Bulgaria

Source: European Union/Re-open EU

05.01.2023

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

COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted in Bulgaria. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is not required.

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Useful contacts (in Bulgarian)

06.06.2022

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COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted in Bulgaria. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is not required.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

29.04.2022

COVID-19 Update: repeal of all measures, restrictions and requirements to enter in Bulgaria

As of 1 May 2022, the Bulgarian government repeals all Covid-19 measures, restrictions and requirements for entering the country, regardless of the country from which the passengers come.

Source: AEBTRI

06.04.2022

COVID-19 Update: measures and exemptions in Bulgaria

The "emergency epidemic situation" in Bulgaria has been lifted on 31 March 2022 at 24:00.

According to the provisions of the ordinance of the Minister of Health RD-01-152/30.03.2022 on entering Bulgaria, the following dispositions are valid until 15 May 2022:
Drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) and the crew engaged in the international road transport of passengers are allowed on the territory of the country, without the need to present documents for COVID-19.

Additionally, the use of facial mask for single or repeated use is not mandatory, but still recommended in the closed public places and in open public places, where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 m.

Source: AEBTRI

01.12.2021

COVID-19 Update - Applicable rules in Bulgaria

The "emergency epidemic situation" in Bulgaria has been extended until 31 March 2022.

According to the provisions of the new ordinance of the Ministry of Health, valid from 1 December 2021 to 31 March 2022:

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May I transit this country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted in Bulgaria. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is not required.

12.05.2022

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

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

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Bulgaria. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is no longer required.

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National health measures

Most COVID-19 health restrictions have been lifted in Bulgaria.

Providing proof of full vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result to access public places is no longer required.

Learn more:
Bulgaria's Ministry of Health

On entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, **drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) and the stewards engaged in the international road transport of passengers remain exempted from the requirement of presenting COVID-19 tests or EU digital COVID certificate** if they arrive from countries other than the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Botswana, the Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The use of facial mask is still mandatory in all closed public places (except in eating and drinking establishments), and in open public places where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 m.

Source: AEBTRI

31.08.2021

COVID-19 update: Update on the "emergency epidemic situation" in Bulgaria

The "emergency epidemic situation" in Bulgaria has been extended until 30 November 2021. According to the provisions of the new ordinances of the Minister of health, valid from 1 September to 30 November 2021 (see **here**):

- On entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) and the stewards engaged in the international road transport of passengers remain exempted from the requirement of presenting COVID-19 tests or vaccination certificates.

Source: AEBTRI

30.08.2021

Driving ban in Bulgaria on 3, 6, and 12 September 2021

Due to the upcoming holidays and expected heavy traffic, Bulgarian Road Infrastructure Agency introduced a driving ban for all goods vehicles with permissible total laden weight of **over 12t**.

1/ On 3 September (Friday) 2021 on the following road sections**:**

- Trakia Motorway, section Sofia - Plovdiv (Plovdiv North junction, km 126 + 281), in the direction to Plovdiv - **from 18.00 to 21.00;**

- Hemus Motorway,section Sofia (km 0 + 000) - junction to the roundabout with road I-4 (km 87 + 800) in the direction to Varna - **from 18.00 to 21.00**;

- Road I-1, section Blagoevgrad - Kresna in both directions - **from18.00 to 21.00.**

2/ On 6 September 2021 and on 12 September 2021 on the following road sections**:**

- Trakia Motorway, section Plovdiv (Plovdiv North junction, km 126 + 281) - Sofia, in the direction to Sofia - **from 16.00 to 20.00;**

- Hemus Motorway, section roundabout with road I-4 (km 87 + 800) – in the direction to - **from 16.00 to 20.00**;

- **Road I-1,** section Blagoevgrad - Kresna in both directions - **from16.00 to 20.00**.

Use of facemasks

Wearing facemasks is no longer required.

Quarantine

All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case must quarantine for 10 days from the day of the contact. If no symptoms of COVID-19 appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine can be terminated. If symptoms of COVID-19 appear (fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) individuals shall contact their GP or the relevant regional health inspectorate, in order to receive appropriate instructions.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

04.03.2022

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

Documents required depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure, according to Bulgaria's own national classification. Details in the sections below.

Children up to the age of 12 are not required to provide any COVID-19 related documents, regardless of their country of departure.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

The driving restrictions do not apply to motor vehicles transporting perishable foodstuffs and goods under temperature regime, livestock and dangerous goods (ADR).

Source: AEBTRI

30.07.2021

COVID-19 update: Update on the "emergency epidemic situation" in Bulgaria

The "emergency epidemic situation" in Bulgaria has been extended until 31st of August 2021.
According to the provisions of the new ordinances of the Minister of health (See here):

- On entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) and the stewards engaged in the international road transport of passengers remain exempted from the requirement of presenting COVID-19 tests or vaccination certificates.

- The use of facial mask for single or repeated use, is still mandatory in all closed public places (except eating and drinking establishments) and in open public places, where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 m.

Source: AEBTRI

05.07.2021

COVID-19 update: Professional drivers are exempted from the new regulations in Bulgaria

The Ministry of Health introduced new measures regarding the entry of persons arriving in Bulgaria, as of 01 July 2021 to 31 July 2021, depending on assessment of the spread of COVID-19 in the respective country and placing the countries in colour zones (translation in English of the order, provided by the ministry, is attached here).

The following categories are permitted on the territory of the country, without the need to present any documents for COVID-19:

) coach drivers and stewards engaged in the international carriage of passengers;

b) truck drivers who perform international transport of goods.

Travellers **from green, orange and red countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria without further restrictions if their 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) contains one of the following:

- Proof of full vaccination, valid between 15 and 270 days after the last scheduled dose of the primary vaccination series, or after the booster dose. For the primary vaccination series, the combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech and Pfizer) is also accepted.
- Proof of recovery from COVID-19. Validity: between 11 and 180 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- Negative result to a pre-departure COVID-19 test. Accepted tests: molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours, and rapid antigen tests, valid 48 hours.

Travellers **from dark red countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria if they hold a valid EUDCC with proof of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 (see the conditions listed above) and, **in addition**, they provide a negative result to a **molecular (PCR) test**, performed within 72 hours before travelling. **Exception:** travell ers who hold vaccination certificates with a booster dose are not required to provide the additional test result.

Children aged between 12 and 18 travelling from dark red countries can enter Bulgaria if their EUDCC contains a negative molecular (PCR) test result, valid 72 hours.

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

Travellers who hold certificates equivalent to the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) that meet the same requirements listed above for the EUDCC can enter Bulgaria at the same conditions.

For travellers **from green and orange countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) who do not provide the documents required, a **10-day quarantine** is imposed. They can perform a molecular (PCR) test or rapid antigen test 72 hours after entering Bulgaria. Quarantine ends once the negative test result is registered on the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

Only Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members can enter Bulgaria **from red and dark red countries** without the documents required, but they must quarantine for 10 days.



Source: AEBTRI

28.05.2021

COVID-19 update: New measures in Bulgaria

The “emergency epidemic situation” in Bulgaria has been extended until 31st of July 2021.

According to the provisions of the new ordinances of the Minister of health (Ordinance 1 and Ordinance 2) on entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) remain exempted from the requirement for presenting COVID-19 tests or vaccination certificates. The stewards engaged in the international road transport of passengers are now also exempted from the requirement for presenting COVID-19 tests or vaccination certificates.

The use of facial mask for single or repeated use, is still mandatory in all closed public places (except eating and drinking establishments) and in open public places, where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 m.

Source: AEBTRI

07.05.2021

COVID-19 update: New measures in Bulgaria

The “emergency epidemic situation” in Bulgaria has been extended until **31st of May 2021.**

According to the provisions of the new ordinances of the Minister of health (Ordinance 1 and Ordinance 2 - in Bulgarian) on entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) remain exempted from the requirement for presenting COVID-19 tests or vaccination certificates.

The use of facial mask for single or repeated use, is still mandatory in all closed public places (except eating and drinking establishments) and in open public places, where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 m

Please find the link to the English translations of the first mentioned ordinance of the Bulgarian Ministry of Health here.

Source : AEBTRI

If these categories of travellers come from a red country without any document, or if they come from dark red countries and only hold one of the documents required, they can perform a molecular (PCR) test or rapid antigen test 72 hours after entering Bulgaria. Quarantine ends once the negative test result is registered on the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs - travel info
Coronavirus.bg

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Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure, according to Bulgaria's own national classification.

Children up to the age of 12 are not required to provide any COVID-19 related documents, regardless of their country of departure.

Travellers **from green, orange and red countries** must hold an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC), or equivalent documents, containing one of the following:

- Proof of full vaccination, valid between 15 and 270 days after the last scheduled dose of the primary vaccination series, or after the booster dose. For the primary vaccination series, the combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) is also accepted. The document must contain: the holder's names and date of birth, dates, trade name and batch number of the relevant doses of the vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- Proof of recovery from COVID-19. Validity: between 11 and 180 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test). The document must contain the holder's name, contact details of the medical establishment that carried out the exam, the date of the test, and the positive result.
- Negative result to a pre-departure COVID-19 test. Accepted tests: molecular (PCR) tests, valid 72 hours, and rapid antigen tests, valid 48 hours.

Travellers **from dark red countries** can enter Bulgaria if they hold a valid EUDCC or equivalent documents with proof of full vaccination or of recovery from COVID-19 (see the conditions listed above) and, in addition, they provide a negative result to a pre-departure molecular (PCR) test, performed within 72 hours before travelling.

29.01.2021

COVID-19 update : Emergency epidemic situation in Bulgaria is extended

The “emergency epidemic situation” in Bulgaria has been extended until 30 April 2021.

As from today, 29 January 2021, new ordinance of the Minister of health is in force (Find here the link of the English translation of the ordinance). According to the new provisions, persons entering Bulgaria should present a proof of negative PCR test.

The drivers performing international road transport operations (both of passengers and goods) are exempted from this requirement.

As from 1 February 2021, the use of facial mask for single or repeated use, is mandatory in all closed public places (except eating and drinking establishments) and in open public places, where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 m. Please note that no other means of covering the nose and the mouth (for example cloth, scarf, helmet) would be accepted.

Source: AEBTRI

02.12.2020

The “emergency epidemic situation” in Bulgaria has been extended until 31 January 2021.

Further information about the COVID-19 and related special procedures can be found attached. The measures for professional drivers remain unchanged.

Source: AEBTRI

26.10.2020

In addition to the other measures in place from 22 October, the use of face masks (or otherwise covering the nose and the mouth - including cloth, scarf, helmet, etc.), is mandatory in open public places, where it is impossible to keep a physical distance of 1.5 metres from others.

Link to official document: Click here

Source: Ministry of Health of Bulgaria / AEBTRI

02.10.2020

The “emergency epidemic situation” in Bulgaria has been extended until 30 November.

Attached you will find updated information on the special procedures related to COVID-19. The measures for professional drivers remain unchanged.

Source: AEBTRI

02.09.2020

The emergency epidemic situation in Bulgaria has been extended until 30 September 2020.

Attached you can find updated information in English on the special procedures related to COVID-19.

Source: AEBTRI

Children aged between 12 and 18 travelling from dark red countries can enter Bulgaria if they hold a negative molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours.

Entering Bulgaria from red and dark countries without the documents required is not allowed. Exception: Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members who do not hold all the necessary documents can enter the country. However, they must **quaran tine for 10 days**.

The following categories of travellers can shorten the quarantine if they perform a negative molecular (PCR) test or rapid antigen test 72 hours after entering Bulgaria. Quarantine ends once the negative test result is registered on the National Information System for Combating COVID-19:

- Travellers from green and orange countries who do not hold the documents required
- Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members, including children aged between 12 and 18, if they travel from red countries and do not hold a valid EUDCC or equivalent documents, or if they travel from dark red countries and only hold one of the documents required.

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You can find the latest information on air travel regulations for this country on the IATA website.

You can also find information about your passenger rights on our portal for citizens.

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

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

Bulgarian citizens who are abroad, or who are planning a trip, are advised to monitor the information, warnings and advice published on the official webpages of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Ministry of Health.

Country-specific advice is available at www.mfa.bg/bg/embassyinfo

May I transit this country?

25.06.2020

On 24 June, the Bulgarian authorities extended the emergency epidemic situation **until 15 July**.

Quarantine rules have been set out as follows: people entering the territory of Republic of Bulgaria from Sweden, UK and Portugal, as well as from third countries, except Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican, shall be quarantined for a period of 14 days at home or other accommodation where the person has indicated that he/she will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the relevant regional health inspectorate, or a person authorised by him.

Exemption to the quarantine provisions are granted to Bulgarian citizens and citizens of other EU Member States, UK, and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) who are:

- Travelling for humanitarian reasons
- Representatives of trade, economic and investment activities and persons directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria. In the implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analysis of projects of potential investors and other activities relevant to the country's economy. The journey must be certified by a letter from the Minister of Economy or other ministries responsible for the respective activities. Persons involved in shipbuilding and ship repair, including their family members, are also exempt
- Bus drivers performing international transport of passengers
- Truck drivers performing or completing international transport of goods
- Vessel crew members who are Bulgarian citizen

The following persons, regardless of their nationality, are also exempt:

- Medical professionals, medical scientists, social workers, and their managers, if the purpose of their journey is linked to their professional work
- Workers involved in the delivery of medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment, medical equipment, including its installation and maintenance
- Officials (Heads of State, Government, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, officials of international organisations, military personnel, personnel of the security and public order services and humanitarian workers, carrying out their duties, including their family members
- Cross-border workers
- State administration officers on short-term business trips abroad, carrying out their duties.

Authorities have also updated the declaration forms (English, Bulgarian and Romanian,Turkish and Czech) for people entering Bulgaria. Members are reminded that such declaration does not substitute Annex 3.

Source: AEBTRI

17.06.2020

International goods transport drivers entering Bulgaria are reminded that they should still complete and sign a declaration, which is now available in Bulgarian and Romanian, English, Turkish and Czech.

Travellers can only transit Bulgaria without providing COVID-19 documents only if their immediate departure is guaranteed. These travellers must ensure that they comply with the travel restrictions imposed in the countries they are travelling to.

General measures

Bulgarian authorities have introduced a set of restrictions (in Bulgarian) **valid until 31 March 2022**.

The 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC), or an equivalent document, is required to all participants in the activities listed below. It must contain one of the following:

- Proof of full vaccination. Until 31 March 2022, the document is also valid between days 15 and 30 after the administration of the first dose, for vaccines requiring two doses.
- Proof of recovery. Validity: between 11 and 180 days from the first positive test result. Until 31 March 2022, proof of recovery is valid for 365 days.
- Negative test result. Validity: 48 hours for rapid antigen tests, 72 hours for molecular (PCR) tests.

The following activities are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent documents:

- Congresses, conferences, seminars, trainings, competitions, exams etc.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, etc.
- Group visits (including for schools) to dance, art and music centres.
- Face-to-face group classes for adults in language, educational and training centres and schools.
- Visits to museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, circus performances and other indoor stage performances.
- Assisting to sports competitions.
- Visits to fitness centres, sports hall and clubs, swimming pools, and SPA, wellness, thalassotherapy and balneotherapy (medical SPA) centres.
- Visits to gambling halls, casinos and certain catering and entertainment establishments.
- Visits to shopping malls and centres, shops with a net retail area of over 300m2, bazaars and indoor exhibitions. Exceptions: grocery stores, pharmacies, medical and vaccination establishments, drugstores, opticians, pet shops, banks, postal and courier service providers, insurers, payment service providers and telecommunications operators' office (including those located inside a shopping mall).
- Organized excursions and group visits to tourist sites.

