Use of facemasks

Wearing a mask is recommended indoors.

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How and when to wear a mask?

Physical Distancing

Indoors, people that do not belong to the same household should distance as much as possible from others to contain the spread of the virus.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

A maximum of 1000 people is allowed to attend events indoors, subject to dispersal and the need for social distancing. A maximum of 5000 people is allowed to take part in events in a restricted outdoor area.

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

Travelling and border crossing

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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 Estonia

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

Further information: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/EST /7011

17.06.2021

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

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Is a coronavirus test required?

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The test must be taken within 72 hours prior to arrival.

A second test has to be taken no earlier than on day 6 after the first test taken abroad. A person is released from the 10-day isolation obligation if the results of both tests are negative.

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- Japan (*)
- New Zealand
- Rwanda
- South Korea (*)
- Thailand
- Singapore

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From 15 January, arrivals from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will have an isolation period of 10 days and testing obligation. After the first negative test result, they are not allowed to perform unavoidable work duties. However, they are allowed to participate in an unavoidable family event. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from testing.

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General measures

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Use of facemasks

Wearing a mask is recommended indoors.

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How and when to wear a mask?

Physical Distancing

A requirement to stay dispersed is in place indoors. The requirement for dispersal mandates that strangers must be kept at a reasonable distance for the purpose of containing the spread of the virus.

The above-mentioned restrictons are not valid for members of the same family.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

From 11 June, a maximum of 600 people will be allowed to attend events indoors, subject to dispersal and a 50% occupancy requirement. A maximum of 1000 people are allowed to take part in events in a restricted outdoor area (this includes for example public events, saunas and spas, sports events, museums, churches etc).

From 11 June, up to 50% indoor occupancy will be allowed. There is no longer a limit on the number of participants in a group nor is there a time limit for staying open. The requirement for dispersion must be considered.

Find out more:

Restrictions in everyday life (kriis.ee)

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirusrelated information for TOURISM

Travelling and border crossing

EU Digital COVID Certificates

Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Estonia

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.

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How does it work:

- 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;
- Citizens store the certificate in their digital app or wallet and can use it when they travel;
- 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

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04.05.2021

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

PARTIALLY

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Is a coronavirus test required?

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Is a quarantine required?

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As an alternative, they can submit to a double testing procedure.

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Find out more:

How and when to wear a mask?

Physical Distancing

The 2+2 rule is in place in service halls and public areas of commercial enterprises, meaning that no more than two people may move together and at a distance of at least two metres.

A 2-metres distance is also required between groups of people in catering and entertainment establishments, with a maximum of 10 people per group (the 10+2 rule).

The above-mentioned restrictons are not valid for members of the same family.

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/EST/7001

31.03.2021

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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

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Health cover for temporary stays

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Physical Distancing

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25.01.2021

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Travellers who do not want to stay in self-isolation for ten days after arriving in Estonia must perform a PCR test up to 72 hours before arrival in the country. While staying in Estonia, it is then possible to take a second test no earlier than on the sixth day after the first test taken abroad. A person is released from the 10-day isolation obligation if the results of both tests are negative.

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- Rwanda
- South Korea (*)
- Thailand
- Singapore

(*) A 10-day restriction on freedom of movement is mandatory

From 15 January, arrivals from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will have an isolation period of 10 days and testing obligation. After the first negative test result, they are not allowed to perform unavoidable work duties. However, they are allowed to participate in an unavoidable family event. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from testing.

An **updated list of countries** for which entry to Estonia is subject to limitations is available on the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

May I transit this country?

Partially

Foreigners can use Estonia as a transport corridor to return to their home country if they have no signs of infection.

General measures

For the latest official information about coronavirus in Estonia, please visit **kriis.ee** (in English, Estonian and Russian)

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

As of 24.11.2020, the **obligation to wear a mask or cover the nose and mouth** is valid **in all public areas** throughout the whole Estonia.

Wearing a mask or a similar means that cover nose and mouth is **mandatory indoors**, **for example** on public transport, in the service halls and public areas of commercial enterprises and at conferences, concerts, theatres, and cinemas. An exception to this obligation is in place in case of people who, for medical reasons, are not in the condition to wear a mask (for example asthmatics) and in case of children under the age of 12. Other justified situations are also possible (for example, in a private vehicle if there are no other passengers).

To know more:

How and when to wear a mask?

Physical Distancing

As of 16.11.2020, the **2+2 rule** is in place in service halls and public areas of commercial enterprises, meaning that no more than **two people** may move together and at a distance of at least **two metres**.

