Unofficial English translation of the French-language information sheet

Information Notice COVID-19: Sanitary measures and border controls

This notice supplements the notes verbales and circulars sent by the Mission suisse and the Protocol of the FDFA in connection with the measures taken by the Swiss authorities to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). It summarizes the rules applicable in the context of international passenger traffic resulting from l’ordonnance COVID-19 sur les mesures dans le domaine du transport international de voyageurs. It summarizes the rules applicable to international travellers' traffic, in particular the requirements for data collection, testing and quarantine.

This information is intended primarily for persons expected to be present in an official capacity at a diplomatic or consular representation, permanent mission/representation/delegation or international organization (hereinafter "institutional beneficiaries"). These are mainly:

- staff members and persons authorized to accompany them;
- State delegates or other official representatives invited by name by one of the above-mentioned entities.

The present notice is regularly updated according to the evolution of the rules. Nevertheless, only the information available on the website of l’Office fédéral de la santé publique (OFSP) and the Secrétariat d’État aux migrations (SEM).

1 L’Ordonnance COVID-19 transport international de voyageurs still provides for the possibility of imposing a 10-day quarantine requirement, an obligation to present a negative test and to register the contact details of travellers coming from a State or Zone where a variant of the virus of concern is circulating. However, this list is currently blank. For the time being, the above-mentioned obligations are therefore lifted.

1. Data collection (entry form)

As of 16 February 2022, only persons entering Switzerland from a State or zone listed in Annex 1 of the Ordinance COVID-19 on measures in the field of international passenger transport are required to register their contact details and, if necessary, their health data. Persons who transport passengers or goods across the border in the course of their business or who cross the border into Switzerland without stopping are exempt.

To date the list of states in annex 1 is empty. There is therefore currently no obligation to register its data.

2. Test for SARS-CoV-2 (PCR and rapid immunoassay)

As of February 16, 2022, only persons aged 6 years or older coming from a State or zone listed in Annex 1 must present a negative PCR test, performed within 72 hours before entering Switzerland, or a rapid antigenic test, performed within 24 hours before entering Switzerland, at the time of embarkation and upon request upon arrival.

To date, the list of states in Annex 1 is empty. Therefore, there is currently no obligation to perform a test to enter Switzerland.

However, airlines and long-distance bus companies may require a negative test at the time of boarding. It is therefore recommended that you check directly with the airline or company concerned to find out what rules apply.

1 Schedule I and the various sections referenced in parentheses in this notice refer to this order.
3. Quarantine obligation

Persons who have stayed in a state or zone as defined in Annex 1 during the 10 days prior to their arrival must immediately and directly after entering Switzerland move to their accommodation or other suitable accommodation and remain there permanently for 10 days after entering Switzerland (travel quarantine).

To date, the list of countries in Annex 1 is empty. Therefore, there is currently no obligation to perform quarantine after entry into Switzerland.

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Additional information on the rules of entry into Switzerland and on the COVID certificate are published and regularly updated on le site internet de la Mission suisse.

More information is also available on the following websites

Basel-Stadt: https://www.coronavirus.bs.ch/

Bern: www.be.ch/corona


Vaud: https://www.vd.ch/toutes-les-actualites/hotline-et-informations-sur-le-coronavirus