Use of facemasks

The use of face masks is only mandatory on public transport, in pharmacies and medical institutions, and strongly recommended when physical distancing cannot be guaranteed.

Source: AEBTRI

12.06.2020

On 12 June, the Bulgarian government extended the state of emergency **until 30 June**. The same measures apply.

Source: AEBTRI

05.06.2020

After assessing the epidemiological situation, the Bulgarian Minister of Health issued a new order (already in force) on 4 June amending the previous order issued on 14 May.

The exceptions of the temporary entry ban for all foreign nationals through all border crossing points by all means of transport have changed for the following categories:

- persons arriving from the Republic of North Macedonia are not exempt anymore from entry and transit bans;

- in addition, persons arriving from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro are now exempt from entry and transit bans;

- **coach and truck drivers are exempt from these restrictions.**

Source: AEBTRI

02.06.20

On 30 May, the Bulgarian government put in place some more deconfinement measures:

- The range of categories allowed to enter and/or transit through the Bulgarian territory has been expanded;
- The range of categories not subject to mandatory quarantine has been expanded; quarantine for Bulgarian coach and truck drivers coming from abroad has been lifted (non-Bulgarian drivers were permitted to enter the country without quarantine before that);
- The special regime for non-Bulgarian drivers, including the 24 hours deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, has been lifted.

Individuals entering Bulgaria who are not subject to quarantine provisions are still required to present a declaration to the border authorities.

Full details can be read here.

Source: AEBTRI

25.05.2020

From 22 May, anyone permitted to enter the territory of Bulgaria without quarantine (ie. truck drivers entering and transiting Bulgaria) will be required to present a new declaration to the border health control authorities. This declaration is available in Bulgarian, English, and Romanian.

In order to minimise waiting times, drivers are advised to fill in the declaration prior to their arrival at the border crossing points.

Source: AEBTRI

The use of facemasks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in **indoor public spaces**, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Wearing a facemask is also mandatory **in crowded open spaces**, whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The following activities are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent documents:

- Congresses, conferences, seminars, trainings, competitions, exams etc.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, etc.
- Group visits (including for schools) to dance, art and music centres.
- Face-to-face group classes for adults in language, educational and training centres and schools.
- Assisting to sports competitions.

Group classes for children in language, educational, training and personal development support centres and schools are only allowed if:

- a 1.5m distance is observed
- maximum 5 people in a room
- everyone wears a facemask
- hand hygiene, regular airing and disinfection are ensured.

14.05.2020

On 13 May, Bulgarian Authorities lifted the state of emergency and introduced an "emergency epidemic situation", which will be in place **from 14 May until 14 June**.

Entry bans for all foreign nationals are still in place, while measures concerning international drivers remain practically the same and can be consulted here (in Bulgarian only).

Source: AEBTRI

07.05.2020

On 7 May, the Bulgarian government put into force the following deconfinement measures:

The following special check-points, initially established at all entries and exits of the town of Bansko and of all regional centres, have been lifted: Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Varna, Veliko Tarnovo, Vidin, Vratsa, Gabrovo, Dobrich, Kardzhali, Kyustendil, Lovech, Montana, Pazardzhik, Pernik, Pleven, Plovdiv, Razgrad, Ruse, Silistra, Sliven, Smolyan, Sofia, Stara Zagora, Targovishte, Haskovo, Shumen, Yambol.

People and drivers can freely enter and exit these cities with no delays.

The use of a facial mask is already mandatory in closed public spaces. Nevertheless, people and drivers who are in open public places are required to comply with the requirement of social distancing and all anti-epidemic measures, and wear a protective mask in case there is a need to be in contact with others.

The border health authorities stopped issuing instruction notes to non-Bulgarian drivers entering Bulgaria; this will reduce waiting times at border crossing points.

The regime for non-Bulgarian drivers coming from a country with registered COVID-19 cases, is currently as follows:

· Drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for the Bulgarian market should enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the goods transported (and load goods for the return trip, if need be), and immediately leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

· Transit through the Republic of Bulgaria is only permitted on routes determined by the Road Infrastructure Agency.

The deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria cannot exceed 24 hours from entry into the country.

Measures apply immediately and until further notice.

Source: AEBTRI

24.04.2020

Until 13 May, Bulgaria introduced a new obligation making the **use of facial masks mandatory for all**, including drivers, in open or closed public spaces.

In addition, measures applying to drivers have also been slightly amended. The following regime is in place for non-Bulgarian drivers coming from a country with registered COVID-19 cases:

- drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for the Bulgarian market should enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the goods transported and/or load goods, and immediately leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and

- drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for other countries are permitted to transit through the Republic of Bulgaria on a route determined by the Road Infrastructure Agency.

These restrictions do not apply to special education support centres.

The following activities are **suspended**:

- Group activities in children centres and clubs.
- Team buildings and professional group activities.
- Collective sports indoors, with the exception of trainings and competitions for registered athletes at licensed sport federations. Sports competitions for registered athletes at licensed sports federations are allowed.

Private gatherings (baptisms, weddings etc.) are allowed with no more than 15 participants indoors, and 30 outdoors.

Safety measures for public transportation

The use of masks or similar means that cover the nose and the mouth is mandatory on public transport. All vehicles /aircraft performing collective forms of transport are disinfected with specifically prescribed detergents. Observance of a safety distance is also mandatory.

Quarantine

All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case shall be subject to a 10-day quarantine from the last contact with the confirmed case. The quarantine can be done at home or in another place of residence and during this period the person shall be obliged not to leave this place. If no symptoms of COVID-19 appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine can be terminated. If symptoms of COVID-19 appear (fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) individuals shall contact their GP or the relevant regional health inspectorate, in order to receive appropriate instructions.

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Visits to shopping malls and centres, shops with a net retail area of over 300m2, bazaars and indoor exhibitions are **allow ed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent document.

The border health authorities shall issue an instruction note to drivers passing through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria specifying:

- the date and time at which they should leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and

- the border crossing point at which they have to exit.

Source: AEBTRI

14.04.2020

Today, the Bulgarian Road Infrastructure Agency has issued an order temporarily suspending the official holidays driving ban for trucks over 12 tonnes.

In addition, the Bulgarian Government has granted further temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and rest time rules for drivers under Reg. (EC) 561/2006 regarding the national and international transport of goods. This exception applies **from 17 April 2020, 00:00 to 17 May 2020, 24:00**. Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;

- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily break requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;

- Art. 8(6): possibility to take two consecutive reduced weekly rest periods of minimum 24 hours, provided that:

  • the drivers take at least 4 weekly rests within these 4 consecutive weeks and at least two of them should be regular weekly rests

  • the two reduced weekly rests should be compensated before the next rest period

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

Source: AEBTRI

14.04.2020

The Bulgarian Road Infrastructure Agency has published an interactive map of the green corridors for road transport of goods transiting the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The map contains useful information on rest areas and the respective number of parking slots, sanitary facilities, possibility to buy food, availability of internet connection, lighting, video surveillance, fuel station, nearest emergency services, number of slots for refuelling refrigerated trucks, etc.: http://www.api.bg/index.php/en/green-corridors or https://www.bgtoll.bg/en

Source: AEBTRI

08.04.2020

Restrictions

In a new order issued on 6 April, the Minister of Health has confirmed the temporary entry ban for all third country (non-EU) nationals through all border crossing points by all means of transport. Entry bans apply to all persons coming from the following countries, irrespective of their nationality: Italy, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Lichtenstein and Luxembourg.

Exceptions: grocery stores, pharmacies, medical and vaccination establishments, drugstores, opticians, pet shops, banks, postal and courier service providers, insurers, payment service providers and telecommunications operators' office (including those located inside a shopping mall).

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations can remain open only if all guests and personnel above 18 years of age hold a valid EU Digital Covid Certificate (EUDCC) or similar document for completed vaccination, recovery or negative 48 hours rapid-antigenic test or 72-hours PCR test.

Catering establishments

Visits to catering establishments (restaurants, bars, etc.) are allowed only if all visitors and personnel above 18 years of age hold a valid EU Digital Covid Certificate (EUDCC) or similar document for completed vaccination, recovery, or negative 48 hours rapid-antigenic test or 72-hours PCR test.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

The following activities are allowed only if all participants above 18 years of age, including staff, hold a valid 'EU Digital Covid Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents:

- Visits to libraries, museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, circus performances, concerts and other indoor stage performances.
- Indoor team sports. Exception: trainings and competitions for registered athletes and licensed sports federations. Sports competition can only take place without audience.
- Fitness centres, sports halls and clubs, swimming pools.
- Gambling halls, casinos and certain catering and entertainment establishments.

Personal care services

The following categories are excluded from the prohibitions above:

a) Bulgarian citizens, family members of Bulgarian citizens, persons with permanent, long-term residence status in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families;

b) Medical professionals, medical scientists and social workers, if the purpose of their journey is linked to their professional work;

c) Transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, aircraft crews engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel, as appropriate;

d) Foreign officials (Heads of State, Government, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, officials of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian workers carrying out their duties;

e) Persons travelling for humanitarian reasons;

f) Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and third-country nationals directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria; and

g) Frontier workers and seasonal farm workers.

Transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is allowed for:

a) Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;

b) Third-country nationals who hold a long-term residence permit in another Member State of the European Union or in a Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;

c) Citizens of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey in order to return to their country;

d) Transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, aircraft crews engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel, as appropriate, to which the special rules apply.

Bulgarian truck drivers arriving from a country with registered Covid-19 cases are subject to the 14-day quarantine period. During the quarantine period they are permitted to transit Bulgaria for the purpose of carrying out or completing international transport:

i. to transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

ii. to be in the cab of the truck;

iii. to drive the truck;

iv. to carry out loading and unloading activities; and

v. to leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria before the quarantine period has ended.

The following regime has been introduced for non-Bulgarian drivers - citizens of the above countries or coming from them or having passed through the territory of such a country:

i. drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for the Bulgarian market should enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the goods transported and/or load goods, and immediately leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and

ii. drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for other countries are permitted to transit through the Republic of Bulgaria on a route determined by the Road Infrastructure Agency.

Visits to SPA, wellness, thalassotherapy and balneotherapy (medical SPA) centres are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent document.

Visits to medical establishments are suspended. Exceptions: patients in terminal stage, visits to specialized institutions for social services.

Ski facilities

Find out more:

Winter season measures (in English)

Winter season measures (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Group visits to tourist sites in Bulgaria are allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents.

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place.

Find out more:

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in English)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in German)

Other measures

Various restrictions on the physical presence in schools, childcare facilities and educational or language centers for children apply.

Teleworking is requested wherever possible, and maximum 50% of staff are physically present.

Further details on the latest measures are available in Bulgarian on Coronavirus.bg.

Information on Tourism at National level

The National Toll Administration shall issue an instruction note to drivers passing through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria which shall specify:

· the date and time at which they should leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and

· the border crossing point at which they have to exit.

The determined deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may not exceed 24 hours from the issuance of the instruction note.

In cases where drivers of goods vehicles which are allowed to transit Bulgaria, but due to a ban by a neighbouring state cannot leave Bulgaria, a place will be determined where the truck and the driver must stay until the ban is abolished, after that he has to leave the country.

On 30 March 2020 and until further notice, the border crossing point between Bulgaria and Greece “Zlatograd-Thermes” has been closed due to the spread of Covid-19 and a quarantine has been announced in the respective Greek border region.

Special check-points have been established at all entries and exits of the town of Bansko and of all regional centres: Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Varna, Veliko Tarnovo, Vidin, Vratsa, Gabrovo, Dobrich, Kardzhali, Kyustendil, Lovech, Montana, Pazardzhik, Pernik, Pleven, Plovdiv, Razgrad, Ruse, Silistra, Sliven, Smolyan, Sofia, Stara Zagora, Targovishte, Haskovo, Shumen, Yambol.

People can enter and exit these cities only to work, for medical reasons, care of their relatives, and to buy essential basic products and medicines.

Truck drivers are allowed to pass through these check points but delays are possible.

Relieves

The Bulgarian Government has granted a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers under EU Regulation 5612006 to the national and international transport of goods. This exception applies from 19 March 2020, 00: 00 to 16 April 2020, 24:00. Measures lifted are the following:

i. Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;

ii. Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily break requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours; and

iii. Art. 8(6): reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.

On 13 March 2020, Bulgarian authorities introduced a state of emergency in the country. Currently the state of emergency has been extended until 13 May.

Source: AEBTRI

31.03.2020

In a new order, from 00:00 on 20 March 2020 until 17 April 2020, the Minister of Health has temporarily prohibited entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of all third country (non-EU) nationals through all border crossing points by all means of transport. Transport personnel engaged in the transport of goods are excluded from the scope of this order.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

Useful Info for tourists

Before starting your journey, please check visa requirements for your destination at: The Schengen visa Republic of Bulgaria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737

19.01.2022

EU Digital COVID Certificates

Information on 'EU Digital COVID Certificates' issued in Bulgaria

Important: in Bulgaria, the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) is **required to access some public spaces**, such as bars and restaurants, museums, swimming pools, large events, and some means of public transport. Please, consult the Measures section for further details. Travellers are strongly advised to carry relevant certificates at all times.

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

Documents required depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure, according to Bulgaria's own national classification. Details in the sections below.

Entry rules:

Only the following categories can enter Bulgaria from **EU or Schengen Associated countries categorised as red**:

The prohibition of entry of EU nationals from countries with registered infected persons with COVID-19 and the respective arrangements for drivers coming from these countries, previously announced, remains in force (official information available here. Bulgarian citizens, as well as persons with either long or permanent residence in Bulgaria, and their families, are exempt from this ban. They will be subject to a 14-day quarantine either at home or any other accommodation of their choice. A special regime has been arranged for the truck drivers (official decree here):

- Bulgarian truck drivers are also subject to the 14-day quarantine, unless they are returning to one of the countries on the list. In this instance they must remain in quarantine until they leave;

- Non-Bulgarian drivers - citizens of the above countries or coming from them - can load and unload goods, but should then immediately leave the territory of Bulgaria. The duration of their movement through the territory of the country should not exceed 24 hours;

- All trucks transiting the country, irrespective of their nationality, are escorted by police. In addition, all foreign trucks entering Bulgaria are escorted by police to their unloading point.

In addition, according to an additional order published by the Ministry of Health, entry and transit of trucks registered and coming from the Islamic Republic of Iran are temporarily forbidden.

On 30.03.2020, and until further notice, the border crossing point between Bulgaria and Greece “Zlatograd-Thermes” has been closed due to the spread of COVID-19 and quarantine measures have been announced in the respective Greece border region.

Special check-points have been established at all entries and exits of the town of Bansko and of all regional centers: Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Varna, Veliko Tarnovo, Vidin, Vratsa, Gabrovo, Dobrich, Kardzhali, Kyustendil, Lovech, Montana, Pazardzhik, Pernik, Pleven, Plovdiv, Razgrad, Ruse, Silistra, Sliven, Smolyan, Sofia, Stara Zagora, Targovishte, Haskovo, Shumen and Yambol.

People can enter and exit these cities only for work, for health purposes, care of their relatives, necessity to obtain basic products and medicines. Truck drivers are allowed to pass through this check point but delays are possible.

