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Tilkynning um kröfu þess efnis að allir þeir sem koma til landsins frá áhættusvæðum sæti 14 daga sóttkví eða fari í valkvæða sýnatöku á landamærum vegna COVID-19.

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 1 July 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 those with a previously confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 from the Icelandic health authorities. At this time, the Icelandic health authorities cannot accept proof of test results from other countries. 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.
- Also exempt from the quarantine requirements are flight and freight ship crews who are residents in Iceland who have observed specific precautions while travelling for work. <https://www.landlaeknir.is/um-embattid/greinar/grein/item39194/Skilgreind-ahaettusvaedi--Defined-high-risk-areas>. More detailed information on exemption from quarantine requirements for ship crews in Iceland can be found here. <https://www.landlaeknir.is/servlet/file/store93/item41756/Exemption%20from%20req>

[uirement%20for%20quarantine%20in%20Iceland%20for%20ship%20crews.pdf](https://www.landlaeknir.is/servlet/file/store93/item41755/Exemption%20from%20requirement%20for%20quarantine%20in%20Iceland%20for%20ship%20crews.pdf) and on the exemption from requirement for quarantine in Iceland for flight crews travelling abroad for work:

<https://www.landlaeknir.is/servlet/file/store93/item41755/Exemption%20from%20requirement%20for%20quarantine%20in%20Iceland%20for%20flight%20crews%20travelling%20abroad%20for%20work.pdf>

- From 15 June passengers have been able to opt for a COVID-19 test upon arrival, as an alternative to quarantine. Testing will be available at Keflavik airport and in Seydisfjardur (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 either at the airport or at the closest local healthcare centre. 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. However, a negative test result does not guarantee that an individual will not later be required to self-quarantine if they have been exposed to infection, e.g. on the flight to Iceland. 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. PCR testing was offered on arrival from 15 June, free of charge. From the 1 July however, passengers will be charged ISK 9 000 for a single test at pre-registration but ISK 11 000 if paid on arrival although no more than ISK 22 000 every 30 days for each individual.
- Further information can be found on <https://www.covid.is/categories/tourists-travelling-to-iceland> and <https://www.landlaeknir.is/servlet/file/store93/item41745/GA%20Passengerinfo%20updated%2030062020.pdf>
- Passengers are required to fill out a pre-registration form (on 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 (or during their stay if that is shorter). The pre-registration process will facilitate testing and shorten wait times for passengers. Children born in 2005 are exempt from filling out the pre-registration form.
- 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 and be required to quarantine for 14 days.

- Passengers are also encouraged to download and use the contract 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, which hosts the most up to date information and important announcements in 8 different languages.
- 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 contract 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 shown to prove that the passenger will not obey the quarantine requirements he/she will be dismissed at the border.
- 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 contract tracing app, *Rakning C-19*, and about www.covid.is/english where they will find useful information in 8 foreign languages.