

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.