Source: AEBTRI

19.03.2020

In a new order, from 00:00 on 20 March 2020 until 17 April 2020, the Minister of Health has temporarily prohibited entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of all third country (non-EU) nationals through all border crossing points by all means of transport. Transport personnel engaged in the transport of goods are excluded from the scope of this order.

The prohibition of entry of EU nationals from Italy, Spain, France, UK, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland and the respective arrangements for drivers coming from these countries, previously announced, remains in force.

Source: AEBTRI

19.03.2020

Restrictions

As of 00:00, 18.03.2020, entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for people coming from the following countries is forbidden: China (the People's Republic of); Iran (the Islamic Republic of); Bangladesh; India; Maldives (the Republic of); Nepal (the Federal Democratic Republic of); Sri Lanka (the Democratic Socialist Republic of); Spain; Italy; Korea (the Republic of); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Northern Ireland; France; Germany; the Netherlands and Switzerland.

- Bulgarian citizens and their family members, and long-term or continuous residents in Bulgaria
- Citizens of EU and Schengen Associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) citizens, of the United Kingdom, of North Macedonia, of Serbia, of Israel, of Turkey, and their family members
- Medical, social and humanitarian workers, state officials and diplomats, seasonal agricultural workers and workers in the field of tourism
- Foreign students holding a type 'D' long-term residence visa for study purposes
- Persons who have received approval from the Minister of Health or a Deputy Minister.

Travellers **from orange and red countries** may be randomly sobject to rapid antigen tests upon arrival.

Children up to the age of 12 are not required to provide any COVID-19 related documents, regardless of their country of departure.

These rules are valid between 20 January and 31 March 2022.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Travellers **from green and orange countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria without further restrictions if their 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) contains one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid 14 days after the last scheduled dose. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech and Pfizer) is also accepted;
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between 11 and 180 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- Negative result to a pre-departure **COVID-19 test.** Acceoted tests: molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours, and rapid antigen tests, valid 48 hours.

Travellers **from red countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria **only if they belong to one of the categories** listed in the section above, and if their EUDCC contains one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid 14 days after the last scheduled dose. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech and Pfizer) is also accepted;
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between 11 and 180 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).

In addition, travellers from red countries must hold a negative result to a **molecular (PCR) test**, performed within 72 hours before travelling.

Children aged between 12 and 18 travelling from red countries can enter Bulgaria if their EUDCC contains a negative molecular (PCR) test result, valid 72 hours.

Bulgarian citizens, as well as persons with either long or permanent residence in Bulgaria, and their families, are exempt from this ban. They will be subject to a 14-day quarantine either at home or any other accommodation of their choice.

A special regime has been arranged for the truck drivers (official decree here):

- Bulgarian truck drivers are also subject to the 14-day quarantine, unless they are returning to one of the countries on the list. In this instance they must remain in quarantine until they leave;
- Non-Bulgarian drivers - citizens of the above countries or coming from them - can load and unload goods, but should then immediately leave the territory of Bulgaria. In the case of transit, the transit operation should be done within 24 hours;
- In addition, an according to an additional order published by the Ministry of Health, entry and transit of trucks registered and coming from the Islamic Republic of Iran are temporarily forbidden.

Relieves

The Bulgarian government granted temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times for drivers under the EU Regulation 561 2006 to the national and international transport of goods This exception applies from 19032020 00:00 to 16042020 24.00. Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
- Art. 8(6): reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.

Source: AEBTRI

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

Travellers who hold certificates equivalent to the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) that meet the same requirements listed above for the EUDCC can enter Bulgaria at the same conditions.

For travellers **from green and orange countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) who do not provide the documents required, a **10-day quarantine** is imposed. They can perform a molecular (PCR) test or rapid antigen test 72 hours after entering Bulgaria. Quarantine ends once the negative test result is registered on the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

Entering Bulgaria **from red countries** without the documents required is **not allowed**. Exception: Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members who do not hold any of the necessary documents can enter the country, but must quarantine for 10 days. If these categories of travellers, including children aged between 12 and 18, only hold one of the documents required, they can perform a molecular (PCR) test or a rapid antigen test 72 hours after entering Bulgaria. Quarantine ends once the negative test result is registered on the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

Learn more:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs - travel info
Coronavirus.bg

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs' 24/7 phone: +359 2 948 24 04 and email: crisis@mfa.bg
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure, according to Bulgaria's own national classification.

Children up to the age of 12 are not required to provide any COVID-19 related documents, regardless of their country of departure.

Travellers **from green and orange countries** can enter Bulgaria only if they present an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC), or equivalent documents, containing one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid from 14 days after the last scheduled dose. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) is also accepted. The document must contain: the holder's names and date of birth, dates, trade name and batch number of the relevant doses of the vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between 11 and 180 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test). The document must contain the holder's name, contact details of the medical establishment that carried out the exam, the date of the test, and the positive result.
- Negative result to a pre-departure **COVID-19 test.** Accepted tests: molecular (PCR) tests, valid 72 hours, and rapid antigen tests, valid 48 hours.

Note - only the following categories can enter Bulgaria **fro m red countries**:

- Bulgarian citizens and their family members, and long-term or continuous residents in Bulgaria
- Citizens of the EU and of Schengen Associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland), of the United Kingdom, of North Macedonia, of Serbia, of Israel, of Turkey, and their family members travelling from these countries
- Medical, social and humanitarian workers, state officials and diplomats, seasonal agricultural workers and workers in the field of tourism
- Foreign students holding a type 'D' long-term residence visa for study purposes
- Persons who have received approval from the Minister of Health or a Deputy Minister.

Travellers who are allowed to enter Bulgaria from red countries must provide one of the following documents:

- Proof of full vaccination
- Proof of recovery

In addition, travellers from red countries must hold a negative result to a **molecular (PCR) test** performed within 72 hours before travelling.

Entering Bulgaria from red countries without the documents required is not allowed. Exception: Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members who do not hold all the necessary documents can enter the country. However, they must **quaran tine for 10 days**.

The following categories of travellers can shorten the quarantine if they perform a negative molecular (PCR) test or rapid antigen test 72 hours after entering Bulgaria. Quarantine ends once the negative test result is registered on the National Information System for Combating COVID-19:

- Travellers from green and orange countries who do not hold the documents required
- From red countries: Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members, including children aged between 12 and 18, who only hold one of the documents required.

These rules are valid between 20 January and 31 March 2022.

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Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Bulgarian citizens who are abroad, or who are planning a trip, are advised to monitor the information, warnings and advice published on the official webpages of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Ministry of Health.

Country-specific advice is available at www.mfa.bg/bg/embassyinfo

May I transit this country?

Travellers can only transit Bulgaria without providing COVID-19 documents only if their immediate departure is guaranteed. These people must ensure that they comply with the travel restrictions imposed in the countries they are travelling to.

General measures

Bulgarian authorities have introduced a set of restrictions (in Bulgarian) **valid until 31 March 2022**.

The 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC), or an equivalent document, is required to all participants in the activities listed below. It must contain one of the following:

- Proof of full vaccination. Until 31 March 2022, the document is also valid between days 15 and 30 after the administration of the first dose, for vaccines requiring two doses.
- Proof of recovery. Validity: between 15 and 365 days from the first positive test result.
- Negative test result. Validity: 48 hours for rapid antigen tests, 72 hours for molecular (PCR) tests.

The following activities are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent documents:

- Congresses, conferences, seminars, trainings, competitions, exams etc.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, etc.
- Group visits (including for schools) to dance, art and music centres.
- Face-to-face group classes for adults in language, educational and training centres and schools.
- Visits to museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, circus performances and other indoor stage performances.
- Assisting to sports competitions.
- Visits to fitness centres, sports hall and clubs, swimming pools, and SPA, wellness, thalassotherapy and balneotherapy (medical SPA) centres.
- Visits to gambling halls, casinos and certain catering and entertainment establishments.
- Visits to shopping malls and centres, shops with a net retail area of over 300m2, bazaars and indoor exhibitions. Exceptions: grocery stores, pharmacies, medical and vaccination establishments, drugstores, opticians, pet shops, banks, postal and courier service providers, insurers, payment service providers and telecommunications operators' office (including those located inside a shopping mall).
- Organized excursions and group visits to tourist sites.

Use of facemasks

The use of facemasks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in **indoor public spaces**, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Wearing a facemask is also mandatory **in crowded open spaces**, whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The following activities are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent documents:

- Congresses, conferences, seminars, trainings, competitions, exams etc.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, etc.
- Group visits (including for schools) to dance, art and music centres.
- Face-to-face group classes for adults in language, educational and training centres and schools.
- Assisting to sports competitions.

Group classes for children in language, educational, training and personal development support centres and schools are only allowed if:

- a 1.5m distance is observed
- maximum 5 people in a room
- everyone wears a facemask
- hand hygiene, regular airing and disinfection are ensured.

These restrictions do not apply to special education support centres.

The following activities are **suspended**:

- Group activities in children centres and clubs.
- Team buildings and professional group activities.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, fairs, etc.
- Collective sports indoors, with the exception of trainings and competitions for registered athletes at licensed sport federations. Sports competitions for registered athletes at licensed sports federations are allowed.

Private gatherings (baptisms, weddings etc.) are allowed with no more than 15 participants indoors, and 30 outdoors.

Safety measures for public transportation

The use of masks or similar means that cover the nose and the mouth is mandatory on public transport. All vehicles /aircraft performing collective forms of transport are disinfected with specifically prescribed detergents. Observance of a safety distance is also mandatory.

Quarantine

All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case shall be subject to a 10-day quarantine from the last contact with the confirmed case. The quarantine can be done at home or in another place of residence and during this period the person shall be obliged not to leave this place. If no symptoms of COVID-19 appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine can be terminated. If symptoms of COVID-19 appear (fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) individuals shall contact their GP or the relevant regional health inspectorate, in order to receive appropriate instructions.

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Visits to shopping malls and centres, shops with a net retail area of over 300m2, bazaars and indoor exhibitions are **allow ed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent document.

Exceptions: grocery stores, pharmacies, medical and vaccination establishments, drugstores, opticians, pet shops, banks, postal and courier service providers, insurers, payment service providers and telecommunications operators' office (including those located inside a shopping mall).

Owners or managers of commercial/administrative activities or other sites that provide services to citizens, and whose activities are not suspended, are required to control the number of customers on the site, allowing the presence of 1 person/8m2.

When serving customers directly without the protection of a transparent partition, a distance of 1.5 metres and the use of a facemask/safety helmet is required.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations can remain open only if all guests and personnel above 18 years of age hold a valid EU Digital Covid Certificate (EUDCC) or similar document for completed vaccination, recovery or negative 48 hours rapid-antigenic test or 72-hours PCR test.

Catering establishments

Visits to catering establishments (restaurants, bars, etc.) are allowed only if all visitors and personnel above 18 years of age hold a valid EU Digital Covid Certificate (EUDCC) or similar document for completed vaccination, recovery, or negative 48 hours rapid-antigenic test or 72-hours PCR test.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

The following activities are allowed only if all participants above 18 years of age, including staff, hold a valid 'EU Digital Covid Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents:

- Visits to libraries, museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, circus performances, concerts and other indoor stage performances.
- Indoor team sports. Exception: trainings and competitions for registered athletes and licensed sports federations. Sports competition can only take place without audience.
- Fitness centres, sports halls and clubs, swimming pools.
- Gambling halls, casinos and certain catering and entertainment establishments.

Personal care services

Visits to SPA, wellness, thalassotherapy and balneotherapy (medical SPA) centres are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent document.

The following activities are **suspended**:

- Visits to medical establishments. Exceptions: patients in terminal stage, visits to specialized institutions for social services.
- Planned hospital admissions and surgeries. Exception: transplants of organs, tissues and cells; diagnostics and treatment of patients with oncological and oncohematological diseases, assisted reproduction activities and births (regardless of the method of delivery), abortions, rehabilitation activities, long-term treatment and psychiatric care.

Ski facilities

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Winter season measures (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Group visits to tourist sites in Bulgaria are allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents.

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Other measures

Various restrictions on the physical presence in schools, childcare facilities and educational or language centers for children apply.

Teleworking is requested wherever possible, and maximum 50% of staff are physically present.

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Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

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

Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure, according to Bulgaria's own national classification.

Note - only the following categories can enter Bulgaria from **EU or Schengen Associated countries categorised as red**:

- Bulgarian citizens and their family members, and long-term or continuous residents in Bulgaria
- EU and Schengen Associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) citizens and their family members
- Medical and humanitarian workers, state officials and diplomats, seasonal agricultural workers and workers in the field of tourism
- Foreign students holding a type 'D' long-term residence visa for study purposes
- Persons who have received approval from the Minister of Health or a Deputy Minister.

Please consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website for further details.

Children under 12 years of age and are not required to provide any COVID-19 related documents, regardless of their country of departure.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Travellers **from green and orange countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria without further restrictions if their 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) contains one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after** t he second dose, or from 14 days after the first dose if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson);
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between **11 and 180 days** after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **molecular (PCR) and Rapid Antigen tests (R AT)** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours prior to arrival** for PCR tests, **48 hours prior to arrival** for antigen tests.

In addition, travellers **from orange countries** may be subject to random rapid antigen tests upon arrival.

Travellers **from red countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria **only if they belong to one of the categories** listed in the section above, and if their EUDCC contains one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after** t he second dose, or from 14 days after the first dose if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson);
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between **11 and 180 days** after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- A negative result to a **molecular (PCR) test**, performed within 72 hours before travelling.

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

Travellers **from green and orange countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria without further restrictions if they can provide one of the following documents:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after** t he last scheduled dose. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) is also accepted. The document must contain: the holder's names and date of birth, dates, trade name and batch number of the relevant doses of the vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between **11 and 180 days** after the positive result to a COVID-19 test). The document must contain the holder's name, contact details of the medical establishment that carried out the exam, the date of the test, and the positive result.
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **molecular (PCR) and rapid antigen tests (RA T)** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours prior to arrival** for PCR tests, **48 hours prior to arrival** for antigen tests.

If travellers from green and orange countries cannot provide any of these documents, a **10-day quarantine** is imposed. In this case, travellers can perform a molecular (PCR) or rapid antigen test no earlier than 72 hours after their arrival. If the test result is negative, the quarantine ends from the day following the registration of the result in the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

In addition, travellers **from orange countries**:

- They may be subject to random rapid antigen tests upon arrival.
- The quarantine obligation also applies to Bulgarian citizens and long-term residents.

Travellers **from red countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria **only if they belong to one of the categories** listed in the section above, **and** if they hold one of the following documents, with the same requirements listed for green and orange countries:

- Proof of **full vaccination**
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19
- Negative result to a **molecular (PCR) test**, performed within 72 hours before travelling.

Entering Bulgaria from red countries without the documents required is **not allowed**. Exception: Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members who do not all the necessary documents can enter the country, but must **quarantine for 10 days**

Find out more:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs - travel info
Ministry of Health's Order 26 November 2021
Coronavirus.bg
Ministry of Health's Order of 1 September 2021
Practical information for tourists

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs' 24/7 phone: +359 2 948 24 04 and email: crisis@mfa.bg
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Travel alert: as of 28 November 2021, entering Bulgaria is forbidden for travellers arriving from **Botswana**, **Eswatini**, **Le sotho**, **Mozambique**, **Namibia**, **South Africa** and **Zimbabwe** . Only Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents in Bulgaria and their family members are exempt from this travel ban.

Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure, according to Bulgaria's own national classification.

Children under 12 years of age are not required to provide any COVID-19 related documents, regardless of their country of departure.

