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Coronavirus Disease COVID-19

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Protocol Department, presents its compliments to all Heads of Diplomatic Missions accredited to Denmark, International Organizations and Other Missions resident in Copenhagen and Honorary Consulates in Denmark and has the honour to share the following, as per the attached press release:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has changed its travel advice for the entire world from an “orange” risk to a higher “red” risk classification. Effective of 8 January 2021 until and including 17 January 2021, the Ministry advises against all travel worldwide. Additionally, a flight ban will be imposed on transportation of passengers from the entire world who are travelling on a flight bound for Denmark and unable to present a negative COVID-19 taken no later than 24 hours prior to departure. Children under the age of 13 are exempt from the test requirement, but are encouraged to be tested. The flight ban will enter into force 9 January 2021 5 PM until and including 17 January 2021.

Furthermore persons wishing to enter Denmark must expect to be denied entry at the border unless they have a special worthy purpose for entering and can present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 24 hours before entry. Please note that the list of worthy purposes has been shortened. Diplomats, persons working in Denmark or persons who have been commissioned to provide goods or services in Denmark are still considered to have worthy purposes for entering. This also applies to persons with a valid Schengen visa. See more on the Danish entry restrictions, e.g. the special rules

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that apply to the borderland regions, here: <https://coronasmitte.dk/en/entry-into-denmark>, where the reduced list of worthy purposes will be published.

At this point in time, no specific type of COVID-19 test is required. The test must show whether a person is infected with COVID-19. This means that both PCR tests and antigen tests are accepted in this connection whereas antibody tests do not meet the requirement.

Furthermore, all employers are encouraged to have foreign workers take a PCR test no longer than 72 hours after the test taken upon entry into Denmark.

The flight ban applies to all nationalities. The entry restrictions do not apply to Danish citizens nor residents in Denmark. Residents in Denmark should follow the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' travel advice. Danish citizens residing abroad are urged to remain where they are and to follow the recommendations of the local health authorities.

It will still be possible to apply for a visa to Denmark, however longer case processing should be expected and visas will only be granted for persons with a worthy purpose for entering Denmark. Further information can be found here: <https://um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/how-to-apply-for-a-visa/>

As regards the transport of goods and provision of services, there is strong emphasis on the importance of maintaining and not delaying the necessary supply chains, including food supply and Denmark's imports and exports to and from other countries. Therefore, there will not be blanket border control inspections of goods transport. However, residents in the United Kingdom transporting goods to Denmark will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test upon entry taken no more than 24 hours before entry.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Protocol Department, takes this opportunity to renew to all Heads of Diplomatic Missions accredited to Denmark, International Organizations and Other Missions resident in Copenhagen and Honorary Consulates in Denmark the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark advises against all travel worldwide

To minimise the risk of coronavirus mutations in Denmark, the Government has decided to tighten its travel guidelines for all destinations worldwide.

Effective from 8 January and until 17 January, Denmark has tightened its travel guidelines for all destinations worldwide from the previous level of “orange” (advising against all unnecessary travel) to “red”. The Government thus advises against all travel to all destinations worldwide. This step is part of efforts to manage the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19 in Denmark. The limitation of travel activity is an important element of efforts to control the spread of infection, as mutations of the coronavirus are appearing in a number of countries.

“We are currently seeing new mutations of COVID-19 abroad. This is a very serious matter and poses a significant risk that the spread of infection in Denmark will escalate markedly. The top priority of the Government is the safety and security of Danes. The finish line is within sight. The vaccine is here. With each passing day, more and more Danes are being vaccinated. We must not stumble as we progress down the final stretch. In the light of these new mutations, we must – all of us – make an extra effort. Today’s package of travel initiatives is a reflection of this necessary effort,” says Minister for Foreign Affairs Jeppe Kofod.

The Danes who are currently travelling abroad do not have to return home to Denmark immediately. In case of doubt or questions, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark recommends that Danes contact their airline or travel agency for information about the options for returning to Denmark.

There are still scheduled flights to Denmark via a number of transit airports, but the situation may quickly change, as previously seen during the pandemic. In addition, it is important to follow all of the travel and health advice outlined below.

The tightened travel advice also advises against business travel that is otherwise considered necessary travel. However, certain exceptions apply, e.g. in connection with the delivery of goods and services in and out of the country. See the specific exceptions at www.coronasmitte.dk.

Travel advice for Danes abroad:

- You must contact your travel agency and insurance company if you have questions about how you can return home.
- If outbound travel from the country is not possible, you can contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark Global Help Desk 24 hours a day (bbb@um.dk or +4533921112).
- You should check the local restrictions in the country where you are located.
- You are encouraged to register on “Danskerlisten” – the list of Danes abroad – via www.um.dk or using the [Rejseklar app](#). *Danskerlisten* is the fastest way for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark to send you information about the country in which you are located.

- This change does not mean that the Danish borders are being closed for entry by Danes or others who live in Denmark and are returning home from holiday or other stays abroad.

Health recommendations upon return to Denmark

- All persons entering Denmark are advised to immediately take a rapid test upon arrival in Denmark at one of the free rapid test facilities available upon entry. Children under and up to 12 years old are exempt from this advice.
- The advice to take a rapid test is a supplement to the applicable infection prevention recommendation that Danish and foreign persons entering the country are advised to self-isolate for 10 days. This self-isolation can be broken upon receipt of a negative result from a PCR test taken no earlier than on the fourth day after entry.
- Home transport: Travellers must follow the authorities' recommendations on behaviour to prevent the spread of infection. This includes using face masks in public transport and the recommendations on physical distancing, hygiene, etc.

For further press information about the travel advice, contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark Press Desk.

For press information about entry restrictions, refer to the Danish Ministry of Justice.

For press information about air travel, refer to the Danish Ministry of Transport.

Citizens in need of additional information about the travel advice are encouraged to contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark Global Help Desk at bbb@um.dk or on (+45) 33 92 11 12.

Direct questions about worthy purposes for entry to the Danish Police hotline: (+45) 7020 6044.