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**Announcement regarding requirement that everyone arriving into Iceland from risk areas will be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days or opt for a COVID-19 test upon arrival.**

Governmental measures aiming to prevent the coronavirus causing COVID-19 from being carried by travelers to Iceland. Please note that, there will be a continuation on strict conditions for traveling to the country from 15 June through 30 June 2020.

- All passengers traveling to Iceland, who have stayed for more than 24 hours in the last 14 days in an area defined as risk by the Chief Epidemiologist, must either self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, or if they meet conditions for testing, choose to be tested for COVID-19 at the border.
- The Chief Epidemiologist shall regularly revalue which countries and areas are defined as risk having taken into consideration information from international organisations such as WHO and ECDC. The Chief Epidemiologist has determined that the **Faroe Islands** and **Greenland** are no longer considered as high-risk areas. Those who have arrived in Iceland in the past 14 days from the Faroe Islands or Greenland no longer need to remain in quarantine upon arrival to Iceland. However, individuals who travel to Iceland with layover in the Faroe Islands or Greenland but who have been in other countries still considered risk areas within the 14 days prior to arrival in Iceland, must enter quarantine on arrival in Iceland until 14 days after they left the risk area.
- Travelers will be required to quarantine at designated places (home or other accommodation) and they are responsible for their own expenses during the quarantine, including housing and living expenses, as they have traveled to the country voluntarily despite the governments quarantine requirements.
- The quarantine requirement does not apply to flight and freight ship crews subject to certain conditions which can be found on the website <https://www.landlaeknir.is/english/publications-and-videos/file/item41756> or those with a previously confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 from the Icelandic health authorities. Transit passengers who do not enter Iceland and children born in 2005 or later are also exempt from both testing and quarantine, as well as those who have stayed outside of high-risk areas for 14 days prior to arrival.
- From 15 June passengers can opt for a COVID-19 test upon arrival, as an alternative to quarantine. Testing will be available at Keflavik airport and in Seydisfjordur (for passengers arriving on Smyril Line) for those who opt to be tested on arrival in Iceland. Passengers arriving in other international airports (Reykjavik, Akureyri, Egilsstadir) or ports will be tested at the closest local healthcare centre.
- Testing will be free of charge from 15 June until 30 June 2020. From 1 July passengers will be charged ISK 15.000 for a single test. Following the test, passengers can travel onward to their registered address (provided in their pre-registration form). Passengers

do not need to self-quarantine until they receive their test results (expected within 24 hrs), but should take preventive measures to protect themselves and others from infection.

- Those who receive negative test results from COVID-19 are exempt from the two-week quarantine requirement.
- If a passenger tests positive, they may be offered to undergo further tests to determine whether or not they have an infection. In the case of an active infection, the passenger must self-isolate.
- Further information can be found on [www.covid.is/english](http://www.covid.is/english).
- Passengers are required to fill out a pre-registration form (on [www.covid.is/english](http://www.covid.is/english)) before departure to Iceland, which requires passengers to provide their personal details and contact information, flight information, travel dates and address(es) during their stay in Iceland. The form also includes a declaration of health and passengers are required to provide information on countries they have visited before arrival, whether they have any symptoms of COVID-19, whether they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 before their arrival, or if they have been in close contact with an infected individual. The pre-registration form provides passengers with information on the conditions for entry into Iceland. Passengers can choose to be tested by a PCR-test for COVID-19 on arrival or self-quarantine for two weeks.
- Passengers are also encouraged to download and use the contact tracing app *Rakning C-19*. The app contains important information on COVID-19 and how to contact the health care service in Iceland. They are also encouraged to follow information on the official COVID-19 information portal [www.covid.is/english](http://www.covid.is/english), which hosts the most up to date information and important announcements in 8 different languages for tourists.
- In order for passengers to be tested at the border he/she must have filled out the pre-registration form before arrival to Iceland. Passengers shall also have pre-registered to be tested at the border. Otherwise, the passenger can be rejected to be tested at the border.
- Law enforcement authorities at border points will have a conversation with all arriving passengers and inform them about the requirements for quarantine, isolation and testing for COVID-19 according to regulation 580/2020, and about the contact tracing app, *Rakning C-19*. Also if a passenger must or chooses to go into self-quarantine it is looked into if the quarantine requirements are fulfilled. If serious grounds are for show to prove that the passenger will not obey the quarantine requirements he/she will be dismissed at the border.
- Border control at the internal borders will be extended according to the decision of the Ministry of Justice until 22 June 2020.
- It must be ensured that quarantine requirements have been presented securely to travelers that have already booked tickets to Iceland. The requirements should also be available for all travelers booking tickets to Iceland, including on booking sites. Aircraft and ship operators are urged to inform their passengers on the requirement to fill out a pre-registration prior departure to Iceland, on the contact tracing app, *Rakning C-19*, and about [www.covid.is](http://www.covid.is) where they will find useful information in 8 foreign languages.