

Dear colleagues,

On 6 February foreign nationals will have to present a negative test result for ongoing COVID-19 infection upon entry into Sweden, regardless of where they are arriving from. The aim is to reduce the risk of spreading the new variants of the COVID-19 virus that have been detected in a number of countries. As a general rule, the test must not be more than 48 hours old. Foreign nationals aged 18 and older are subject to the test requirement, with the exception of certain categories of travellers so as to ensure that there are no unintended consequences. The regulations differ depending on whether a person is travelling from a third country or from an EU or Schengen country. Sweden accepts the following tests for ongoing covid-19 infection: RAT-test, PCR-test and LAMP-test.

Travellers who got tested in connection with their departure for Sweden, do not have to get tested again in connection with their arrival but should still get tested five days after their arrival. Travellers should visit 1177.se to find out where they can get tested. All travellers shall stay at home and self-isolate for at least seven days after arrival in Sweden. If the second test, performed on day 5, is negative the traveller can end self-isolation after 7 days, but should still follow the guidelines and recommendations that apply to everyone. The above guidelines also applies to travellers who have tested positive for antibodies or have been vaccinated.

The regulations will enter into force on 6 February, i.e. at midnight on Friday, and will apply up to and including 31 March. The decision does not affect the period of validity of the temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden, which still applies until 31 March.

Read more here: · <https://www.government.se/press-releases/2021/02/negative-covid-19-test-required-for-entry-into-sweden/> · <https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden/>

Kind regards,

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