

ENTRY INTO AUSTRIA & PRE-TRAVEL CLEARANCE

The cornerstone of the COVID-19-Einreiseverordnung 2022 (COVID-19 Entry Regulation 2022) is the focus on means of verification that you are not infected 3G (proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result for SARS-CoV-2) is required for any type of entry. This also includes the EUDigital COVID Certificates, which contain an EU-compliant QR code.



As evidence of vaccination, all of the vaccines which have been authorised by the EMA or have successfully passed the evaluation process of the WHO are recognised. Stricter rules apply to entry from so-called virus variant regions and states.



The second dose of vaccines and any subsequent vaccination will be recognised for up to 270 days after they are received.



Between the first and second vaccination a period of at least 14 days must have passed, and between a second and third vaccination there must be a gap of at least 90 days.



The COVID-19 entry regulations do not apply to persons who want to enter Austria due to armed conflicts.



COVID-19 PREVENTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION :

Explanation of the "G-Rules" in Austria :

- 3G = fully vaccinated or recovered or tested (PCR-tested or antigen-tested)
- 2.5G = fully vaccinated or recovered or tested (PCR-tested only)
- 2G = fully vaccinated or recovered. Under the 2G rule, tests are not accepted for entry.
- 2G = fully vaccinated or recovered and, additionally, a negative PCR test result. Persons who can present a recovery certificate not older than 180 days do not need a PCR result.

Regulations for vaccinated persons :

- The vaccination certificate is valid for 180 days after the second dose. The vaccination certificate is valid for 270 days after a booster shot (second or third dose depending on the vaccine).

Regulations for recovered persons :

- If people have recovered from COVID-19, they do not have to test for the virus for 180 days from the end of the infection. They need the quarantine order or a medical certificate issued by a doctor to prove that they have recovered from the infection. The vaccination certificate is valid for 180 days from the day of vaccination for recovered persons who received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Regulations for tested persons :

- PCR tests are valid for 48 hours for persons aged 12 and over.
- Antigen tests (e.g. from a testing centre or pharmacy) are valid for 24 hours (but are not accepted in all locations)
- Antigen self-tests are no longer valid as entrance tests.
- All possibilities for COVID-19 testing in Vienna: <https://covidtests.at/>

FFP2 masks :

- Are required in all public areas in enclosed spaces. In all types of accommodation, shops, markets and on public transport and taxis, FFP2 masks are mandatory. In restaurants/cafés/clubs FFP2 masks are recommended (but not mandatory, because access is only granted to people who have recovered or are vaccinated ("2G rule").

Which travel regulations are in place if people travel abroad or return to Austria :

- Due to the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, travel

warnings are in place for some countries around the world. Entering Austria from abroad is permitted for persons who are tested or vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 ("3G rule"). They need to submit written proof of their status.

Symptoms of COVID-19 :

○ Indications of a severe infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 include, among other symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Breathing difficulties
- Diarrhoea
- Sudden loss of taste and smell

What should people do if they have typical symptoms ? :

○ If people start to feel unwell during their trip to Austria and experience typical coronavirus symptoms such as a dry cough, unusual fatigue, or a high temperature, they must call the health advice hotline 1450. 1450 will tell them what to do next and advise them how they can best protect themselves and others. They must reduce contact with others, avoid crowds of people and public transport and self-isolate if possible.

What should people do if they have typical symptoms ? :

○ If the PCR test comes back as positive, visitors to Austria must quarantine (in the hotel) and contact the health advice hotline 1450 which will give details about the next steps. During quarantine, they are not allowed to leave their accommodation or receive private visitors. They might be subject to in-person checks by officials during quarantine. Public health officers can decide whether individuals are allowed to travel home, e.g. by private car. Train or plane journeys are not permitted with suspected or confirmed symptoms.

What should people do if they have typical symptoms ? :

- FFP2 masks are mandatory in enclosed spaces.
- Events is subject to the rules for restaurants*
- For events with more than 50 people, a COVID-19 officer must be appointed and a COVID-19 prevention concept must be drawn up and submitted to the authorities 2 weeks prior to the event

* Restaurants, bars, clubs and hotels are open. In restaurants the "2G-rule" (vaccinated or recovered) applies. Hotel guests do not have to provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a test certificate (for checkin). However, the 2G rule applies to all restaurants and bars located in hotels in Vienna.