A 2-metres distance is also required between groups of people in catering and entertainment establishments, with a maximum of 10 people per group (the 10+2 rule).

The above-mentioned restrictons are not valid for members of the same family.

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

Partially

Entry restrictions

Citizens and residents of EU Member States + Schengen Associated countries and their family members are allowed to enter Estonia without restrictions, provided that they show no COVID-19 symptoms and that the incidence rate of COVID-19 in their country of origin has not exceeded 25 cases per 100,000 inhabitants in the last 14 days. If the infection rate is between 25 and 50, but and in any case **not higher than** that of Estonia, the person is not required to self-isolate. If the infection rate is between 25 and 50 and also higher than that of Estonia, a mandatory 10-days isolation applies or altenatively a double testing procedure is applied. This means that it is required to be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival and to remain in auto-isolation until the test result is ready. In case of a negative test result, a 7-days limited selfisolation applies, i.e. the person can do the necessary activities such as work-related ones, but unnecessary contacts have to be avoided. A second test must be performed not earlier than 7 days after the result of the first test and in case of a negative result, the auto-isolation period expires.

An **updated list of risk countries** is published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs every Friday and comes into force on Monday of the following week.

Restrictions on the freedom of movement do not apply to asymptomatic persons who have been in **Lithuania**, **Latvia** or **Finland** in the past 14 days and who arrive in Estonia directly from these countries, provided that they present the proof of a negative COVID-19 test carried out no more than 48 hours before the entry. Asymptomatic people arriving from these countries for the purpose of working, studying or receiving health services, or for family reasons or transit, are not subject to any restrictions.

May I transit this country?

Partially

Foreigners can use Estonia as a transport corridor to return to their home country if they have no signs of infection.

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

Based on the recommendation of the Council of the European Union, Estonia allows entry to residents of the following countries outside the European Union:

Australia Japan New Zealand Rwanda South Korea Thailand Singapur Uruguay*

(*) A 10-days restriction on freedom of movement is mandatory

An **updated list of countries** for which entry to Estonia is subject to limitations is available on the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

No additional documentation required.

Find out more:

Information on countries and restriction on freedom of movement requirements for passengers

Documents you need to travel in Europe

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28.08.2020

Travelling to Estonia

Entry is allowed without restrictions from Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, San Marino, Slovakia and the V atican.

An **updated list of countries** for which entry to Estonia is subject to limitations is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

Travelling from Estonia or returning to Estonia

Estonian citizens, their family members and residents are allowed entry regardless of whether or not they show symptoms of the disease.

Rules and Exceptions

No restrictions are imposed on travellers coming from or transiting through countries where the coronavirus infection incidence rate is below **16 cases per 100,000 inhabitants** ov er the last 14 days.

Restriction on freedom of movement means that the concerned individuals are obliged to refrain from unnecessary contacts for **14 days from their arrival in Estonia** and are allowed to leave their place of residence or accommodation only for medical visits, shopping for food, essentials and medicines, and for emergencies.

A two-week restriction on freedom of movement is mandatory for everyone showing symptoms.

Starting from 1 September, the restriction on the freedom of movement can be replaced by a COVID-19 test, except in cases where the traveller arrives in Estonia for work or studies from a third country that is not included on the common EU list. In case of a negative test result, the restriction on the freedom of movement still applies for the first seven days. All restrictions are removed after a second test, performed not earlier than 7 days after the first one, also provides a negative result.

Residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uru guay are allowed to enter Estonia, if they show no symptoms.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

Find out more:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/EST



Source: Republic of Estonia / Ministry of Foreign Affairs

17.09.2020

Information on countries and restriction on freedom of movement requirements for passengers

Travelling to Estonia is possible for the following persons

- Estonian citizens, residents and their family members. Estonian citizens and residents are allowed entry regardless of whether or not they show symptoms of the disease.
- Citizens and residents of the European Union, the Schengen area, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican, and individuals with a long-stay visa and their family members if they show no symptoms. Read the list here.
- Residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay, if they show no symptoms.
- Citizens of foreign states without symptoms arriving in Estonia from states not named above for work or studies. On arrival they are subjects to 14-day restriction on freedom of movement, which means that:
 - the employer or educational institution must provide transport for the employee or student on their arrival in Estonia and ensure that they comply with the 14-day compulsory restriction on freedom of movement;
 - the employer or educational institution ensures that the employee or student undergoes two SARS-CoV-2 tests. The first test must be administered on their arrival and the second on the 14th day after their arrival;
 - the employee and student is not allowed to start working and studying respectively for the first 14 days following their arrival in Estonia;
 - the employee and student can start work and studies respectively from the 15th day since their arrival on the condition that their second coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 test was negative.