Travellers **from green and orange countries** (according to Bulgaria's national classification) can enter Bulgaria only if they present an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) containint one of the following, or equivalent documents:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after** t he last scheduled dose. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) with one dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) is also accepted. The document must contain: the holder's names and date of birth, dates, trade name and batch number of the relevant doses of the vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: between **11 and 180 days** after the positive result to a COVID-19 test). The document must contain the holder's name, contact details of the medical establishment that carried out the exam, the date of the test, and the positive result.
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **molecular (PCR) and Rapid Antigen tests (R AT)** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours prior to arrival** for PCR tests, **48 hours prior to arrival** for antigen tests.

Note - only the following categories can enter Bulgaria **fro m red countries**:

- Bulgarian citizens and their family members, and long-term or continuous residents in Bulgaria
- EU and Schengen Associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) citizens, UK citizens, and citizens of the countries listed in this annex and their family members, when they are travelling from these categories of countries (EU, Schengen, UK, annex).
- Medical and humanitarian workers, state officials and diplomats, seasonal agricultural workers and workers in the field of tourism
- Foreign students holding a type 'D' long-term residence visa for study purposes
- Persons who have received approval from the Minister of Health or a Deputy Minister.

Please consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website for further details.

Travellers who are allowed to enter Bulgaria from red countries must provide one of the following documents:

- Proof of full vaccination
- Proof of recovery
- Negative result to a pre-departure PCR test, performed within 72 hours before arrival.

Entering Bulgaria from red countries without the documents required is not allowed. Exception: Bulgarian citizens, permanent, long-term and continuous residents and their family members who do not hold all the necessary documents can enter the country, but must **quarantine for 10 days**.

Find out more:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs - travel info
Ministry of Health's Order of 26 November 2021
Coronavirus.bg
Ministry of Health's Order of 1 September 2021
Practical information for tourists

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs' 24/7 phone: +359 2 948 24 04 and email: crisis@mfa.bg
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Bulgarian citizens who are abroad, or who are planning a trip, are advised to monitor the information, warnings and advice published on the official webpages of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Ministry of Health.

Country-specific advice is available at www.mfa.bg/bg/embassyinfo

May I transit this country?

Travellers can only transit Bulgaria without providing COVID-19 documents only if their immediate departure is guaranteed.

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

Bulgarian authorities have introduced a set of restrictions (in Bulgarian) **valid until 31 March 2022**.

The 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC), or an equivalent document, is required to all participants in the activities listed below. It must contain one of the following:

- Proof of full vaccination. Until 31 March 2022, the document is also valid between days 15 and 30 after the administration of the first dose, for vaccines requiring two doses.
- Proof of recovery. Validity: between 15 and 365 days from the first positive test result.
- Negative test result. Validity: 48 hours for rapid antigen tests, 72 hours for molecular (PCR) tests.

The following activities are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent documents:

- Congresses, conferences, seminars, trainings, competitions, exams etc.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, etc.
- Group visits (including for schools) to dance, art and music centres.
- Face-to-face group classes for adults in language, educational and training centres and schools.
- Visits to museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, circus performances and other indoor stage performances.
- Assisting to sports competitions.
- Visits to fitness centres, sports hall and clubs, swimming pools, and SPA, wellness, thalassotherapy and balneotherapy (medical SPA) centres.
- Visits to gambling halls, casinos and certain catering and entertainment establishments.
- Visits to shopping malls and centres, shops with a net retail area of over 300m2, bazaars and indoor exhibitions. Exceptions: grocery stores, pharmacies, medical and vaccination establishments, drugstores, opticians, pet shops, banks, postal and courier service providers, insurers, payment service providers and telecommunications operators' office (including those located inside a shopping mall).
- Organized excursions and group visits to tourist sites.

Use of facemasks

The use of facemasks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in **indoor public spaces**, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Wearing a facemask is also mandatory **in crowded open spaces**, whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The following activities are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent documents:

- Congresses, conferences, seminars, trainings, competitions, exams etc.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, etc.
- Group visits (including for schools) to dance, art and music centres.
- Face-to-face group classes for adults in language, educational and training centres and schools.
- Assisting to sports competitions.

Group classes for children in language, educational, training and personal development support centres and schools are only allowed if:

- a 1.5m distance is observed
- maximum 5 people in a room
- everyone wears a facemask
- hand hygiene, regular airing and disinfection are ensured.

These restrictions do not apply to special education support centres.

The following activities are **suspended**:

- Group activities in children centres and clubs.
- Team buildings and professional group activities.
- Mass events, such as music and folklore festivals, concerts, fairs, etc.
- Collective sports indoors, with the exception of trainings and competitions for registered athletes at licensed sport federations. Sports competitions for registered athletes at licensed sports federations are allowed.

Private gatherings (baptisms, weddings etc.) are allowed with no more than 15 participants indoors, and 30 outdoors.

Safety measures for public transportation

The use of masks or similar means that cover the nose and the mouth is mandatory on public transport. All vehicles /aircraft performing collective forms of transport are disinfected with specifically prescribed detergents. Observance of a safety distance is also mandatory.

Quarantine

All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case shall be subject to a 10-day quarantine from the last contact with the confirmed case. The quarantine can be done at home or in another place of residence and during this period the person shall be obliged not to leave this place. If no symptoms of COVID-19 appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine can be terminated. If symptoms of COVID-19 appear (fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) individuals shall contact their GP or the relevant regional health inspectorate, in order to receive appropriate instructions.

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Open with limitations

Visits to shopping malls and centres, shops with a net retail area of over 300m2, bazaars and indoor exhibitions are **allow ed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent document.

Exceptions: grocery stores, pharmacies, medical and vaccination establishments, drugstores, opticians, pet shops, banks, postal and courier service providers, insurers, payment service providers and telecommunications operators' office (including those located inside a shopping mall).

Owners or managers of commercial/administrative activities or other sites that provide services to citizens, and whose activities are not suspended, are required to control the number of customers on the site, allowing the presence of 1 person/8m2.

When serving customers directly without the protection of a transparent partition, a distance of 1.5 metres and the use of a facemask/safety helmet is required.

Tourist accommodations

Open with limitations

Tourist accommodations can remain open only if all guests and personnel above 18 years of age hold a valid EU Digital Covid Certificate (EUDCC) or similar document for completed vaccination, recovery or negative 48 hours rapid-antigenic test or 72-hours PCR test.

Catering establishments

Open with limitations

Visits to catering establishments (restaurants, bars, etc.) are allowed only if all visitors and personnel above 18 years of age hold a valid EU Digital Covid Certificate (EUDCC) or similar document for completed vaccination, recovery, or negative 48 hours rapid-antigenic test or 72-hours PCR test.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

The following activities are allowed only if all participants above 18 years of age, including staff, hold a valid 'EU Digital Covid Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents:

- Visits to libraries, museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, circus performances, concerts and other indoor stage performances.
- Indoor team sports. Exception: trainings and competitions for registered athletes and licensed sports federations. Sports competition can only take place without audience.
- Fitness centres, sports halls and clubs, swimming pools.
- Gambling halls, casinos and certain catering and entertainment establishments.

Personal care services

Open with limitations

Visits to SPA, wellness, thalassotherapy and balneotherapy (medical SPA) centres are **allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid EUDCC** or equivalent document.

The following activities are **suspended**:

- Visits to medical establishments. Exceptions: patients in terminal stage, visits to specialized institutions for social services.
- Planned hospital admissions and surgeries. Exception: transplants of organs, tissues and cells; diagnostics and treatment of patients with oncological and oncohematological diseases, assisted reproduction activities and births (regardless of the method of delivery), abortions, rehabilitation activities, long-term treatment and psychiatric care.

Ski facilities

Find out more:

Winter season measures (in English)

Winter season measures (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Group visits to tourist sites in Bulgaria are allowed only if all participants, including staff, hold a valid 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents.

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place.

Find out more:

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in English)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in German)

Other measures

Various restrictions on the physical presence in schools, childcare facilities and educational or language centers for children apply.

Teleworking is requested wherever possible, and maximum 50% of staff are physically present.

Further details on the latest measures are available in Bulgarian on Coronavirus.bg.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

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

Depending on the epidemiological situation, countries of origin are classified ingreen, orange and red.

As of 01 September 2021:

The**"Green" countries**list comprises Austria, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Finland, Norway, the Vatican City State, Czechia, Luxembourg and Romania.

The**"Orange" countries**list comprises all EU and EEA Member States that are not listed in the Green or the Red list.

The**"Red" countries**list includes Cyprus, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

In order to be valid to enter Bulgaria, the EUDCC should contain one of the following:

- **Proof of vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after the second dose**, or from 14 days after the first dose if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson);
- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, valid **180 days** (at least 11 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **PCR and Rapid Antigen tests (RAT)** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours prior to arrival** for PCR tests, **48 hours prior to arrival** for RAT tests

Children **under 12 years old** are exempted from the testing or quarantine requirements.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Green" countries can enter Bulgaria. In the absence of a valid EUDCC, a 10-day quarantine applies. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Orange" countries can enter Bulgaria without being subject to quarantine, but they may be randomly tested upon arrival with a Rapid Antigen test. Bulgarian citizens and persons with permanent or long-term residence in Bulgaria (including their family members), who do not present a valid EUDCC or a similar document, must undergo a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

Holders of a valid EUDCC for vaccination or recovery, who are nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members) of Bulgaria, other EU or EEA countries, or Switzerland, arriving from “Red” countries, can enter Bulgaria upon presentation of a negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival. The following exceptions are foreseen:

- Nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members) of Bulgaria, who present only one of those two documents, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.
- Nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members) of Bulgaria, who do not present either of those two documents, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine.
- Other EU, EEA or Swiss nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members), who do not present a valid EUDCC for vaccination or recovery, but only a negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine.
- 12-18 years old kids can enter Bulgaria upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival. Those, who do not present such document, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked for kids of Bulgarian nationality or for kids with permanent or long-term residence in Bulgaria upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

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

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

Depending on the colour zone of the country of origin, travellers who enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, regardless of their nationality, shall be admitted upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries a**certificate of completed vaccination**aga inst COVID-19 is required. For travellers coming from "Red" countries, the certificate must be combined with a negative pre-departure PCR test taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries, a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have**recovered from COVID-19 between 11 and 180 days**from the date of the positive result to the test is required. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result. For travellers coming from "Red" countries, the document must be combined with a negative pre-departure PCR test taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival.
- For travellers coming from "Green", "Orange" and "Red" countries, a document showing a**negative result of a**PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country.
- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries, a document showing a negative result of a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country.

Children**under 12 years old**are exempted from the requirement to present a negative result of a PCR or antigenic test.

Find out more:
Practical information for tourists

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (travel info)

Order RD-01-733 of 27.08.2021 (in Bulgarian)

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts(in Bulgarian)

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?

All persons arriving from non-EU and EEA countries, and not coming from "Red" countries, are considered to arrive from "Orange" countries and are admitted to the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, namely:

- a**certificate of completed vaccination**against COVID-19. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered and name of the issuing competent authority;
- a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have**recovered from COVID-19 between 11 and 180 days**from the date of the positive result to the test. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result;
- a document showing a negative result of a COVID-19 test (PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country, or a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country).

Non-EU, non-EEA and non-Swiss nationals from "Red" countries holding a valid certificate for vaccination or recovery can enter Bulgaria only in specific exceptional cases and upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test, done up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

As of 01 September 2021, the "Red" countries list comprises:

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, South Africa, Botswana, Tanzania, Seychelles, Namibia, Zambia, Oman, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Colombia, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Suriname, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Fiji Georgia, Israel, Eswatini, Iran, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Kazakhstan, the United States of America, Saint Lucia and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Find out more:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (travel info)

Order RD-01-733 of 27.08.2021 (in Bulgarian)

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts(in Bulgarian)

May I transit this country?

Partially

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria.

General measures

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place. The use of a protective face mask is required in all closed public spaces and a safety distance of 1.5 metres is mandatory. Teleworking is requested for at least 50% of staff, whenever possible.

To know more:

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in indoor public spaces, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory in crowded open public places, whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The following measures apply for gatherings:

- Cultural and entertainment events (namely film screenings, theatre shows, stage events, concerts, exhibitions, dance classes, creative and musical arts, etc.) can be held using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.
- The holding of indoor public events (e.g. conferences, seminars, competitions, etc.) is allowed provided that a maximum capacity of up to 30% of the total available space is used and with no more than 30 participants.
- Training and educational courses (language, dance, music, etc.) can be held using up to 30% of the total capacity of the venues and with no more than 10 participants.
- Group children's activities, such as kids' clubs and courses, are suspended.
- Teambuilding activities are suspended.
- Indoor group sports activities are suspended, except for registered professional athletes.
- Private gatherings (baptisms, weddings, etc.) are allowed with no more than 30 participants indoors and 60 participants outdoors.
- Professional sports competitions can be held without audience indoors and with up to 30% of the total capacity of the venues outdoors.

The restrictions in the capacity of venues and in the number of participants may not be applied if 100% of the staff and 100% of the participants have been vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 or have had a negative result from a PCR test taken 72 hours before the event or an antigenic test taken 48 hours before the event.

Safety measures for public transportation

The use of masks or similar means that cover the nose and the mouth is mandatory on public transport. All vehicles /aircraft performing collective forms of transport are disinfected with specifically prescribed detergents. Observance of a safety distance is also mandatory.

Places of worship

Open

Quarantine

All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case shall be subject to a 10-day quarantine from the last contact with the confirmed case. The quarantine can be done at home or in another place of residence and during this period the person shall be obliged not to leave this place. If no symptoms of COVID-19 appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine can be terminated. If symptoms of COVID-19 appear (fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) individuals shall contact their GP or the relevant regional health inspectorate, in order to receive appropriate instructions.

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Open with limitations

Owners or managers of commercial/administrative activities or other sites that provide services to citizens, and whose activities are not suspended, are required to control the number of customers on the site, allowing the presence of 1 person/8 square metres.

When serving customers directly without the protection of a transparent partition, a distance of 1.5 metres and the use of a facemask/safety helmet is required.

Tourist accommodations

Open

Catering establishments

Open with limitations

Visits to catering establishment (restaurants, bars, etc.), gambling halls and casinos are allowed between 7.00 and 23.00, observing a distance of 1.5 m between the backs of the chairs on the adjacent tables and with no more than 6 people at the same table.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

Cultural and entertainment events (namely film screenings, theatre shows, stage events, concerts, exhibitions, dance classes, creative and musical arts, etc.) can be held using up to 50% of the total capacity.

Cultural and entertainment events (film screenings, theatre shows, stage events, concerts, exhibitions, etc.) can be held using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.

Visits to museums and galleries can be held if no more than 1 person per 8 sq. m. is admitted.

Personal care services

Open with limitations

Visits to fitness centres, gyms and swimming pools are allowed, using no more than 30% of their total capacity. The same applies in the case of visits to SPA, wellness and thalassotherapy centres.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Open

Ski facilities

Find out more:

Winter season measures (in English)

Winter season measures (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place.

Find out more:

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in English)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in Bulgarian)

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists (in German)

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

Useful Info for tourists

Before starting your journey, please check visa requirements for your destination at: The Schengen visa Republic of Bulgaria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737

18.08.2021

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

Depending on the epidemiological situation, countries of origin are classified ingreen, orange and red.

As of 18 August 2021:

The**"Green" countries**list comprises Austria, Germany, Estonia, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Finland, Croatia, Italy, Norway, San Marino, the Vatican City State, Czechia, Luxembourg and Romania.

