Border regime of Slovakia

The Decree concerning the border regime of Slovakia with effect from 9 July 2021 (from 6:00 hours) can be found here. Amendment published on 8 July 2021 can be found here.

Notice: The document does not serve as binding interpretation of the valid legislation. In the event of conflict, exclusively the wording of applicable Decree published in the Journal of the Government of the Slovak Republic shall apply.

General rules for arrivals from abroad

No later than upon entry in the territory of the Slovak Republic, people arriving in Slovakia must register at http://korona.gov.sk/ehranica and must be able, when requested, to show certification about registration during their stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

People arriving in the Slovak Republic by air are also obliged to fill in the form of passenger location: https://www.mindop.sk/covid/. Passangers arriving from country not included in the list of countries stated below need to show negative RT-PCR test result not older than 72 hours.

All unvaccinated persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 9 July, 6:00 hours must enter self-isolation, which ends, in case of asymptomatic course and without testing on the 14th day.

If, after arrival from abroad, people have COVID-19 symptoms, they have to report this to their attending physician or paediatrician; if they do not have an attending physician in the Slovak Republic, they shall inform a locally competent physician of the self-governing region.

Definition of a fully vaccinated person

- at least 14 days and not more than 12 months after administration of the second dose of a two-dose vaccine,
- at least 21 days and not more than 12 months after administration of a single-dose vaccine
- at least 14 days and not more than 12 months after administration of the first dose of vaccine, if it was administered up to 180 days after recovery from COVID-19 disease,
- after administration of the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19 disease with a single-dose or two-dose scheme (immediately after administration of the first dose) – temporarily till 9 August 2021
Besides EU COVID certificate or vaccination certificate from Slovakia, certificates from other countries are also accepted, on condition that the certificate is in Slovak, Czech or English.

Registration in e-border

- Every person entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 9 July 2021 must register at [http://korona.gov.sk/ehranica](http://korona.gov.sk/ehranica). Persons up to the age of 12 and persons transiting through the territory of Slovakia (defined below) do not have to register.
- Registration is mandatory during each entry to the territory of the Slovak Republic. This is not applied on:
  - fully vaccinated - their first registration is valid for the next 6 months
  - persons after vaccination with the first dose of any vaccine – for these persons the first registration is valid till 9 August
  - persons from 12 to 18 years, in this case the first registration is valid till 9 August
  - persons travelling for the purpose of diagnostics or treatment, for these persons the first registration is valid 1 week
  - persons entering Slovakia travelling to other countries while using transit routes only (routes and transit details are described below)
  - children under age 12.
  - registration does not apply to freight crews, bus transport, aircrew members, ship crews, drivers, drivers, train crews and railway service staff,
  - registration does not apply to drivers and crews of medical services who transport a patient or transport organs intended for transplantation, blood and blood substitutes,
  - registration does not apply to funeral workers who carry out the international transport of human remains or human remains for burial or cremation.
- One registration is sufficient till 1 September:
  - for persons having permanent or temporary residence in Slovakia and they work in neighbouring states, EU countries or Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland, and during the past 14 days they visited only these countries and they travel for work
  - for persons with permanent residence or residence in EU countries, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland and in case of Ukraine up to 100 km from an open border crossing, working in the territory of the Slovak Republic and travelling only for the purpose of work
  - for the Slovak citizens, living in frontier areas of neighbouring countries up to 100 km from an opened border crossing.

Quarantine

- All persons entering the Slovak Republic from 9 July 2021, 6:00 hours must enter self-isolation which ends, if person is not tested and in case of asymptomatic course, on the 14th day.
Self-isolation can be ended by receiving a negative RT-PCR test result. Test can be done on the 5th day (soonest).
Children up to the age of 12 do not have to be tested, their self-isolation ends with the self-isolation of other common household members.
Self-isolation is also applied to members of common household who did not travel – it ends with the self-isolation of other members.

