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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONA NOW

Tips on conduct, labour law and travel regulations at a glance

Here you will find information on the Federal Government's Corona-Warn-App in your native language.



www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/corona-warn-app

Important: With the coronavirus vaccine, you can protect yourself and others.



www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/corona-virus

Health



HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS?

Everyone can help fight coronavirus. Keep contact with others to a minimum wherever possible and limit yourself to a constant group of people. This is the only way to avoid infection. Always important:



Washing your hands (at least 20 seconds)



Keeping a distance of 1.5 metres from other people.



Wearing a mask that covers the mouth and nose.



Cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm or into a tissue.



Ventilate closed rooms sufficiently.



WHY SHOULD I GET VACCINATED AGAINST CORONAVIRUS?

- You will protect yourself, your loved ones and your contact persons.
- Getting vaccinated is voluntary and free of charge. By calling 116 117, you can find out where you can get vaccinated.
- The vaccines have been checked thoroughly with regards to tolerability, safety and efficacy.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE BEEN INFECTED?

Have you had personal contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus? Contact your local public health office by telephone immediately! Even if there are no visible signs of illness. By calling 116 117, you can find out where you can get tested. Stay at home until the results are available!

PUBLIC LIFE



WHAT RULES APPLY IN PUBLIC SPACES?

The following applies in public spaces: Keep a distance of 1.5 metres. You must wear a (surgical) medical face mask at the following places: on public transport, when shopping, at public institutions and open-air places with many people. You must also wear it at your workplace if you cannot maintain a distance of 1.5 metres.

Caution: a fine of at least EUR 50 may be imposed for violating the obligation to wear a mask.

WHAT APPLIES WHEN THE INCIDENCE RATE EXCEEDS 100?

Then, restaurants and cafés remain closed (pick-up and food delivery possible). This also applies to bars, clubs, theatres, concert halls, cinemas, theme parks, sport clubs,

swimming pools, gyms and cosmetic studios. Most shops remain open up to an incidence rate of 150. Customers need an appointment and a negative test.



THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS REMAIN OPEN:

- Food shops, weekly markets and shops selling items for urgent daily needs.
- Hairdressers (with current negative coronavirus test).
- Hygiene and social distancing regulations must be adhered to at church services and other religious events.
- If the pandemic situation in the respective area allows it, the federal states can open shops, museums and zoos from 8 March. From 22 March, eateries can also open their external area.

You may only leave your home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. if you have an important reason for doing so, e.g. going to work, a medical emergency or taking care of your pet. Until 12 a.m., you can go for a walk alone or exercise.

Private gatherings: Members of one household may only meet with one more person (children up to the age of 14 are not counted).

If the incidence rate reaches 165, schools and day-care centres are closed (regular care). There are exceptions possible for graduating classes and special-needs schools.

The federal states may also adopt stricter regulations. You can find information about this topic on the websites of the federal states.



Work and money



WHAT HAPPENS IF MY EMPLOYER CLOSES FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE OF CORONA?

You are generally still entitled to remuneration, even if you cannot work.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I LOSE MY JOB?

You must register with your job centre or employment office. Both receive visitors, but only in urgent cases and if you have an appointment. You can register as unemployed by phone, letter or online. You can also file applications online. Important: The rules on protection against dismissal continue to apply. Furthermore, access to basic security for jobseekers has been simplified.



WHAT HAPPENS IF MY EMPLOYER HAS MANDATED SHORT-TIME WORK?

You can receive a short-time work allowance for up to 24 months. It can be up to 87% of your loss of earnings. The relevant employment agency checks whether all conditions met on a case-by-case basis.



WHAT HELP CAN I GET FOR MY BUSINESS?

The Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) is offering various favourable business loans. Please contact your bank or financing partners that pass on KfW loans. Small and medium-sized businesses that want to secure or expand training places receive financial support.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT DO SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS AND MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS GET?

Support available includes a KfW special programme with favourable loan conditions, grants for operating costs, guarantees with support from the government, tax measures and a support package for start-ups. Further support in the event of loss of revenue due to coronavirus will be available for privately financed cultural institutions and non-profit organisations, e.g. youth hostels, charity department stores or inclusive businesses.



WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS THERE FOR STUDENTS?

Students under acute financial strain can apply for a subsidy from their student services (Studierendenwerk). It amounts to up to 500 euros each month. Furthermore, there is the KfW student loan, which is also available to foreign students.



CAN I APPLY FOR CHILD ALLOWANCE?

If your income is not sufficient for your entire family, parental benefits are available. In 2021, you can receive 30 days of parental care leave per parent (60 days for single parents). This is also applicable if you must care for your children at home because their school or kindergarten has shut due to the pandemic.



WHAT APPLIES FOR TRAVEL?

Unnecessary private travel and tourism, both abroad and in Germany, should continue to be avoided. Overnight accommodation in Germany, e.g. in hotels, is now only permitted for vital purposes and not for tourism. Please find out about any current entry restrictions and border controls from the Federal Foreign Office and Federal Ministry of the Interior before you travel abroad.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN RETURNING?

Anyone who enters Germany from a risk area must undergo a Covid test 48 hours before travelling or immediately beforehand, and stay at home after arrival! Do not receive visitors and register immediately with your local health authority. You can undergo another coronavirus test the earliest from the fifth day. If the test is negative, you can end the quarantine prematurely. Otherwise, the quarantine

is 10 days. Find out where you can get tested by calling 116 117.

Caution: Fines will be imposed for violating the obligation to quarantine.

When entering the country from areas with a high rate of infection or areas with other virus variants, stricter regulations apply and you have to be tested already before entering the country. For all flight travel, tests before entry into the country are mandatory.

You can find out which areas are designated as risk areas, areas with high infection rates or virus variants at: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html



WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING?

In order to ease the economic and social impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the federal government and the states are providing more than 1 trillion euros in aid. There is an additional support program for companies and facilities who are to close in November or December 2020.



WHERE WILL I FIND RELIABLE INFORMATION ON THESE TOPICS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES?

The internet is full of rumours and fake news that quickly spread through chat groups. Up-to-date information in various languages that you can rely on can be found at:

www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/corona-virus and www.eu-gleichbehandlungsstelle.de/corona-virus.

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