The**"Orange" countries**list comprises all EU and EEA Member States that are not listed in the Green or the Red list.

The**"Red" countries**list includes Cyprus, the United Kingdom and Spain.

Free entry on a reciprocal basis for Romanian citizens and persons with the status of permanent or long-term residence in Romania and members of their families.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

In order to be valid to enter Bulgaria, the EUDCC should contain one of the following:

- **Proof of vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after the second dose**, or from 14 days after the first dose if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson);
- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, valid **180 days** (at least 11 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **PCR and Rapid Antigen tests (RAT)** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours prior to arrival** for PCR tests, **48 hours prior to arrival** for RAT tests

Children **under 12 years old** are exempted from the testing or quarantine requirements.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Green" countries can enter Bulgaria. In the absence of a valid EUDCC, a 10-day quarantine applies. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Orange" countries can enter Bulgaria without being subject to quarantine, but they may be randomly tested upon arrival with a Rapid Antigen test. Bulgarian citizens and persons with permanent or long-term residence in Bulgaria (including their family members), who do not present a valid EUDCC or a similar document, must undergo a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

Holders of a valid EUDCC for vaccination or recovery, who are nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members) of Bulgaria, other EU or EEA countries, or Switzerland, arriving from “Red” countries, can enter Bulgaria upon presentation of a negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival. The following exceptions are foreseen:

- Nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members) of Bulgaria, who present only one of those two documents, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.
- Nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members) of Bulgaria, who do not present either of those two documents, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine.
- Other EU, EEA or Swiss nationals, permanent or long-term residents (including their family members), who do not present a valid EUDCC for vaccination or recovery, but only a negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine.
- 12-18 years old kids can enter Bulgaria upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival. Those, who do not present such document, are admitted to the country and must undergo a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked for kids of Bulgarian nationality or for kids with permanent or long-term residence in Bulgaria upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

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

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

Depending on the colour zone of the country of origin, travellers who enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, regardless of their nationality, shall be admitted upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries a**certificate of completed vaccination**aga inst COVID-19 is required. For travellers coming from "Red" countries, the certificate must be combined with a negative pre-departure PCR test taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries, a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have**recovered from COVID-19 between 11 and 180 days**from the date of the positive result to the test is required. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result. For travellers coming from "Red" countries, the document must be combined with a negative pre-departure PCR test taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival.
- For travellers coming from "Green", "Orange" and "Red" countries, a document showing a**negative result of a**PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country.
- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries, a document showing a negative result of a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country.

Children**under 12 years old**are exempted from the requirement to present a negative result of a PCR or antigenic test.

Romanian citizens travelling to Bulgaria, as well as Bulgarian citizens arriving from Romania, do not need to provide a negative result of a PCR or antigen test, nor a document of full vaccination.

Find out more:
Practical information for tourists

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (travel info)

Order RD-01-645 of 28.07.2021, Order RD-01-673 of 02.08.2021 and Order RD-01-701 of 13.08.2021 (in Bulgarian)

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts(in Bulgarian)

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

All persons arriving from non-EU and EEA countries, and not coming from the "Red" countries, nor from countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation, are considered to arrive from "Orange" countries and are admitted to the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, namely:

- a**certificate of completed vaccination**against COVID-19. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered and name of the issuing competent authority;
- a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have**recovered from COVID-19 between 11 and 180 days**from the date of the positive result to the test. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result;
- a document showing a negative result of a COVID-19 test (PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country, or a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country).

Non-EU, non-EEA and non-Swiss nationals from "Red" countries holding a valid certificate for vaccination or recovery can enter Bulgaria only in specific exceptional cases and upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test, done up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

As of 18 August 2021, the "Red" countries list comprises:

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, South Africa, Botswana, Tanzania, Seychelles, Namibia, Zambia, Oman, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Colombia, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Suriname, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Fiji Georgia, Israel, Eswatini and Iran.

Find out more:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (travel info)

Order RD-01-645 of 28.07.2021, Order RD-01-673 of 02.08.2021 and Order RD-01-701 of 13.08.2021 (in Bulgarian)

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts(in Bulgarian)

May I transit this country?

Partially

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria.

General measures

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place. The use of a protective face mask is required in all closed public spaces and a safety distance of 1.5 metres is mandatory. Teleworking is recommended whenever possible.

To know more:

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in indoor public spaces, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory in crowded open public places, whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The following measures apply for gatherings:

- The holding of public events (e.g. conferences, seminars, competitions, etc.) is allowed provided that a maximum capacity of up to 50% of the total available space is used.
- All cultural and entertainment events (namely film screenings, theatre shows, stage events, concerts, exhibitions, dance classes, creative and musical arts, etc.) can be held using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.
- Visits to gambling halls and casinos are allowed when using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.
- Visits to discos, bar clubs, piano bars, and night bars are allowed when using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.

Safety measures for public transportation

The use of masks or similar means that cover the nose and the mouth is mandatory on public transport. All vehicles /aircraft performing collective forms of transport are disinfected with specifically prescribed detergents. Observance of a safety distance is also mandatory.

Places of worship

Open

Quarantine

All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case shall be subject to a 10-day quarantine from the last contact with the confirmed case. The quarantine can be done at home or in another place of residence and during this period the person shall be obliged not to leave this place. If no symptoms of COVID-19 appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine can be terminated. If symptoms of COVID-19 appear (fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) individuals shall contact their GP or the relevant regional health inspectorate, in order to receive appropriate instructions.

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

22.07.2021

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

Depending on the epidemiological situation, countries of origin are classified in green, orange and red, as well as countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation.

The **"Green" countries** list comprises:

Austria, Germany, Estonia, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Finland, Croatia, Denmark, Italy, Slovenia, France, Norway, San Marino, Monaco, the Vatican City State, Switzerland and Czechia.

The **"Orange" countries** list comprises all EU and EEA Member States that are not listed in any other category.

Countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation: Portugal.

As of 19 July 2021, the "Red" countries list includes Cyprus, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Free entry on a reciprocal basis: Romania.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

In order to be valid to enter Bulgaria, the EUDCC should contain one of the following:

- **Proof of vaccination**, valid **from 14 days after the second dose**, or from 14 days after the first dose if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson);
- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, valid **180 days** (at least 11 days after the positive result to a COVID-19 test).
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **PCR and Rapid Antigen tests (RAT)** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours prior to arrival** for PCR tests, **48 hours prior to arrival** for RAT tests

Children **under 12 years old** coming from "Green" or "Orange" countries are exempted from the testing or quarantine requirements.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Green" countries can enter Bulgaria. In the absence of a valid EUDCC, a 10-day quarantine applies. Quarantine may be revoked upon submission of a document showing a negative PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 24 hours from entering the country.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Orange" countries can enter Bulgaria without being subject to quarantine, but they may be randomly tested upon arrival with a Rapid Antigen test.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation can enter Bulgaria only upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

Holders of a valid EUDCC arriving from "Red" countries can enter Bulgaria only in specific exceptional cases and upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test done up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

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

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

Depending on the colour zone of the country of origin, travellers who enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, regardless of their nationality, shall be admitted upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- blocked URL For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries a **certificate of completed vaccination** against COVID-19 is required. For travellers coming from "Red" countries, the certificate must be combined with a negative pre-departure PCR test taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered.
- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries, a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have **recovered from COVID-19 between 11 and 180 days** from the date of the positive result to the test is required. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result. For travellers coming from "Red" countries, the document must be combined with a negative pre-departure PCR test taken up to 72 hours prior to arrival.
- For travellers coming from "Green", "Orange", "Red" countries and countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation, a document showing a **negative result of a** PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country.
- For travellers coming from "Green" and "Orange" countries, a document showing a negative result of a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country.

Children **under 12 years old** coming from "Green" or "Orange" countries are exempted from the requirement to present a negative result of a PCR or antigenic test.

Romanian citizens, as well as Bulgarian citizens arriving from Romania, do not need to provide a negative result of a PCR or antigen test, nor a document of full vaccination.

Find out more:
Practical information for tourists

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (travel info)

Order RD-01-597 of 16.07.2021 (in Bulgarian)

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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?

All persons arriving from non-EU and EEA countries and not coming from the "Red" countries, nor from countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation, are considered to arrive from "Orange" countries and are admitted to the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, namely:

- blocked URL a **certificate of completed vaccination** against COVID-19. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered and name of the issuing competent authority;
- a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have **recovered from COVID-19 between 11 and 180 days** from the date of the positive result to the test. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result;
- a document showing a negative result of a COVID-19 test (PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country, or a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country).

Travellers from countries with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation can enter Bulgaria only upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test, done up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

Travellers from "Red" countries holding a valid certificate for vaccination or recovery can enter Bulgaria only in specific exceptional cases and upon presentation of a valid negative pre-departure PCR test, done up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

As of 19 July 2021, the "Red" countries list comprises:

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Brazil, South Africa, Botswana, Tanzania, Seychelles, Namibia, Zambia, Tunisia, Oman, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Colombia, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Suriname, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Fiji and Kuwait.

As of 08 July 2021, Russia is classified as a country with a significant negative change in the epidemic situation.

Find out more:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (travel info)

Order RD-01-597 of 16.07.2021 (in Bulgarian) and Order RD-01-553/05.07.2021 (in English)

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

May I transit this country?

Partially

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria.

General measures

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place. The use of a protective face mask is required in all closed public spaces and a safety distance of 1.5 metres is mandatory. Teleworking is recommended whenever possible.

To know more:

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in indoor public spaces, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory in crowded open public places, whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The following measures apply for gatherings:

- The holding of public events (e.g. conferences, seminars, competitions, etc.) is allowed provided that a maximum capacity of up to 50% of the total available space is used.
- All cultural and entertainment events (namely film screenings, theatre shows, stage events, concerts, exhibitions, dance classes, creative and musical arts, etc.) can be held using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.
- Visits to gambling halls and casinos are allowed when using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.
- Visits to discos, bar clubs, piano bars, and night bars are allowed when using up to 50% of the total capacity of the venues.

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Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

Useful Info for tourists

Before starting your journey, please check visa requirements for your destination at: The Schengen visa Republic of Bulgaria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737

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 Bulgaria

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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

Further information: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/BGR/7001

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

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

Travellers who enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, regardless of their nationality, shall be admitted upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- blocked URL a **certificate of completed vaccination** against COVID-19. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered and name of the issuing competent authority;
- a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have **recovered from COVID-19 between 15 and 180 days** from the date of the positive result to the test. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result;
- a document showing a **negative result of a COVID-19 test** (PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country, or a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country).

Children **up to 5 years old** are exempted from the requirement to present a negative result of a PCR or antigenic test.

Romanian citizens, as well as Bulgarian citizens arriving from Romania, do not need to provide a negative result of a PCR or antigen test, nor a document of full vaccination.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

Self-risk travel declaration available in 8 languages (BG / EN / DE / RU / FR / RO / GR / RS)

Find out more:
Order RD-01-374 of 27.05.2021 (in Bulgarian)
Practical information for tourists

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Travellers from 97 countries are allowed to enter Bulgaria for tourism purposes. The full list of countries, and the relative entry rules, are available in this communication of the Ministry of Tourism.

Travellers from one of those countries shall be admitted upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- blocked URL a **certificate of completed vaccination** against COVID-19. A complete vaccination is reached 14 days after the last scheduled dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria/ AZD1222 vaccine with one dose of Comirnaty/ BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination. The document must contain the names of the person, date of birth, dates of the relevant doses of vaccine, trade name and batch number of the COVID-19 vaccine, name of the manufacturer/holder of the market authorisation, country where it was administered and name of the issuing competent authority;
- a document showing a positive result of a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 for persons who have **recovered from COVID-19 between 15 and 180 days** from the date of the positive result to the test. The document must contain the names of the person, details of the medical establishment that carried out the examination (name, address or other contact details), the date on which the test was carried out, and positive result.

Additionally, for a limited set of countries, a document showing a **negative result of a COVID-19 test** (PCR test carried out within 72 hours before entering the country, or a rapid antigenic test carried out within 48 hours before entering the country) is also accepted.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

Self-risk travel declaration available in 8 languages (BG / EN / DE / RU / FR / RO / GR / RS)

Find out more:
Practical information for tourists (in Bulgarian)
Order RD-01-278 of 29.04.2021 on the rules and conditions for entry into the territory of Bulgaria, in force from 1 May (in Bulgarian)

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for the people who are also allowed to enter the country:

(a) Nationals of the EU or a Schengen country and their family members;

(b) Nationals of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Belarus, Kuwait. Furthermore, nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

c) All the other categories of people listed under point n.2 of the Order RD-01-196 of 31.03.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

General measures

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place. The use of a protective face mask is required in all closed public spaces and a safety distance of 1.5 metres is mandatory. Teleworking is recommended whenever possible.

To know more:

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in indoor public spaces, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory in open public places, in crowded areas and whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Information on Tourism at National level

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Tourism Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Tourism Bulgaria (in English)

Bulgaria travel (available in English, German, Russian and Bulgarian)

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 Bulgaria

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The EU Digital COVID Certificate (available as of **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** (positive PCR test result valid for 180 days).

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

04.05.2021

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

PARTIALLY

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

All travellers, regardless of their citizenship and the country of origin, are allowed entry upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- a certificate of vaccination, with the last dose of vaccine administered at least 14 days before entry
- a document showing a positive test result (PCR or antigen test) for people who recovered from Covid-19 in the period between 15 and 180 days before entry.

Is a coronavirus test required?

Bulgarian citizens, citizens of EU member states, Schengen countries and their family members are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 (PCR or antigen) test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours (PCR) or 48 hours (antigen test) before departure**.

Is a quarantine required?

Bulgarian citizens, permanent or long-term residents in Bulgaria and their family members, who do not present the negative result of a COVID-19 test, must complete a **10-day mandatory quarantine**.

The quarantine period may be ended upon the presentation of a document showing the negative result of a COVID-19 test performed within 24 hours from the entry.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

Self-risk travel declaration available in 8 languages (BG / EN / DE / RU / FR / RO / GR / RS)

Find out more:
Order RD-01-278 of 29.04.2021 on the rules and conditions for entry into the territory of Bulgaria, in force from 1 May (in Bulgarian)

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Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

As of 1 May, travellers coming from **India**, **Bangladesh**, **Brazil** and some countries and territories in **Africa** are not allowed to enter Bulgaria, except Bulgarian citizens and permanent or long-term residents in the country (including their family members), to which a 10-day quarantine applies.

All other travellers, regardless of their citizenship and the country of origin, are allowed entry upon presentation of one of the following documents:

- a certificate of vaccination, with the last dose of vaccine administered at least 14 days before entry
- a document showing a positive test result (PCR or antigen test) for people who recovered from Covid-19 in the period between 15 and 180 days before entry.

Is a coronavirus test required?

A **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen)** is required for travellers arriving from the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Rwanda
- South Corea
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Uruguay
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Israel
- Belarus
- Kuwait
- Turkey
- Albania
- Montenegro
- Moldova
- North Macedonia
- Kosovo
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Serbia

The test must be taken within **72 hours (PCR) or 48 hours (antigen test) before departure**.

Is a quarantine required?

Bulgarian citizens, long-term and permanent residents in Bulgaria and their family members, who do not present a negative result of a COVID-19 test, are subject to a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be ended upon presentation of a document showing the negative result of a PCR test performed within 24 hours from the entry.