Quarantine is not mandatory for:
- fully vaccinated people
- persons from 12 to 18 years, if no one else in common household is in mandatory self-isolation – temporarily till 9 August
- persons who should not get vaccinated for health reasons; these must submit a confirmation according to the sample in enclosure of the ordinance, at the same time they must have a negative RT-PCT test result not older than 72 hours
- unvaccinated Slovak citizens with permanent or temporary residence in border areas of neighbouring state up to 100 km from opened border crossing for the territory of the Slovak Republic – they must show negative RT-PCT test result not older than 7 days
- unvaccinated persons, having an exemption so far, such as plane crew, train crew, truck drivers, funeral service employees and other – exact list and eventual need to show a COVID-19 negative RT-PCR test result is defined in the ordinance; these persons must still register in e-border

Other changes in exemptions from quarantine:
- Entry to the territory of the Slovak Republic for selected professional groups (e.g. delegations representing SR, European Parliament members or employees of international organizations) and in some life situations there is a duty to show a negative RT-PCR test result not older than 72 hours when entering Slovakia. (Details are stated in § 7 of the ordinance).
- The duty of self-isolation is also applied on unvaccinated persons who enter or leave the territory of the Slovak Republic for a short time for the purpose of marriage, including close relatives of engaged couple. Exemption for a short-term entry for the purpose of funeral of a close person is still valid, if unvaccinated person shows negative RT-PCR test result not older than 72 hours.

Regime for the people travelling for work who are not vaccinated – valid till 1 September 2021:

Self-isolation is not applied if persons fulfill all these conditions:
- within the last 14 days they only visited EU countries, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein, Switzerland or Ukraine and at the same time:
  - they have a permanent or temporary residence in the Slovak Republic and they work in an EU country, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein, Switzerland or Ukraine or
  - they have a permanent or temporary residence in an EU country, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein or in Switzerland and in case of
Ukraine up to 100 km from an open border crossing, and they work in the Slovak Republic

- they have a confirmation from their employer stating the place of work
- they have a negative RT-PCR test not older than 7 days

**Students** entering the territory of the Slovak Republic, who are more than 12 years old, and they attend a kindergarten, an elementary school, a secondary grammar school or a university in any of the bordering states (or vice versa, they reside in any of the bordering countries and they attend a school in the Slovak Republic) do not have to undergo quarantine in case they have a confirmation from the school stating their full-time studies (on a daily basis), as well as a negative RT-PCR or rapid antigen test result not older than 7 days. The same conditions apply for one accompanying person. Except of demonstrating a negative test result, the accompanying person must present a confirmation of an accompanying person status.

We would like to stress the fact that students must cross borders only for the reason of their active studies (full-time educational process must be in place; this border regime cannot be applied when teaching on-site is interrupted, e.g. during summer break).

**Entering the Slovak Republic by air**

If you enter the Slovak Republic by air from any of the countries not listed below, you are obliged to demonstrate to the Police of the Slovak Republic a negative RT-PCR test result not older than 72 hours.

List of the countries from which a negative RT-PCR test is not necessary:
- Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Montenegro, People’s Republic of China, Czechia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Georgia, The Netherlands, Hong Kong, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Canada, South Korea, Kosovo, Cuba, Lebanon, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Macau, Hungary, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, North Macedonia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Serbia, Switzerland, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America

After arrival from all other countries, a negative RT-PCR test is necessary.

- these conditions are applied to arrivals by plane to Slovak airports
- every incoming person must fill out the following form [https://www.mindop.sk/covid/](https://www.mindop.sk/covid/)
- after flying in to the Slovak Republic from a country not listed in the list above, it is obligatory to present a negative RT-PCR test not older than 72 hours – this is applicable to vaccinated persons also. This condition has been stipulated because of the fact that incoming travellers arrive by a means of transport with a higher risk of infection transmission from a country, which may have a higher risk of spreading infection of an
epidemiologically grave SARS-CoV-2 variant of concern. By combining the registration and testing, the risk of spreading of new dangerous variants of concern is significantly decreased.

**TRANSIT ROUTES THROUGH THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC VALID FROM JULY 9, 2021**

After entering the territory of the Slovak Republic, quarantine obligation does not apply to transit of persons and their family members to a country, in which they have official residence or of which they are citizens. These persons must transit the territory of the Slovak Republic through designated travel corridors without stopping, except for refuelling. The transit cannot last longer than 8 hours.

