Information for travellers to Iceland after 15 June 2020

Iceland’s borders have remained open to other EU and Schengen states throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, under the condition that passengers quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Iceland will continue to implement the travel restrictions imposed for the Schengen Area, which are currently due to remain in place until 30 June 2020. From this date, passengers can opt for a COVID-19 test upon arrival, as an alternative to quarantine.

- Passengers fill out a pre-registration form before arrival
- Passenger choose to undergo testing for COVID-19 upon arrival or else stay in quarantine
- Passengers and crew wear facemasks during international flights
- Arriving passengers and frontline staff wear facemasks at the airport
- Attention to hygiene and basic infection control is required and physical distancing should be respected
- While waiting test results passengers are asked to stay at their registered residence
- Passengers are encouraged to download and use the app Rakning C-19
- More details on these items and other information can be found below

Before departure
Passengers are required to fill out a pre-registration form before departure to Iceland, with their personal details, contact information, type of transport, 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.

Passengers are also encouraged to download and use the COVID-19 app Rakning C-19. The app contains important information on COVID-19 and how to contact the health care service in Iceland.

Health safety of air travellers, aviation personnel, ports and ships
Updated guidelines for health safety measures are in line with EASA and ECDC’s COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol Operational Guidelines. Passengers will be required to abide by the guidelines regarding infection control, physical distancing and use of facemasks during flights and on arrival at the airport. Updated guidelines are being prepared for ports and ships. This information is available on www.covid.is.

Health safety control measures at the border
The pre-registration form provides passengers with information on the conditions for entry into Iceland. Passengers can choose a PCR-test for COVID-19 on arrival or to self-quarantine for 14 days (or during their stay if that is shorter). Children born in 2005 or later are exempt from these measures, as well as those
who have stayed outside of high-risk areas for 14 days prior to arrival. Flight and freight ship crews who are residents in Iceland are also exempt from these measures. At this time, the Icelandic health authorities cannot accept proof of test results from other countries. Those with a previously confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in Iceland are exempt from quarantine upon their return from travel abroad.

Points of entry
Testing will be available at Keflavik airport and in Seydisfjordur (for passengers arriving on the Smyril Line). 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. The pre-registration process will facilitate testing and shorten wait times for passengers.

Testing at the border
PCR testing will be 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. Following the test, passengers can travel onward to their registered address (provided in their pre-registration form). While waiting their test results travellers are asked to follow the instructions below.

While waiting for test results
Passengers do not need to self-quarantine until they receive their test results, but should take preventive measures to protect themselves and others from infection. Please stay at your residence and avoid being out and about and do not use public transport if possible (e.g. use rent-a-car or taxi rather than bus or domestic flight). Wash your hands and/or use of hand sanitizer regularly, avoid touching common surfaces, avoid touching your face (eyes, mouth and nose) with unwashed hands, and respect physical distancing (try to stay 2 meters/6 feet from others).

Reporting of test results
Passengers can expect to receive their test results within 24 hours, usually on the same day, or the following day for those arriving later than 5 PM. Passengers will receive their test results through the app (Rakning C-19), or through text message. Passengers who test positive will receive a phone call notifying them. To ensure they receive their test results, all passengers are required to provide reliable contact information on their pre-registration forms.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test result
If a passenger tests positive, they will be evaluated by the health care service and offered to undergo further tests such as an antibody test to determine whether or not they have an active infection. In the case of an active infection, the passenger must self-isolate. Foreign nationals who are required to self-isolate and do not have access to a suitable location where they can isolate will be given accommodation at a specialised isolation centre at no cost to them. Infected individuals must provide information to the contact tracing team on who they have come in close contact with during two days prior to the onset of their symptoms. Further information on isolation requirements can be found here: https://www.covid.is/categories/how-does-isolation-work.
Requirements for a two-week quarantine

All information on requirements for quarantine is available at https://www.covid.is/categories/how-does-quarantine-work Please note that violations of quarantine or isolation requirements are subject to fines or enforcement action from the relevant authorities to ensure compliance.

In the event of an obligatory self-quarantine

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.

The contact tracing team interviews those who have been in close contact with a confirmed active case during two days prior to the onset of symptoms, e.g. been within 2 meters of an individual for more than 15 minutes, or those who have sat close to an infected individual on an airplane (usually within two seat-row radius). They might be required to self-quarantine for two weeks from the time of last contact.

In case of diagnosis

Medical examination, treatment or medical supervision of notifiable diseases, including COVID-19, is of no cost to the patient. This does not apply to an elective PCR-test for the diagnosis of COVID-19.

During the stay

All travellers are encouraged to take precautionary measures to protect themselves and others, such as frequent handwashing, use of disinfectants, and to follow health safety regulations in place. All travellers are encouraged to maintain a distance of 2 meters from others as much as possible. Social distancing is an important part of preventive measures and anyone who wishes is entitled to maintain distance.

PCR tests do not absolutely rule out COVID-19 infections in asymptomatic individuals. Travellers are encouraged to download and use the COVID-19 app Rakning C-19. The app contains important information on COVID-19 and how to contact the health care service. They are also encouraged to follow information on the official COVID-19 information portal www.covid.is, which hosts the most up to date information and important announcements in several languages for tourists.

Tourists are encouraged to monitor their health. Those who become ill or think they may have symptoms of COVID-19 can contact the health care helpline through the app Rakning C-19, the information portal www.covid.is, through the national online health portal Heilsuvera, by phone by dialling 1700 or, if calling from a foreign phone number, at +354 544 4113.