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Find out more:
Practical information for tourists
Order RD-01-278 of 29.04.2021 on the rules and conditions for entry into the territory of Bulgaria, in force from 1 May (in Bulgarian)

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

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.

Additionally, for Bulgaria, the following rules apply:

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for the people who are also allowed to enter the country:

(a) Nationals of the EU or a Schengen country and their family members;

(b) Nationals of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Belarus, Kuwait. Furthermore, nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

c) All the other categories of people listed under point n.2 of the Order RD-01-196 of 31.03.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

General measures

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place. The use of a protective face mask is required in all closed public spaces and a safety distance of 1.5 metres is mandatory. Teleworking is recommended whenever possible.

To know more:

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in indoor public spaces, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory in open public places, in crowded areas and whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

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

31.03.2021

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

NO

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

Is a coronavirus test required?

All travellers are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours before departure**.

The same applies to travellers who are allowed to enter according to point n.2 of the Order RD-01-167 of 12.03.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian), while some exceptions to this requirement are specified in point n. 7 of the same Order.

Is a quarantine required?

Bulgarian citizens and permanent or long-term residents in Bulgaria, as well as their family members, who do not present the negative result of a PCR test, must complete a **10-day mandatory quarantine**.

The quarantine period may be ended upon the presentation of a document showing the negative result of a PCR test performed within 24 hours from the entry.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

Self-risk travel declaration available in 8 languages (BG / EN / DE / RU / FR / RO / GR / RS)

Find out more:
Order RD-01-167 of 12.03.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)
Practical information for tourists

Contact Point for Bulgaria:
Important telephone numbers and contacts (in Bulgarian)

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

Is a coronavirus test required?

Citizens of the following countries can enter the territory of Bulgaria, provided that they show the negative result of a PCR test not older than 72 hours (with some exceptions):

- Australia
- Canada
- Georgia
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Rwanda
- South Corea
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Uruguay
- United Arab Emirates
- UK
- Israel
- Belarus
- Kuwait
- Turkey
- Albania
- Montenegro
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- North Macedonia
- Kosovo
- Bosnia and Herzegovina

The same applies to travellers who are allowed to enter according to point n.2 of the Order RD-01-167 of 12.03.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian), while some exceptions to this requirement are specified in point n. 7 of the same Order.

Is a quarantine required?

Bulgarian citizens, as well as long-term and permanent residents in Bulgaria and their family members who do not present the negative result of a PCR test, are subject to a 10-day quarantine. Quarantine may be revoked upon presentation of a document showing the negative result of a PCR test performed within 24 hours from the entry. Furthermore, all persons who are allowed to enter the country under point n.2 and who arrive from countries and territories in Africa shall be quarantined for a period of 10 days. These travellers are not required to show the negative result of a PCR test upon arrival and quarantine is revoked upon submission to the director of the regional health inspectorate of the negative result of a PCR test taken on the 10th day of the mandatory quarantine.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

Self-risk travel declaration available in 8 languages (BG / EN / DE / RU / FR / RO / GR / RS)

To know more:

Practical information for tourists

Order RD-01-167 of 12.03.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

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.

Additionally, for Bulgaria, the following rules apply:

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for the people who are also allowed to enter the country:

(a) Nationals of the EU or a Schengen country and their family members;

(b) Nationals of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Belarus, Kuwait. Furthermore, nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

c) All the other categories of people listed under point n.2 of the Order RD-01-105 of 16.02.2021 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

General measures

Requirements and recommendations for hygiene and social distancing measures are in place. The use of a protective face mask is required in all closed public spaces and a safety distance of 1.5 metres is mandatory. Teleworking is recommended whenever possible and face-to-face school lessons are suspended.

To know more:

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory in indoor public spaces, including means of public transport, medical establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory in open public places, in crowded areas and whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

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

22.01.2021

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

YES

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

Citizens of EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries, as well as their family members, are allowed to enter Bulgaria without restrictions.

Full details are available in the Order RD-01-719 of 20.12.2020 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

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

As of 01.01.2021, travellers from the UK who are admitted to the territory of Bulgaria are required to show a negative result of a PCR test not older than 72 hours.

Full details are available in the Order RD-01-725 of 23.12.2020 for a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of arrivals from the United Kingdom (in Bulgarian)

Citizens of the following countries can enter the territory of Bulgaria without restrictions:

- Australia;
- Canada
- Georgia
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Rwanda
- South Corea
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Uruguay
- United Arab Emirates
- Israel
- Belarus
- Kuwait
- Turkey
- Serbia
- Albania
- Montenegro
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- North Macedonia

The same applies to travellers who are allowed to enter and who arrive from a starting point located in one of the countries belonging to the previous list.

All people who arrive from a starting point located in a third country not belonging to the previous list and who are authorized to enter according to point n.2 of the Order RD-01-719 of 20.12.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian):

are admitted to the territory of Bulgaria **upon submission of a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours**.

Bulgarian citizens, as well as long-term and permanent residents in Bulgaria and their family members, who come from countries for which a negative PCR test is required, and who do not present such a test, are subject to a **10-days quarantine**. Quarantine may be revoked upon presentation of a negative PCR test result performed within 24 hours from the entry.

May I transit this country?

YES

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for the people who are also allowed to enter the country:

(a) nationals of the EU or a Schengen country and their family members;

(b) non-EU nationals, who have a long-term residence permit in another EU Member State or in a Schengen country and their family members;

(c) nationals of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Belarus, Kuwait. Furthermore, nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

Transit is only permitted when the traveller will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

Additional details can be found on the Order RD-01-719 of 20.12.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

General measures

Restrictions introduced (in Bulgarian)

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is mandatory **in indoor public spaces**, including means of public transport, medical and health establishments, pharmacies, opticians, national centres for public health, administrative institutions, railway and bus stations, airports, metro stations, shops, churches, monasteries, temples, museums, etc. and in every condition in which it is not possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

The use of masks or similar means that cover nose and mouth is also mandatory **in open public places**, in crowded areas and whenever it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from other people.

Exceptions to the mandatory use of masks apply in the following cases:

- customers in restaurants and drinking establishments;
- athletes during physical activity both indoors and outdoors;
- participants in congress/conference events, briefings, press conferences and seminars, or during a speech, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres applies;
- participants (presenters and guests) in TV shows, provided that a physical distance of 1.5 metres from the other participants applies;
- children up to 6 years of age.

Find out more:

Order RD-01-675 of 25.11.2020 of the Minister of Health (in Bulgarian)

Physical Distancing

A physical distance of **1.5 metres** from people who do not belong to the same household has to be maintained. This measure is mandatory in working and public places both indoors and outdoors.

Find out more:

Practical information for tourists

14.12.2020

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

Entry Restrictions

Citizens of EU Member States + Schengen Associated countries and their family members are allowed to enter Bulgaria without restrictions.

Full details are available in the Order RD-01-680 of 27.11.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

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

Citizens of the following countries can enter the territory of Bulgaria without restrictions:

- Austrialia;
- Canada
- Georgia
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Rwanda
- South Corea
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Uruguay
- United Arab Emirates
- Israel
- Belarus
- Kuwait
- Turkey
- Serbia
- Albania
- Montenegro
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- North Macedonia

The same applies to travellers who are allowed to enter and who arrive from a starting point located in one of the countries belonging to the previous list.

All people who arrive from a starting point located in a third country not belonging to the previous list and who are authorized to enter according to point n.2 of the Order RD-01-680 of 27.11.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian):

are admitted to the territory of Bulgaria **upon submission of a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours**.

Bulgarian citizens, as well as long-term and permanent residents in Bulgaria and their family members, who come from countries for which a negative PCR test is required, and who do not present such a test, are subject to a **10-days quarantine**.

To know more:

Practical information for tourists

Transit

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for the people who are also allwed to enter the country:

(a) nationals of the EU, a Schengen country, or the UK and their family members;

(b) non-EU nationals, who have a long-term residence permit in another EU Member State, the UK, or in a Schengen country and their family members;

(c) nationals of Austrialia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Belarus, Kuwait. Furthermore, nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

Transit is only permitted when the traveler will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

Additional details can be found on the Order RD-01-680 of 27.11.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

Find out more:

Practical information for tourists

Documents you need to travel in Europe

28.10.2020

Entry Restrictions

Citizens of EU Member States + Schengen Associated countries and their family members are allowed to enter Bulgaria without restrictions.

Full details are available in the Order RD-01-547 of 30.09.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

Transit

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for:

(a) nationals of the EU, a Schengen country, or the UK and their family members;

(b) non-EU nationals, who have a long-term residence permit in another EU Member State, the UK, or in a Schengen country and their family members;

(c) Nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

Transit is only permitted when the traveler will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

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Citizens of **Austrialia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Kuwait, Turkey**can enter the territory of Bulgaria without restrictions.

Third countries

All people who arrive from all other third countries and who:

- have permanent status, long-term or long-term residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (including member of their families);

- hold a Bulgarian long-stay visa type "D", as well as a residence permit in a EU+ country (including member of their families)

are admitted to the territory of Bulgaria upon submission of a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours before entry.

30.09.2020

Transit

Transit through Bulgaria to the country of residence is allowed for:

(a) nationals of the EU, a Schengen country, or the UK and their family members;

(b) non-EU nationals, who have a long-term residence permit in another EU Member State, the UK, or in a Schengen country and their family members;

(c) Nationals of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Moldova and Turkey, as well as Kuwait and Israel, can transit to return to the country of which they are nationals.

Transit is only permitted when the traveler will immediately leave Bulgaria. Persons who are allowed to transit must submit to health inspectors at the border a declaration, regarding observation of the Ministry of Health's anti-epidemic measures and acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.

Third-country national coming from outside the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein

Citizens of Austria, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Corea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, United Arab Emirates can enter the territory of Bulgaria without restrictions.

All people who arrive from all other third countries and who:

- have permanent status, long-term or long-term residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (including member of their families);

- hold a Bulgarian long-stay visa type "D", as well as a residence permit in a EU+ country (including member of their families)

are admitted to the territory of Bulgaria upon submission of a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours before entry.

EU+ comprises EU Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino.

Full details are available in the Order RD-01-488 of 31.08.2020 for temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (in Bulgarian)

1.09.2020

A temporary ban has been introduced for the entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of all persons, regardless of their nationality, through all border crossings, by air, sea, railway and road transport.

The ban does not apply to:
- **Bulgarian citizens** and persons with permanent status or long-term residence in Bulgaria, and members of their families;
- **Nationals** as well as persons holding a residence permit of Member States of the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom, Schengen Parties (including the Republic of San Marino, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco and the Vatican City State) and members of their families;
- **Citizens** of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Montenegro, Moldova, Israel, Kuwait, Belarus and Turkey.

Is entry based on nationality, residency or location of departure?
The main driver is **nationality/residency**, which sets if a traveller is authorised to enter the country. Additionally, only for authorised travellers, the location of departure defines if a PCR test is required or not. For the purposes of this order, the country from which a traveller arrives is considered to be the country of departure, irrespective of his stay or transit through other countries during his journey.

All persons authorised to enter the country, and arriving from a starting point in one of the above-mentioned countries, shall be admitted in Bulgaria without the need to provide a certificate showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19.

All persons **who are allowed entry into the country, and who arrive from a starting point in a third country outside the above mentioned list**, shall be admitted in Bulgaria only after providing a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country. This certificate shall contain the name of the person according to the identity document with which he is travelling, information on the laboratory carrying out the test (name, address or other contact details), date on which the examination was carried out, written in the Latin method and allowing interpretation of the document.

The Bulgarian citizens, as well as long-term and permanent residents in Bulgaria and the members of their families who come from countries for which a negative PCR test is required, and who do not present such a test, are subject to 14 days of quarantine.

Other exceptions are also identified. Full details may be found in the **Order No RD-01-459 of 31.08.2020** of the Minister of Health.
Driving abroad

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

Source: COVID-19 UNIFIED INFORMATION PORTAL https://coronavirus.bg/bg/

09.03.2022

Important information

If you need **urgent assistance in case of a problem abroad** , you can contact a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in one of the following ways:

- On our duty contacts in Sofia - +359 2 948 24 04, +359 893 339 616 and email address crisis@mfa.bg
- On the duty telephones of the nearest diplomatic or consular mission of the Republic of Bulgaria, which are published on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs .

We recommend that you strictly follow the instructions of local authorities - they aim to protect your health!

Regarding the entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria

Order RD-01-126 of 09.03.2022 for determining the conditions and requirements for entry into Bulgaria and Order RD-01-114 of 01.03.2022 for determining the conditions and requirements for entry into Bulgaria

I. I introduce the following temporary anti-epidemic measures regarding the entry of persons arriving from other countries on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, from 10.03.2022 to 31.03.2022, according to the assessment of the spread of COVID-19 in the respective country by criteria and placing countries in color zones as follows:

1. Criteria for assessing the prevalence of COVID-19 in the country concerned:

1.1. 14-day morbidity - the total number of newly registered cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days per 100,000 population in the country concerned;

1.2. weekly positivity of laboratory tests - relative share in% of positive samples in the country compared to all PCR tests and rapid antigenic tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection in the last week (last 7 days);

1.3. level of research in the country - number of tests performed for SARS-CoV-2 infection per 100,000 population in the last week (last 7 days);

1.4. identification of a variant of SARS-CoV-2 identified as a "worry" variant;

1.5. lack of sufficient information, periodic updating of information or a reliable source of information about a country.

2. Color zones:

2.1. Green area:

2.1.1. if, at the time of assessment, the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is lower than 75 per 100,000 population; or

2.1.2. if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is between 75 and 200 per 100,000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests performed is less than 4%.

2.2. Orange area:

2.2.1. if, at the time of assessment, the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is between 75 and 200 per 100,000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests performed is greater than or equal to 4%; or

2.2.2. if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is between 200 and 500 per 100,000 population.

2.3. Red zone:

2.3.1. if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is over 500 per 100,000 population.

2.3.2 . There is a lack of sufficient information, periodic updates or a reliable source of information for the country concerned, or if the level of the survey is less than 300 samples per 100,000 population; or

2.3.3. if a SARS-CoV-2 variant is of concern in the country concerned, taking into account sequencing volumes and transmission levels.

2.4. If there is information about a significant negative change in the epidemic situation in the country from green, orange or red zone or in some of its territories, before the official change of the color zone of the country in relation to persons arriving in the Republic of Bulgaria may apply specific anti-epidemic measures announced in Annex 1.

3. The list of countries and territories by color zones and countries for which a significant negative change in the epidemic situation under item 2.4 has been established is contained in Annex 1.

3 .1 . The list under item 3 is determined on the basis of information published by the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) - for the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area (EU and EEA), the World Health Organization and the Control Center of Diseases - Atlanta, USA - for all countries and the spread of "anxiety" options.

3.2 . All countries outside the European Union and the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation that do not fall into the red zone, according to the information in point 3.1, are considered to be orange countries.

3.3 . The list under item 3 shall be reviewed periodically and, if necessary, updated every 14 days, and in the event of a deterioration of the epidemic situation in the respective country, it may be updated more frequently.

3.4. The information under item 3 is monitored and prepared by the National Center for Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.

4. Temporary anti-epidemic measures for arrivals, according to color zones:

4.1. Green zone - persons are admitted to the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, disease or testing or an equivalent or similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

4.1.1. Persons who do not present a document under item 4.1 shall be placed under quarantine for 10 days in the home or other place of accommodation in which the person has indicated that he will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the relevant regional health inspectorate or authorized by his deputy director.