- Transit through the Slovak Republic must be carried out without stopping with the exception of refuelling
- Transit must be carried out within 8 hours
- It is not obligatory to register before the transit

Routes for transit across Slovak Republic (for passenger traffic only):
Ukraine – Czech Republic

Route Ukraine – Czech Republic is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Vyšné Nemecké - Užhorod, Sobrance, Michalovce, Prešov, Poprad, Ružomberok, Žilina, Border Crossing Point Makov - Bílá-Bumbálka / Border Crossing Point Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov

Czech Republic – Ukraine

Route Czech Republic – Ukraine is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Makov - Bílá-Bumbálka / Border Crossing Point Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov, Žilina, Ružomberok, Poprad, Prešov, Michalovce, Sobrance, Border Crossing Point Vyšné Nemecké – Užhorod

Poland – Austria/Hungary

1. Route Poland - Austria/Hungary is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Trstená – Chyžné, Dolný Kubín, Martin, Žilina, Nové Mesto nad Váhom, Bratislava Border Crossing Point (Bratislava -Jarovce – Kittsee/ Čunovo – Rajka).

2. Route Poland - Hungary is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Trstená – Chyžné, Dolný Kubín, Ružomberok, Banská Bystrica, Zvolen, Border Crossing Point Šahy – Parassapuszta.


4. Route Poland - Hungary is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Vyšný Komárnik – Barwinek – Svidník, Giraltovce, Prešov, Košice, Border Crossing Point Milhosť – Torynosnémeti.

Austria/Hungary - Poland

1. Route Austria/Hungary – Poland is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point (Bratislava -Jarovce – Kittsee/ Čunovo – Rajka), Bratislava, Nové Mesto nad Váhom, Žilina, Martin, Dolný Kubín, Border Crossing Point Trstená – Chyžné.

2. Route Hungary - Poland is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Šahy – Parassapuszta, Zvolen, Banská Bystrica, Ružomberok, Dolný Kubín, Border Crossing Point Trstená – Chyžné.

3. Route Austria/Hungary – Poland is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point (Bratislava -Jarovce – Kittsee/ Čunovo – Rajka), Bratislava, Nové Mesto nad Váhom, Žilina, Kysucké Nové Mesto, Čadca, Border Crossing Point Skalité – Zwardoň.

4. Route Hungary – Poland is designated in following direction: Border Crossing Point Milhosť – Torynosnémeti, Košice, Prešov, Giraltovce, Svidník, Border Crossing Point Vyšný Komárnik – Barwinek.

Czech Republic - Austria/Hungary

Designated route for transit in following direction: Motorway No. D2 - Border Crossing Point Břeclav- Brodské, Bratislava, Border Crossing Point (Bratislava -Jarovce – Kittsee/ Čunovo – Rajka).

Austria/Hungary – Czech Republic

Designated route for transit in following direction: Motorway No. D2 - Border Crossing Point (Bratislava -Jarovce – Kittsee/ Čunovo – Rajka), Bratislava, Border Crossing Point Břeclav- Brodské.
Persons with permanent or temporary residence, also with their family members who are entering or leaving the Slovak Republic for diagnostics or medical treatment do not have to apply at the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic for an exception, in case their stay will not last more than 12 hours.

However, they have to present a medical invitation or show a certificate of treatment afterwards. If their stay will last longer than 12 hours, they have to apply for an appraisal of request on the following website https://cestujem.standardnepostupy.sk.

Persons, who transport their relatives from/to international airports in the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Austria should register themselves at https://naletisko.mzv.sk/, at the latest while leaving the Slovak Republic. They have to show this registration in a paper form and their relative’s flight ticket in an electronic or a paper form at the control. It is obligatory to travel exclusively through the territory of EU Member States, without any stopping (with the exception of stopping because of refuelling or boarding and disembarking of transported persons). While observing the rules, it is possible to enter the Slovak Republic without a negative test.

If any symptoms of a respiratory disease will appear after your arrival from a foreign country, no matter from which country you have come, you should call your treating doctor and familiarise him with your travel anamnesis.

The doctor will determine further process of diagnosis and treatment. The same stands for people who have symptoms of a respiratory disease and know that they were in contact with a person, who came from a foreign country.

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