

Post-Entry Quarantine Ordinance (EQV)

FAQ

1. What does the EQV regulate and how long does it apply?

The Post-Entry Quarantine Ordinance (EQV) of 9 April 2020 (<https://www.verkuendung-bayern.de/baymb/2020-192/>) stipulates that persons entering the Free State of Bavaria by land, sea or air from a state outside the Federal Republic of Germany must go straight to their own home immediately after entry and seclude themselves there for 14 days after entry.

The EQV does not however regulate whether a person may enter Germany/Bavaria at all. It only regulates whether a person must go into quarantine post-entry. The Federal Government alone regulates issues concerning entry or exit. If you have any questions, please contact the Federal Ministry of the Interior:

BMI FAQs:

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/bevoelkerungsschutz/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html>

BMI telephone helpline:

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/service/kontakt/buergerservice/buergerservice-kontakt-node.html>

The EQV currently applies until 3 May 2020 and will - if necessary - be prolonged.

2. I have to go into quarantine. What must I do now, and for how long?

If you are subject to the quarantine obligation, you must go straight to your own home immediately after entry. Furthermore, you are obliged to inform the health office that is responsible for you that you are subject to the quarantine obligation without delay. If any symptoms of illness occur, you must also report that fact to your health office without delay.

3. What exceptions are there to the EQV, do I have to report exceptions and do I need a certificate as proof?

The EQV provides for several exceptions. Anyone who, for example, transports people, goods or merchandise across borders for professional reasons is not subject to the quarantine obligation if in addition he/she shows no symptoms of Covid-19.

If you qualify as an exception, you need not contact your local health office and report this with regard to the EQV. Only persons who have to go into quarantine are obliged to report to the health office. Nor do you need a certificate from the health office to prove that you qualify as an exception.

Please see the FAQs below for more details.

4. Do I have to go into quarantine if I...

a) ...spent several days in my home country and now have to return to my workplace in Bavaria?

You do not have to go into quarantine if you return to your workplace in Bavaria and your employer urgently needs you there for your work and you show no symptoms of Covid-19. This is the case, for example, if your work cannot reasonably be carried out without your physical presence on site (e.g. skilled workers, assembly line workers, carers, etc.), in other words if working from a home office abroad is not expedient or if there is a risk of contractual penalties or considerable financial losses if the work is not carried out on site (e.g. subcontractors from abroad working on a construction site in Bavaria).

It is best to have this confirmed by your employer/client so that you have proof in case you are stopped and checked.

b) ...live abroad and have to go to Bavaria every day to work?

If you commute to Bavaria every day from abroad, avoid regularly staying abroad for more than 48 hours so that you do not have to go into quarantine in Germany provided that, in addition, you show no symptoms of Covid-19.

If you stay abroad for more than 48 hours (e.g. over the weekend), the answer to the FAQ supplied under 4.a) applies accordingly.

c) ...I work abroad and am going back home?

If you commute to a foreign country from Bavaria every day, avoid regularly staying abroad for more than 48 hours so that you do not have to go into quarantine in Germany provided that, in addition, you show no symptoms of Covid-19.

If you are abroad for more than 48 hours (e.g. because you work there from Monday to Friday), you do not have to go into quarantine if you have another valid reason for travelling to Bavaria. A valid reason is normally if you are returning to your life partner and/or your child in Bavaria.

d) ...I want to visit my life partner in Bavaria?

According to the EQV, a visit to your life partner in Bavaria is a valid reason for travelling and constitutes an exception to the quarantine obligation. However, as a rule this does not constitute an urgent reason entitling the life partner to enter the country (i.e. to cross the border) if the partner is not a German citizen. Thus, as the border is not crossed, the question of quarantine obligation does not arise in most cases.

As the issue of crossing the border is a Federal matter, for a definitive answer please contact the Federal Ministry of the Interior:

BMI FAQs:

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/bevoelkerungsschutz/coronavirus/coronavirus-fags.html>

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e) ...I am only travelling through Bavaria?

If you are just travelling through Bavaria, you do not have to go into quarantine, but you do have to leave the Free State of Bavaria on an immediate route. A short rest for safety reasons is permitted.