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## Entry restrictions and health measures in place in Finland

The Government will reassess the need for and extent of the restrictions on entry once a week based on the epidemiological situation.

**When entry from a certain country is restricted** due to a high incidence of COVID-19, recreational travel to Finland from that country is not permitted. In this case, only return traffic to Finland, transit traffic, commuting or travel for other essential reasons is possible. Self-isolation and testing are recommended for travellers arriving in Finland from high-incidence countries.

**The lifting of entry restrictions** means that recreational travel to Finland is permitted. In this case, it is not necessary to self-isolate upon arrival in Finland or take a COVID-19 test.

Any changes to the restrictions will be made on a weekly basis by the Ministry of the Interior based on an expert evaluation by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare. The limit value of 25 new cases per 100,000 persons in the previous 14 days will apply to the EU and Schengen countries and the countries on the Green List defined by the Council of the European Union. The changes will be decided on at the Thursday government session.

### New health security measures to be introduced

From 12 October onwards, a 10-day period of self-isolation is recommended for travellers arriving in Finland from high-incidence countries. Travellers can shorten their self-isolation period at their discretion if they take two COVID-19 tests and the results are negative.

**Residents of Finland** returning from high-incidence countries may, at their discretion, shorten the 10-day period of self-isolation by taking a test at the airport or port as soon as they arrive in Finland, followed by a second test in their home municipality no earlier than 72 hours after the first test. Between the tests, self-isolation at home is recommended.

It is recommended that **travellers who do not live in Finland** take a COVID-19 test less than 72 hours before arriving in Finland. A second test can be taken in Finland no earlier than 72 hours after arriving in Finland. Between the tests, self-isolation at the place of accommodation is recommended. The self-isolation period will end if the test result is negative. If a person's test result is positive, a doctor specialised in infectious diseases may place them under quarantine. They must remain in quarantine until they have recovered.

If a traveller is staying in Finland for less than 72 hours, they do not need to self-isolate or take a second COVID-19 test.

People living in Sweden and Estonia may come to work in Finland without a self-isolation period or testing. Similarly, day-to-day travel across Finland's land borders with Sweden and Norway is permitted for residents of border communities without a self-isolation period or testing.

Finnish citizens and residents of Finland always have the right to return to Finland, and everyone has the right to leave Finland if they so wish, provided that there is no legal impediment to this. However, the Government still recommends avoiding unnecessary travel to other countries, except for those countries for which the restrictions on entry have been lifted.

### Restrictions on border traffic from 11 January

On 7 January, the Government decided to extend the restrictions on entry into the country until 9 February 2021.

Restrictions on internal border traffic are in force for traffic between Finland and Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, with the exception of leisure boating.

















































External border traffic refers to traffic between Finland and non-Schengen countries. Restrictions on entry will also be reinstated for residents of Japan and South Korea arriving in Finland. The change will enter into force 11 January 2021. In all other respects, the restrictions on external border traffic will remain unchanged and be extended until 9 February 2021. Restrictions have already been lifted for traffic arriving in Finland from the Vatican, and for traffic between Finland and Australia, Rwanda, Singapore, Thailand and New Zealand for residents of these countries.

The decision concerning lifting the restrictions for residents of China and of the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions who are travelling from these regions to Finland will remain unchanged, provided that reciprocity is confirmed by the Council of the European Union.

People may still come to Finland from the following European countries for work or other essential reasons: Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Monaco, Romania, San Marino and the United Kingdom. The restrictions on entry for these countries correspond to the restrictions on internal border traffic. A 10-day period of self-isolation is recommended for travellers arriving in Finland.

For all other non-Schengen countries, restrictions on entry allow only return traffic to Finland and other EU and Schengen countries, transit traffic at Helsinki Airport and other essential traffic. In addition, a 10-day period of self-isolation is recommended for travellers arriving in Finland. Travellers can shorten their self-isolation period at their discretion if they take two voluntary COVID-19 tests.

The United Kingdom withdrew from the EU on 1 February 2020. The transition period will end on 31 December 2020. After the transition period, i.e. from 1 January 2021, UK citizens are subject to the provisions concerning third-country nationals in border checks.

Restrictions on entry as of 11 January INTERNAL BORDERS			Restrictions on entry as of 11 January EXTERNAL BORDERS		
	No restrictions on entry			Entry into the country restricted. Return travel, commuting and essential traffic permitted.	
	No restrictions on entry for residents of the country in question			Entry into the country restricted. Return travel and essential traffic permitted.	
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	Netherlands				
	Belgium				
	Spain				
	Iceland				
	Italy				
	Austria				
	Greece				
	Latvia				
	Liechtenstein				
	Lithuania				
	Luxemburg				
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	Norway	**	**		
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	San Marino				
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	Australia				
	South Korea				
	Hong Kong	***	***		
	Japan				
	China	***	***		
	Macau	***	***		
	Rwanda				
	Singapore				
	Thailand				
	New Zealand				
	Other third countries				

*\*\*\* It is required that the EU states sufficient fulfilment of reciprocity first.*

\* Work permitted without self-isolation or testing.  
 \*\* Day-to-day travel across the land border permitted for residents of border communities without self-isolation or testing.

## Changes related to health safety in travel

Temporary amendments are being made to the Communicable Diseases Act in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infections. The amendments would make it possible to target measures at passengers arriving at Finland's airports, ports and land borders based on a risk assessment.

The deadline for submitting comments on the proposed amendments was 23 November.

## Press releases and news

### Restrictions on entry extended until 9 February

PRESS RELEASE 7.1.2021 14.10

### Restrictions on entry extended until 12 January

PRESS RELEASE 10.12.2020 14.20

### Restrictions on entry extended until 13 December

PRESS RELEASE 19.11.2020 13.49

### Effects of COVID-19 pandemic on Finnish missions' entry permit services – current situation

NEWS ITEM 19.11.2020 10.42

### Changes to restrictions on entry into the country

PRESS RELEASE 5.11.2020 13.51

## See also

### Instructions for travellers and employees arriving in Finland - thl.fi

The Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) provides instructions on the health safety of travellers arriving in Finland. You can use the traffic light system on their website to assess the need for self-isolation and the risk of COVID-19 infection associated with travelling abroad.

The Helsinki University Hospital HUS's Finentry web service lets incoming travellers review travel instructions before or during their trip, book an appointment for a Covid-19 test in Finland, and receive instructions for arriving at their test as well as the test result by text message.

### Border Guard guidelines for travellers - raja.fi

The Border Guard provides guidelines on entering the country during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidelines are based on the Government's decisions on border traffic.

### Recommendations for travellers arriving in Finland - thl.fi

The Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) material bank provides guidance on health safety measures for travellers arriving in Finland in several languages.

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