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Corona regulation for entry quarantine and testing comes into force on January 11

Implementation of the two-test strategy in Baden-Württemberg

From tomorrow, **Monday, January 11, 2021**, the new coronavirus regulation for entry quarantine and testing will apply in Baden-Württemberg. Based on the decision of the federal chancellor and heads of government of the federal states, an additional new test requirement upon entry will be introduced on January 5.

When entering from a risk area there is still a general obligation to go into quarantine for ten days, which can be terminated no sooner than the fifth day of quarantine if a negative test result is recorded. In future, there will also be a mandatory test upon entry.

Compliance with the mandatory test can be met by testing within 48 hours before arrival or by testing immediately upon entry. This two-test strategy is being introduced against the background of the currently very dynamic development and occurrence of mutations in the coronavirus.

The same exceptions apply to the recently introduced mandatory test upon entry as to the already existing exemptions from the quarantine obligations. The test obligation upon entry does not therefore include:

- Travelers in transit
- People who enter subject to the 24-hour regulation
- Cross-border commuters
- People who enter to visit their first-degree relatives or their partner for less than 72 hours.



This does not apply to individuals who have been present in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the Republic of South Africa in the last ten days prior to entry; in accordance with federal regulations they must present a negative test result upon entry without exception.

What is also new is that individuals who have contracted the coronavirus and have recovered will be exempt from having to quarantine in future. However, this only applies if the infection has been confirmed by a PCR test carried out at least 21 days and no more than six months prior to entry. The reason is that these individuals can be assumed to have partial immunity. However, they must still be symptom-free upon entry. They are also exempt from the new test obligations upon entry.

The restrictions under the 24-hour regulation were also extended due to the infection situation: quarantine-free entry for a stay of up to 24 hours in Baden-Württemberg or after a stay of up to 24 hours in a border region is still only permitted if the entry or return is not primarily for tourist purposes or for shopping.

It is once again emphatically pointed out that travel to risk areas without valid reasons must be avoided.