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CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

New Coronavirus Regulation from September 16, 2021

With this vaccination, we have an effective means of combating the coronavirus pandemic. The situation in hospitals shows that people who have been vaccinated are reliably protected against serious illnesses. In order to prevent the health system from being overburdened by unvaccinated people, the state government is adapting its coronavirus regulations.

With this new [coronavirus regulation](#) we wish to ensure that the health system will not be overburdened by Covid-19 cases. Since not enough people have been vaccinated yet, a new coronavirus wave is threatening our hospitals. As such, we can see from the hospitals that [vaccinated people are well protected from serious illnesses](#).

Unvaccinated people on the other hand are infected significantly more often, are more frequently seriously ill and have to be treated more often in intensive care. About 90 per cent of Covid patients in hospitals are unvaccinated people.

The measures included in the new coronavirus regulation should prevent a rapid increase in Covid-19 cases. What needs to be avoided is patients having to wait to be treated in the hospitals. The new regulation addresses the agreements made by the federal chancellor and the state premiers.

On September 14, 2021, the seven-day incidence rate among vaccinated people, for example, was just 18.5; among the unvaccinated it was 205.5 or more than 11 times as high. The 28-day hospitalization incidence rate at 28.1 is also more than nine times as high as among the vaccinated (2.25).

Stricter regulations as hospitals become overburdened

Therefore, the state government is adapting its coronavirus regulation from this perspective. If the health system shows signs of being overburdened, the regulations for people who do not wish to be vaccinated have to be tightened. Further restrictions on vaccinated people cannot be justified. The new regulations apply uniformly throughout Baden-Württemberg.

For this purpose, we are setting up a three-tier system. At tier one (the base level), the previous rules with 3G still apply in most areas. At the warning level, there is then a compulsory PCR test in many areas. At the alarm level, unvaccinated people are prohibited from entering areas and attending activities in some areas (2G).

The following are also exempt from mandatory PCR testing (warning level) and the entry and attendance ban (alarm level).

- Individuals up to and including the age of 17, who no longer go to school.
- Individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. An appropriate doctor's note must be submitted in this case.

- Individuals for whom there is no general [vaccination recommendation by the Standing Vaccination Commission \(STIKO\)](#).
- [Pregnant and breastfeeding women, as STIKO has only recommended vaccination](#) for these groups since September 10, 2021.

These people must as an alternative present a negative rapid antigen test at both levels.

Children up to and including the age of five and children who have not yet started school are generally exempt from mandatory testing or the entry and attendance bans.

School students from an elementary school, a special needs educational and counseling center, a junior high or vocational school do not have to present proof of a test. As they are tested at school regularly twice a week, it is sufficient to present their student ID, a school certificate, a copy of their last annual report card, a student travel season ticket or other evidence in writing from the school. School students are also exempt from 2G at the alarm level.

For all individuals from the age of 0 with [typical Covid-19 symptoms](#), a general ban on entry and attendance continues to apply.

In the future, indicators for the three levels will be the seven-day hospitalization incidence rate – i.e. how many people per 100,000 inhabitants are admitted to hospital with Covid-19 – and the occupancy of intensive care beds by Covid-19 patients. [The figures that apply are those published by the Baden-Württemberg State Health Office.](#)

Warning level

The warning level is announced if the seven-day hospitalization incidence rate is 8.0 or above on five working days in a row or the occupancy rate of intensive care beds in Baden-Württemberg reaches or exceeds 250 on two consecutive working days.

At the warning level, apart from the aforementioned exceptions in many areas, mandatory PCR testing applies to people who have not been vaccinated or who have recovered at 3G.

At the warning level, there are also contact restrictions for those who have not been vaccinated and who have recovered. A household may meet with five other individuals. Excluded from the number of people are those who have recovered and been vaccinated, children and adolescents up to and including the age of 17 and individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons or for whom STIKO has not issued a general recommendation to be vaccinated – these also include pregnant and breastfeeding women, as STIKO has only provided a vaccination recommendation since September 10, 2021. Couples who do not live together are considered to be a household.

Alarm level

The alarm level is announced if the seven-day hospitalization incidence rate is at 12.0 or more on five working days in a row or the occupancy rate of intensive care

beds in Baden-Württemberg reaches or exceeds 390 on two consecutive working days.

At the alarm level, apart from the aforementioned exceptions in many areas, a ban on entry and attendance (2G) applies to people in some areas who have not been vaccinated or who have recovered.

At the alarm level, there are also contact restrictions for those who have not been vaccinated and who have recovered. A household may only meet with one other individual. Excluded from the number of people are those who have recovered and been vaccinated, children and adolescents up to and including the age of 17 and individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons or for whom STIKO has not issued a general recommendation to be vaccinated – these also include pregnant and breastfeeding women, as STIKO has only provided a vaccination recommendation since September 10, 2021. Couples who do not live together are considered to be a household.

[We have conveniently summarized the regulations in individual areas for you here \(PDF\).](#)

The regulations for the warning or alarm levels will be lifted if the relevant records – i.e. the seven-day hospitalization incidence rate or occupancy of intensive care beds is below the threshold value for the respective level on five working days in a row.

Separate regulations for the retail trade

The mandatory PCR testing or 2G does not apply to the retail trade at the warning and alarm level. At the warning level, there are no special regulations for the retail trade. However, 3G applies at the alarm level to the retail trade not providing basic essentials, in which case a rapid coronavirus test is sufficient.

Mandatory testing at the workplace

Under the [SARS-CoV-2 Federal Occupational Safety Ordinance](#), employers are still obliged to offer their employees a test twice a week.

The new coronavirus regulation also provides for mandatory testing at the warning level and alarm level for employees and self-employed people who have contact with others externally, i.e. contact with customers, suppliers, external employees, clients, wards, etc. People who have recovered and been vaccinated are exempt from mandatory testing. People who are not vaccinated or who have recovered therefore have to test or be tested twice a week. They are obliged to keep the written results of the tests for four weeks. The documentation must be presented to the authorities responsible on request.

[The regulations from September 16, 2021 at a glance \(PDF\)](#)

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