4.1.2. The quarantined person under item 4.1.1. may carry out a polymerase chain reaction test to detect COVID-19 or a rapid antigen test of those listed in Annex 2 not earlier than 72 hours of arrival in the country. In case of a negative result of the conducted research, the quarantine of the person shall be considered terminated from the day of registration of the result in the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

4.2. Orange Zone - Persons are admitted to the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, disease or testing or an equivalent or similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

4.2.1 . Persons who do not present a document under item 4.2 shall be placed under quarantine for a period of 10 days in the home or other place of accommodation in which the person has indicated that he will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the relevant regional health inspectorate or Deputy Director authorized by him.

4.2.2 . The quarantined person under item 4.2.1. may carry out a polymerase chain reaction test to detect COVID-19 or a rapid antigen test of those listed in Annex 2 not earlier than 72 hours of arrival in the country. In case of a negative result of the conducted research, the quarantine of the person shall be considered terminated from the day of registration of the result in the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

4.3. Red zone - persons are admitted to the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, disease or testing or an equivalent or similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

4.3.1 . Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent, long-term or long-term residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families who do not present a document under item 4.3 shall be quarantined for 10 days at home or elsewhere, in which the person has indicated that he will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspectorate or a deputy director authorized by him.

4.3.2 . The quarantined person under item 4.3.1. may carry out a polymerase chain reaction test to detect COVID-19 or a rapid antigen test of those listed in Annex 2 not earlier than 72 hours of arrival in the country. In case of a negative result of the conducted research, the quarantine of the person shall be considered terminated from the day of registration of the result in the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

4.4. Persons arriving from Ukraine, regardless of the area in which the country arrives at the time of arrival, are admitted to the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, disease or testing, or an equivalent or similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate. Persons who do not present such a document shall be quarantined for a period of 10 days in the home or other place of accommodation in which the person has indicated that he will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the relevant regional health inspectorate or authorized by him deputy director.

4.5. The quarantined person under item 4.4. may carry out a polymerase chain reaction test to detect COVID-19 or a rapid antigen test of those listed in Annex 2 not earlier than 72 hours of arrival in the country. In case of a negative result of the conducted research, the quarantine of the person shall be considered terminated from the day of registration of the result in the National Information System for Combating COVID-19.

5. COVID-19 documents shall be allowed on the territory of the country without the need to present documents, regardless of the area from which persons who are:

5.1. drivers and stewards of buses engaged in international passenger transport;

5.2 . drivers of trucks that perform or complete the international transport of goods and goods upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

5.3 . members of the crews of vessels and the persons engaged in the maintenance of the vessels, who upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria perform their official duties;

5.4 . members of the crew of an aircraft that flies to and from airports for public use on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the persons engaged in aircraft maintenance;

5.5 . frontier workers (persons living in the Republic of Bulgaria and traveling daily or at least once a week to a Member State of the European Union, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia or the Republic of Northern Macedonia, in order to work as an employed or self-employed person, as well as persons who live in the indicated countries and travel daily or at least once a week to the Republic of Bulgaria for the purpose of exercising activity as an employed or self-employed person);

5.6 . Pupils, students and doctoral students living in the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia and Romania and traveling to the Republic of Bulgaria for training certified by a document from the relevant institution, as well as students and doctoral students in the Republic of Bulgaria and travel to the Republic of Greece, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia and Romania for the purpose of training, certified by a document from the respective educational institution;

5.7 . persons passing in transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, in the cases when the immediate departure from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria can be guaranteed;

5.8 . children up to the age of 12.

6. Persons, with the exception of those under item 5, shall be admitted to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only through the following border checkpoints (BCPs): Burgas Airport Border Checkpoint; Varna Airport Border Checkpoint; Plovdiv Airport Border Checkpoint; Sofia Airport Border Checkpoint (Terminal 1 and Terminal 2); Border Checkpoint "Port of Burgas"; Port of Varna Border Checkpoint; Vidin border checkpoint; Vrashka Chuka border checkpoint; Durank ulak border checkpoint; Gueshevo border checkpoint; Zlatarev o border checkpoint; Ilinden border checkpoint; Kalotina border checkpoint; Kapitan Andreevo border checkpoint; Capt ain Petko Voivoda border checkpoint; Kardam border checkpoint; Kulata border checkpoint; Lesovo border checkpoint; Makaza border checkpoint; Malko Tarnovo border checkpoint; Oltomantsi border checkpoint; Oryahovo border checkpoint; Ruse border checkpoint; Silistra border checkpoint; Somovit-Nikopol border checkpoint; Stanke Lisichkovo border checkpoint and Strezimirovtsi border checkpoint.

7 . The Road Infrastructure Agency determines the place where the truck and the driver must stay until the relevant ban is lifted in cases where drivers of lorries transporting goods and goods destined for other countries due to a ban by a border state of the Republic of Bulgaria, cannot leave the country.

8. When establishing a passenger with COVID-19 on board an aircraft that has landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the cabin crew members serving the passenger with COVID-19 shall not be planned for the next flight, as they shall be quarantined for term of 7 days with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspection or by a deputy director authorized by him.

9 . For the purposes of this order:

9.1. "State (territory) from which the person arrives" means the country (territory) - the starting point of his departure, regardless of the stay associated with his transit through other countries during his movement.

9.2. "Valid EU digital COVID vaccination certificate or similar document" means:

9.2.1. a document for completed vaccination course against COVID-19, valid from the 15th day to the 270th day from the date of the last dose. The document must contain the names of the person written in Latin, according to the identity document with which he travels, date of birth, date on which the last received dose of vaccine against COVID-19, serial number of the dose, and the total number of doses in double vaccines, trade name of the vaccine against COVID-19, name of the manufacturer / holder of the marketing authorization, country of issue and name of the issuing competent authority and, for the EU certificate, its unique identifier . The completion of a vaccination course is considered to be the appropriate number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine listed in Annex 3.

9.2.2. a document for an additional (booster) dose of vaccine against COVID-19 after completing a vaccination course. The document must contain the names of the person written in Latin according to the identity document he / she is traveling with, date of birth, date of booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, serial number of the dose and the total number of vaccine doses, the trade name of the vaccine against COVID-19, the name of the manufacturer / holder of the marketing authorization, the country in which it was issued and the name of the issuing competent authority and, for the EU certificate, its unique identifier.

9.3."Valid EU digital COVID certificate" is a document certifying that a person has suffered from COVID-19 and which is valid for the period from the 11th to the 180th day from the date of the study entered in the document. The certificate must contain the names of the person written in Latin according to the identity document with which he is traveling, date of birth, date of the first positive result of the NAAT test or date of the first positive result of a rapid antigen test included in the Committee's approval. for health security, a common EU list of COVID-19 antigen tests performed by medical professionals or qualified testing staff and a positive result (Positive), details of the issuing authority, country in which the study was performed and its unique identifier.

9.3 . **1.** A document analogous to the EU digital COVID certificate shall be a document certifying that a person has suffered from COVID-19 and which is valid for the period from the 11th to the 180th day from the date of the study entered in in the document. The document must contain the names of the person, according to the identity document with which he travels, date of birth, date of the first positive result of PCR test or rapid antigen test and positive result (Positive), data about the medical institution that performed the study , address or other contact details) or the issuing authority and the country where the study was performed.

9.4."Valid EU digital COVID test certificate" or a similar document is a document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test performed up to 72 hours before entry into the country or a negative result from a fast test conducted up to 48 hours before entry into the country. antigen test as of the date of sampling entered in the document. The document must contain the names of the person written in Latin, according to the identity document with which he travels, date of birth, type of test, written in Latin method (PCR or RAT) and negative result (Negative), date and time of collection of the test sample, trade name and manufacturer of the test (mandatory for rapid antigen tests), name of the laboratory / medical institution that performed the test, country,

10 . Equivalent to the EU digital COVID certificate are also COVID-19 certificates issued by a third country in accordance with standards and technological systems that are interoperable with the Digital COVID Trust Framework. EU certificate. The list of countries (territories) whose COVID-19 vaccination, testing and disease certificates are considered equivalent to the EU digital COVID is set out in Annex 4.

Annex 1 to item I, 3

List of countries and territories by color zones, and countries for which there is information about a significant negative change in the epidemic situation

Green area:

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Orange area:

All countries outside the green and red zone.

Red zone:

Australia

Austria

Andorra

Afghanistan

Barbados

Bahrain

Belgium

Bermuda

Brunei

Bhutan

Great Britain

Vietnam

Germany

Gibraltar

Georgia

Greece

Denmark

Dominica

Estonia

Israel

Ireland

Iceland

Spain

Italy

Jordan

Cayman Islands

Cyprus

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Costa Rica

Latvia

Lithuania

Liechtenstein

Luxembourg

Mauritius

Maldives

Monaco

The Netherlands

New Zealand

New Caledonia

Norway

Isle of Man

Palau

Portugal

Republic of Korea

Romania

Russia

San Marino

Saint Pierre and Miquelon

Singapore

Slovakia

Slovenia

Serbia

Tanzania

Tonga

Turkey

Ukraine

Uruguay

Faroe Islands

Finland

France

French Polynesia

Croatia

Czech Republic

Chile

Switzerland

Japan

Annex 2 to item I, 4.1.2

Name of the test	**Manufacturer**
COVID-VIRO® Rapid antigen test COVID-19	AAZ-LMB
Panbio ™ COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test	Abbott Rapid Diagnostics
Cora Gentest-19	ABIOTEQ
Accu-Tell SARS-CoV-2 Ag Cassette	AccuBioTech Co., Ltd

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	Acon Biotech (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd
Flowflex SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	ACON Laboratories, Inc.
AESKU.RAPID SARS-CoV-2	AESKU.DIAGNOSTICS GmbH & Co., KG
TestNOW® - COVID-19 Antigen Test	Affimedix Inc.
AMP Rapid Test SARSCoV-2 Ag	AMEDA Labordiagnostik GmbH
Rapid COVID-19 Antigen-Test (colloidal Gold)	Anbio (Xiamen) Biotechnology Co., Ltd
COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Anhui Deep Blue Medical Technology Co., Ltd
COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold) - Nasal swab	Anhui Deep Blue Medical Technology Co., Ltd
New Coronavirus (COVID-19) Antigen Rapid Test	Anhui Formaster Biosci Co., Ltd
mariPOC SARS-CoV-2	ArcDia International Ltd.
mariPOC Respi +	ArcDia International Oy Ltd
mariPOC Quick Flu +	ArcDia International Oy Ltd
Artron COVID-19 Antigen Test	Artron Laboratories Inc.
Asan Easy Test COVID-19 Ag	Asan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd
ECOTEST COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device	Assure Tech. (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd.
Ksmart® SARS-COV2 Antigen Rapid Test	Avalun
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	AXIOM Gesellschaft für Diagnostica und Biochemica mbH
BD Veritor ™ System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2	Becton Dickinson
BD Kit for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2	Becton Dickinson
Novel Coronavirus 2019nCoV Antigen Test (Colloidal Gold)	Beijing Hotgen Biotech Co., Ltd
Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) - Antigentest	Beijing Hotgen Biotech Co., Ltd
Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Beijing Jinwofu Bioengineering Technology Co., Ltd.
COVID19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Beijing Kewei Clinical Diagnostic Reagent Inc.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Beijing Lepu Medical Technology Co., Ltd
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	Beijing O&D Biotech Co., Ltd
Wantai SARS-CoV-2 Ag Rapid Test (colloidal gold)	Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy Enterprise Co., Ltd
CoviGnost AG Test Device 1x20	BioGnost Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Fluorescence Immunochromatography)	BIOHIT HealthCcare (Hefei) Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test (Colloidal Gold Method)	BIOHIT HealthCcare (Hefei) Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Ag Rapid Test	BioMaxima SA
Biomerica COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (nasopharyngeal swab)	Biomerica Inc.

NowCheck COVID-19 Ag Test	BIONOTE
CORONAVIRUS AG RAPID TEST CASSETTE	BIO-RAD
COVID19Speed-Antigen Test BSD_0503	BioSpeedia International
BIOSYNEX COVID-19 Ag BSS	BIOSYNEX SA
BIOSYNEX COVID-19 Ag + BSS	BIOSYNEX SA
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (colloidal gold method)	BIOTEKE CORPORATION (WUXI) CO., LTD
biotical SARS-CoV-2 Ag Card	Biotical Health SLUBIOTICAL HEALTH SLU
AFIAS COVID-19 Ag	Boditech Med Inc
Rapid Response COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	BTNX Inc
CerTest SARS-CoV-2 Card test	CerTest Biotec
CHECK UP SARS-COV-2 NASAL ANTIGEN RAPID TEST	Cesna Biyoteknoloji Aratrma Gelitirme Laboratuvar Sist.n. Müh.Dan.San.Tic.Ltd.ti
CHECK UP SARS-COV-2 NASOPHARYNGEAL RAPID ANTIGEN TEST	Cesna Biyoteknoloji Aratrma Gelitirme Laboratuvar Sist.n. Müh.Dan.San.Tic.Ltd.ti
CHIL COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (Nasopharyngeal / Oropharyngeal SwabCasette)	Chil Tbbi Malzeme Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited .irketi
2019-nCoV Antigen Test Kit	Chongqing M&D Biotechnology Co. Ltd.
Coretests COVID-19 Ag Test	Core Technology Co., Ltd
OnSite COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test	CTK Biotech, Inc.
Rapid Covid-19 Antigen (Nasopharyngeal Tampon) Test	VAT DIAGNOSTIC
COVID-19 Antigen Detection Kit	DNA Diagnostic
Dräger Antigen Test SARS-CoV-2	Dräger Safety AG & Co. KGaA
Dynamic SARS-CoV-2 Ag Rapid Test	Dynamiker Biotechnolgy (Tianjin) Co., Ltd.
Edinburgh Genetics ActivXpress + COVID-19 Antigen Complete Testing Kit	Edinburgh Genetics Limited
EBS SARS-CoV-2 Ag Rapid Test	Eurobio Scientific
ESPLINE SARS-CoV-2	Fujirebio
GA CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	GA Generic Assays GmbH
Virusee® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test (Colloidal Gold)	Genobio Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Genrui Biotech Inc.
GenSure COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	GenSure Biotech Inc.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen (Colloidal Gold)	Getein Biotech, Inc.
One Step Test for SARSCoV-2 Antigen (Colloidal Gold)	Getein Biotech, Inc.
Novel Coronavirus (2019- nCoV) Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal gold immunochromatography)	Glallergen CO., LTD
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Goldsite Diagnostic Inc.
GENEDIA W COVID-19 Ag	Green Cross Medical Science Corp.