Who is subject to restrictions of the freedom of movement?

- Anyone arriving in Estonia who began their journey from or transited through a country without health data or with an infection rate above 16.
- Any citizen or resident of Estonia displaying symptoms of illness.
- Comprehensive information about border crossing, which has been compiled from various government authorities, is available on the kriis.ee site: https://ww w.kriis.ee/en/travelling-and-border-crossing. Informati on is also provided by the Police and Border Guard Board: https://www.politsei.ee/en/instructions /emergency-situation.
- For more information on Covid-19 and restriction on the freedom of movement, call 1247.

Coronavirus testing opportunity for people arriving to Estonia

- From 1 September, those returning to Estonia from COVID-19 risk countries will have the opportunity to be tested for coronavirus at the airport and port in order to shorten the 14-day restriction on the freedom of movement and allow them to return to work sooner. Testing is free of charge for Estonian residents; foreigners can take the test at a cost of 67 euros and can pay on the spot by card.
- Tests can be taken in the pedestrian area of terminals A and D of the Port of Tallinn as well as at a temporary testing point at Tallinn Airport based on a doctor's referral note (issued on the spot). It takes about 5 minutes to complete the referral note and give a sample. People are tested on a first-come, first-served basis. The testing points are open each day until the last ship and air passengers arrive.
- Those returning from a risk country by land (train, car, on foot) can arrange a suitable time for testing. To do this, the public Testing Call Centre set up by SYNLAB and Medicum will open a special telephone number (further details to follow). In Estonia, priority for testing is given to people with symptoms. Therefore, the waiting time is approximately 1-2 days, which is why it is recommended to book a time in advance as soon as one's time of arrival to Estonia is known. Tests can be done in public testing spots all over Estonia in Tallinn, Tartu, Pärnu, Narva, Kohtla-Järve, Viljandi, Paide, Rakvere, Kuressaare and Kärdla.
- Foreigners can take a coronavirus test to shorten the 14-day period of restriction on the freedom of movement for a fee of 67 euros.
 Bookings can be made by calling the telephone numbers of service providers offering paid services.
- Testing will be provided by a public testing organisation, whose samples will be analysed by the SYNLAB laboratory, based on an agreement with the Estonian Health Board.
- Until the test results are known, one must be in complete self-isolation. In the case of a negative result, the person will be notified via text message, positive results will be communicated over the phone. The result will also be visible when entering the health information system with an ID card. In the case of a negative test result, the person must stay in limited self-isolation for the first seven days following arrival to Estonia, i.e. the person can go to work and, for example, a shop, but unnecessary contacts must be avoided. The person should also keep their distance from others while at work.
- A second test must be performed no earlier than 7 days after the results of the first test, and if it is also negative, a person can resume their daily life. This means that after two negative tests a person will not be subjected to the full 14-day period of restriction on the freedom of movement, which applies to everyone coming from high-risk countries who did not undergo testing. The public Testing Call Centre will get in touch with a person to book a time for the second test.
- A country with a coronavirus infection rate of 16 cases per 100 000 people or higher is considered a coronavirus risk country.
- An updated list of risk countries is published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs every Friday and comes into force on Monday of the following week. Please see below up-to-date information.
- Additional information: www.terviseamet.ee/en/, www.kriis.ee/en. National crisis hotline: +372 600 1247

Number of new infections per 100 000 inhabitants in the last 14 days (as of 18.09.2020) (applied in determining the necessity of a restriction on freedom of movement, if a person travels to Estonia during 21.09-27.09.2020)

- Andorra 313.7
- Austria 88,9
- Belgium 93,4
- Bulgaria 27,5
- Croatia 78,1
- Czech Republic 166,2
- Cyprus 6,9
- Denmark 69,2
- Finland 10,9
- France 172,1
- Germany 24,3
- Greece 31,7
- Hungary 94,0 Iceland 21,9
- Ireland 57,4
- Italy 33,3
- Latvia 4,4
- Liechtenstein 7,8
- Lithuania 18,8**
- Luxembourg 129,7
- Malta 127,4
- Monaco 117.8
- Netherlands 90,2
- Norway 27,5
- Poland 19,6
- Portugal 71,5
- Romania 89,8 • San Marino 23,2
- Slovakia 34,1
- Slovenia 48,9
- Spain 292,2
- Sweden 30,3
- Switzerland 65,0
- United Kingdom 61,8
- Vatican 0,0

**On 11 September, the Government of Estonia raised the infection rate of Finland, Latvia and Lithuania to 25, and if the rate exceeds this limit, anyone arriving from these countries must self-isolate for 14 days. The raised infection rate limit entered into force on 14 September.

Countries outside the European Union

Additionally, based on the recommendation of the Council of the European Union, Estonia will open its border to 11 countries outside the European Union that have a low infection rate.

- Australia
- Canada*
- Georgia*
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Rwanda
- South Korea
- Thailand
- Tunisia*
- Uruguay

* A two-week restriction on freedom of movement is mandatory

The data is gathered from ECDC, WHO, Johns Hopkins University and countries' official data.

An exception to mandatory restriction of freedom of movement applies on entry to Estonia for the following individuals who show no symptoms:

- an employee of a diplomatic representation or consular office of a foreign country in Estonia or their family members, or a foreign national arriving in Estonia for the purpose of international military cooperation:
- individuals without symptoms and directly involved in the transport of goods and raw materials, including in loading goods or raw materials;
- individuals without symptoms providing medical services or other services essential for the resolution of the emergency;
- individuals without symptoms and directly involved in the international transport of goods and passengers, including the service staff or crew members of international means of transport and individuals conducting repairs, guarantee repairs or maintenance work on the means of transport;
- individuals without symptoms providing services to tour groups and directly involved in providing passenger transport services;
- individuals without symptoms arriving in Estonia for the purpose of ensuring the continuation of vital services:
- individuals without symptoms arriving in Estonia for a company based in Estonia to perform equipment maintenance works or for repairs, guarantee repairs or ITC work if it is necessary for ensuring the continued operation of the company;
- a foreign national for the purpose of immediate transit through Estonia on their way to their country of residence;
- a foreign national with a special permit from the Police and Border Guard Board to enter the country.

Source: https://vm.ee/en/information-countries-and-self-isolation-requirements-passengers#EU%20+%20Schengen

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Source: European Commission

13.07.2020

Entry into Estonia

Estonia applies restrictions depending on the epidemiological situation. Consult the website about border crossing, quarantine measures and exemptions.

Start date: 01.06.2020

Further information: https://vm.ee/en/coronavirus-2019-ncov

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-

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Source: WCO/Estonian Tax and Customs Board

14.04.2020

Border traffic

Currently all border crossing points are open. Entry is allowed for vehicles of international carriage of goods (including food and medical supplies) as well as for providers of vital services, e.g. suppliers of fuel.

Estonia is allowing the transit of foreign nationals on their way to their home countries, provided that they are not having symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.

The Government of Estonia has not imposed a ban on exiting the country.

The temporary restrictions on crossing the state border will remain in effect until the relevant order is amended, and the necessity is assessed every two weeks at the latest.

ATA Carnet

Estonia follows the common European Union rules and has not implemented any additional measures for ATA Carnets. In cases where the goods under temporary importation can not be re-exported within the foreseen deadline because of COVID-19 pandemic, the customs authority has to be informed about the necessity to prolong the deadline. In exceptional cases customs can prolong the deadline. However, if possible, we recommend to close the ATA Carnet and place the goods covered by ATA Carnet under customs warehousing procedure. More information can be found at: https://www.emta.ee/eng/business-client/customs-trade-goods /classification-customs-authorities https://www.koda.ee/en

Health security procedures

All the border crossing points are equipped with disinfection materials. Border controls include the inspection of travel documents and checking for symptoms.

More detailed information

Tax and Customs Board: https://www.emta.ee/eng/offices Estonian Police and Border Guard Board: https://www.politsei. ee/en/instructions/emergencysituation



Temporary reintroduction of border controls (15.03.2020)

The government decided to reintroduce border controls temporarily on all state borders to stop the spread of coronavirus. From 17 March onwards, only Estonian citizens and residents can enter the country, including people with the temporary residence permit or right of residence.

Start date: 17.03.2020 End date: not available

Further information: https://vm.ee/en/coronavirus-2019-ncov

Quarantine for 14 days for everyone coming into the country (16.03.2020)

Estonia has ordered a 14-day restriction of movement for people arriving in Estonia from abroad. From the day of arrival in Estonia it is prohibited for the person to leave home or place of stay during 14 days. Within the two weeks after arrival in Estonia the person can leave home or place of stay only at the request of medical worker or police or in case of an emergency that is threatening the person's life or health.

Start date: 16.03.2020 End date: not available

Further information: https://vm.ee/en/coronavirus-2019-ncov