2019-nCoV Antigen Test Kit (colloidal gold method)	Guangdong Hecin Scientific, Inc.
COVID-2019-nCoV Ag Rapid TestDetection Kit (ImmunoChromatography)	Guangdong Longsee Biomedical Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 Ag Test Kit	Guangdong Wesail Biotech Co. Ltd.
Wondfo 2019-nCoV Antigen Test (Lateral Flow Method)	Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech Co., Ltd
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device (Colloidal Gold)	Hangzhou Lysun Biotechnology Co. Ltd.
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	Hangzhou AllTest Biotech Co., Ltd
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette (Nasal Swab)	Hangzhou Biotest Biotech Co., Ltd
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette	Hangzhou Clongene Biotech Co., Ltd
Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Hangzhou Clongene Biotech Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 / Influenza A + B Antigen Combo Rapid Test	Hangzhou Clongene Biotech Co., Ltd.
Immunobio SARS-CoV-2 Antigen ANTERIOR NASAL Rapid Test Kit (minimally invasive)	Hangzhou Immuno Biotech Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV2 Antigen Rapid Test	Hangzhou Immuno Biotech Co., Ltd
Redtest Professional SarsCoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test (Covid-19 Ag)	Sigmed Sp. z oo
COVID-19 Antigen Test Cassette	Hangzhou DIAN Biotechnology Co., Ltd.
LYHER Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Hangzhou Laihe Biotech Co.
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device (Colloidal Gold)	Hangzhou Lysun Biotechnology Co. Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette	Hangzhou Sejoy Electronics & Instruments Co.Ltd
Covid-19 Antigen Test Cassette	Hangzhou Testsea Biotechnology Co., Ltd.
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette	Healgen Scientific
CLINITEST Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test	Siemens Healthineers
Corona Virus (COVID-19) Antigen Rapid Test (Colloidal Gold)	Hoyotek Biomedical Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit	Hubei Jinjian Biology Co., Ltd
Humasis COVID-19 Ag Test	Humasis
Innova SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Qualitative Test	Innova Medical Group.Inc
Coronavirus (SARS-Cov-2) Antigen Rapid Test Cassette (Nasal swab)	Innovation Biotech (Beijing) Co.Ltd
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test (nasopharyngeal specimen)	InTec PRODUCTS, INC.
Novel Corona Virus (SARSCoV-2) Ag Rapid Test Kit	Jiangsu Bioperfectus Technologies Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette (Colloidal Gold)	Jiangsu Diagnostics Biotechnology Co., Ltd

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (LFIA)	Jiangsu Medomics medical technology Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Cassette	Jiangsu Mole Bioscience CO., LTD.
COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test Device	Jiangsu Well Biotech Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (Colloidal Gold)	Joinstar Biomedical Technology Co. Ltd.
Covid-19 Antigen Schnelltest (Colloidales Gold)	IEDAU INTERNATIONAL GMBH
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold immunochromatography)	JOYSBIO (Tianjin) Biotechnology Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Labnovation Technologies Inc.
COVID-19 Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	LINKCARE (NANTONG DIAGNOS BIO)
PocRoc® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Lumigenex (Suzhou) Co., Ltd
QuickProfile ™ COVID-19 Antigen Test	LumiQuick Diagnostics Inc.
LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 Ag Test	LumiraDX
MEDsan SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	MEDsan GmbH
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette	Merlin Biomedical (Xiamen) Co., Ltd.
MEXACARE COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	MEXACARE GmbH
mö-screen Corona Antigen Test	möLab
COVIOS Ag COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test	Mologic Ltd
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Card	MP Biomedicals
NADAL COVID -19 Ag + Influenza A / B Test	Nal von minden GmbH
NADAL COVID -19 Ag Test	Nal von minden GmbH
StrongStep® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	Nanjing Liming Bio-Products Co., Ltd.
Novel Coronavirus (2019- nCoV) Antigen Testing Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Nanjing Norman Biological Technology Co., Ltd.
SARS-COV-2 Nucleocapsid (N) Antigen Rapid Detection Kit (Colloidal gold method)	Nanjing Synthgene Medical Technology Co., Ltd.
FREND COVID-19 Ag	NanoEntek
NanoRepro SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	NanoRepro AG
MARESKIT COVID-19 ANTIGEN RAPID TEST KIT	NESAPOR EUROPA SL
COVID-19 Antigen Detection Kit	New Gene (Hangzhou) Bioengineering Co., Ltd.
Ninonasal	NG Biotech
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	Novatech
CAT	Oncosem Oncology Systems San. and Tic. AS
GeneFinder COVID-19 Ag Plus Rapid Test	OSANG Healthcare Co., Ltd.
PCL COVID19 Ag Rapid FIA	PCL Inc.
PCL COVID19 Ag Gold	PCL Inc.

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Detection Kit (Colloidal Gold Immunochromatographic Assay)	PerGrande Bio Tech Development Co., Ltd.
Exdia COVI-19 Ag	Precision Biosensor Inc.
Rapid Test Ag 2019-nCov	Biotech forecast
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test (Immunochromatography)	Qingdao Hightop Biotech Co. Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 / Flu A + B / RSV Antigen Rapid Test	Qingdao Hightop Biotech Co. Ltd.
Sofia SARS Antigen FIA	Quidel Corporation
LIAISON® Quick Detect Covid Ag Assay	Rapid Pathogen Screening, Inc.
SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test	Roche (SD BIOSENSOR)
SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test Nasal	Roche (SD BIOSENSOR)
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Swab)	Safecare Biotech (Hangzhou) Co. Ltd.
Multi-Respiratory Virus Antigen Test Kit (Swab) (Influenza A + B / COVID-19)	Safecare Biotech (Hangzhou) Co. Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test (Colloidal Gold Method)	Sansure Biotech Inc.
ScheBo SARS CoV-2 Quick Antigen	ScheBo Biotech
ScheBo SARS CoV-2 Quick ANTIGEN (Colloidal Gold Method)	ScheBo Biotech
STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test Nasal	SD Biosensor Inc.
STANDARD F COVID-19 Ag FIA	SD BIOSENSOR Inc.
STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test	SD BIOSENSOR Inc.
V-Chek SARS-CoV-2 Ag Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	SGA Medical
V-Chek SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Ag Test (colloidal gold)	SGA Medical
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit	Shenzen Ultra-Diagnostics Biotec Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2-Antigen Rapid Detection Kit	Shenzhen CAS Envision Medical Technology Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Shenzhen Dymind Biotechnology Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Shenzhen Huian Biosci Technology Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (GICA)	Shenzhen Kisshealth Biotechnology Co., Ltd
Green Spring SARS-CoV-2 Antigen-Rapid Test Set	Shenzhen Lvshiyuan Biotechnology Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (Colloidal Gold Chromatographic Immunoassay)	Shenzhen Microprofit Biotech Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein Test Kit (Colloidal Gold Chromatographic Immunoassay)	Shenzhen Microprofit Biotech Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein Test Kit (Fluorescence Immunoassay)	Shenzhen Microprofit Biotech Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Ag Diagnostic Test Kit (Immuno-fluorescence)	Shenzhen Reagent Technology Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Ag Diagnostic Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Shenzhen Watmind Medical Co., Ltd

SARS-CoV-2 Ag Diagnostic Test Kit (Immunofluorescence)	Shenzhen Watmind Medical Co., Ltd
GLINE-2019-nCoV Ag	Shenzhen YHLO Biotech Co., Ltd.
Zhenrui ®COVID-19 Antigen Test Cassette	Shenzhen Zhenrui Biotech Co., Ltd
SGTi-flex COVID-19 Ag	Sugentech, Inc.
SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test Cassette	SureScreen Diagnostics
COVID-19 Antigen Test Kit	Surge Medical Inc.
TODA CORONADIAG Ag	TODA PHARMA
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Triplex International Biosciences Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Triplex International Biosciences Co., Ltd, China
INFO Covid-19 Ag Test	TÜRKLAB TIBB MALZEMELER SAN. and TIC. A.Yu.
Covid-19 Ag Test	TÜRKLAB TIBB MALZEMELER SAN. and TIC. A.Yu.
RAPIDAN TESTER Covid-19 Ag Test	TÜRKLAB TIBB MALZEMELER SAN. and TIC. A.Yu.
TOYO Covid-19 Ag Tes	TÜRKLAB TIBB MALZEMELER SAN. and TIC. A.Yu.
Rapid For SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Ag Test	Vitrosens Biotechnology Co., Ltd
Verino Pro SARS CoV 2 Ag Rapid Test	VivaChek Biotech (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Antigen-Test Kit	Wuhan EasyDiagnosis Biomedicine Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Assay Kit (Immunochromatography)	Wuhan Life Origin Biotech Joint Stock Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Wuhan UNscience Biotechnology Co., Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Kit (Lateral Flow Assay)	Wuxi Biohermes Bio & Medical Technology Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Xiamen AmonMed Biotechnology Co., Ltd
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Card	Xiamen Boson Biotech Co. Ltd.
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	Xiamen Wiz Biotech Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test (Colloidal Gold)	Xiamen Wiz Biotech Co., Ltd
AndLucky COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	Zhejiang Anji Saianfu Biotech Co., Ltd
reOpenTest COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	Zhejiang Anji Saianfu Biotech Co., Ltd
Pantest Coronavirus Ag (Nasopharyngeal Swab)	Pantest SA
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Antigen Detection Kit (Swab)	Zhejiang GENE SCIENCE Co., Ltd
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab)	Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech Co., Ltd
ENCODE SARS-COV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Device	Zhuhai Encode Medical Engineering Co., Ltd

COVID-19 Antigen Detection Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Zhuhai Lituo Biotechnology Co., Ltd.

Annex 3 to item I, 9.2.1.

Trade name of the vaccine according to the EU marketing authorization / WHO list	**Name of the manufacturer / holder of the marketing authorization**	**Completed vaccination course**
Comirnaty / (/ BNT162b2 Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine)	BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH / Pfizer-Biontech	2 doses
Vaxzevria / AZD1222	AstraZeneca AB	2 doses
Spikevax / COVID-19 VACCINE Modern / mRNA-1273	MODERN BIOTECH	2 doses
Janssen / Ad26.COV2.S	Janssen-Cilag International NV	1 dose
- / Covishield (ChAdOx1_nCoV-19)	Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd.	2 doses
- / SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV)	Sinopharm / BIBP1	2 doses
- / COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated / Coronavac	Sinovac Life Sciences Co., Ltd.	2 doses
- / Sputnik V	Russian Direct Investment Fund	2 doses
Nuvaxovid / NVX-CoV2373	Novavax	2 doses
- / NVX-CoV2373 / Covovax	Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd.	2 doses

Annex 4 to item I , 10

List of countries (territories) whose COVID-19 vaccination, testing and disease certificates are considered equivalent to the EU digital COVID certificate

Albania

Andorra

Armenia

Benin

Vatican (only in respect of vaccination certificates issued)

Great Britain

Georgia

El Salvador

Israel

Iceland

Jordan

Cape Verde

Lebanon

Liechtenstein

Morocco

Moldova

Monaco

New Zealand

Norway

United Arab Emirates

Panama

Republic of Northern Macedonia

San Marino

Singapore

Serbia

Taiwan

Thailand

Togo

Tunisia

Turkey

Ukraine

Uruguay

Faroe Islands

Montenegro

Switzerland

Further information: https://coronavirus.bg/bg/

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Entry requirements

01 - 31 August 2020 additional rules under Ordinances of the Minister of Health apply on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria:

- Persons, arriving from the following countries are excluded from the effective temporary ban on entry on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria: EU countries, UK, the Schengen states, including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco, the Vatican, Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Ruanda, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Tunis, Uruguay, Jordan, Ukraine, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Moldova, Israel, Kuwait, as well as persons possessing Type D Bulgarian Visa for long-term residence. The other exceptions from the temporary ban still include medical and transport personnel, officials, persons traveling for humanitarian (within the meaning of § 1, item 16 of the additional provisions of the Law for the Foreigners of the Republic of Bulgaria) or educational reasons, seasonal workers and workers in the field of tourism, as well as representatives of trade, economic and investment activities and persons directly related to: construction, maintenance, operation and ensuring the safety of the strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria, implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analyzes of projects of potential investors and other activities relevant to the country's economy, certified by a letter from the Minister of Economy or another minister responsible for the respective activity, as well as persons engaged in shipbuilding and ship repair and members of their families. The letter of the respective minister shall be submitted to the border control authorities;
- All persons, who are excluded from the temporary ban and commencing their travel from the territory of a Member State of the European Union, UK, Schengen states (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican), Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, Jordan and Ukraine shall be allowed on the territory of Bulgaria without the requirement to present a document, proving a negative PCR test result for COVID-19.
- Excluded from the temporary ban on entry are also organizers and participants in international sports competitions - for the time of the respective sporting event, certified by a letter from the Minister of Youth and Sports, in which the names of the persons and the place (address) of their stay in Bulgaria are indicated. The letter should be submitted to the border control authorities.
- Foreign citizens, who are to receive a decree under the Bulgarian Citizenship Law for acquiring a Bulgarian citizenship, certified by a letter from the Minister of Justice are also excluded from the temporary ban.
- Transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is now allowed to persons, traveling from countries, excluded from the temporary ban, the Republic of Moldova, or citizens of the Republic of Turkey, returning to their home country.

- Persons arriving from the following countries should present a document proving a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, issued up to 72 hours before their arrival to Bulgaria: all third countries, except those excluded from the temporary ban on entry, and those, beginning their travel from a starting point from third countries other than those referred to in in the second paragraph of the current text, including Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Moldova, Israel and Kuwait. The document should contain the names of the person according to the ID card, which they use during their travel, data about the laboratory that performed the test (name, address or other contact details), date on which the test was performed, written in English - method (PCR) and negative result (Negative), which would allow correct interpretation of the document.
- In case of a passenger with COVID-19 on board an aircraft, landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the cabin crew members who serviced the passenger are not to be scheduled for the next flight and will be a subject of a quarantine for a period of 14 days with a prescribe, issued by the director of the respective regional health inspection or an official authorized by him.

Start date: 01.08.2020

End date: 31.08.2020

22.07.2020

Transit through Bulgaria

Transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, upon submitting a declaration to Border Health Control Authorities, shall be granted to:

- citizens of EU Member States, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Schengen countries (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;
- third-country nationals who hold a long-term residence permit in another EU Member State, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or a Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to the country of residence;
- citizens of Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, Albania and Kosovo in order to return to the country of which they are nationals.

Transit shall be allowed only when immediate departure from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is guaranteed.

Start date: 18.06.2020

End date: 30.06.2020

Further information: https://www.mh.government.bg/media/filer_public/2020/06/17/z...

More info: https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/home_en

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The Bulgarian Customs Agency publishes information regarding COVID-19 on its administration's web-site : https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency/media-center/on-focus/covid-19 in Bulgarian and https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency-en/media-center/on-focus/covid-19 in English.

Mandatory 14-day quarantine (17.03.2020)

Bulgaria has issued an Ordinance N130 which establishes nationals of which countries shall be placed in quarantine for a period of 14 days. All Bulgarian nationals or foreign nationals having their permanent, long-term or extended residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and their family members arriving from certain countries shall be placed in quarantine for a period of 14 days either at their home or at a placement facility at which said persons have stated they would reside. For the list of countries and exemptions refer to the website.

Start date: 17.03.2020

End date: not available

Temporary ban on the entry of third-country nationals into the territory of Bulgaria (19.03.2020)

Bulgaria has issued an Ordinance N138 temporarily prohibiting the entry of third-country nationals into Bulgaria. The entry into the territory of Bulgaria shall be temporarily prohibited from 00:00 hours on 20 March until 17 April 2020, inclusive, to all third-country nationals at all border crossing points and with any means of transport, including aviation, maritime, rail and road. The ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of persons arriving from the following EU Member States and Schengen countries shall remain in force: Italy, Spain, France, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland, except Bulgarian citizens, family members of Bulgarian citizens and persons with permanent and long-term residence status on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. Citizens from these EU Member States and Schengen countries and their family members are allowed to transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria in order to return to their country of residence. For further information and possible exemptions consult the website.

Start date: 20.03.2020

End date: 17.04.2020

Contact information:

http://www.mh.government.bg/bg/novini/aktualno/ministrt-na-zdraveopazvaneto-izdade-zapoved-za-lic/