



Lines to take regarding the reopening of Denmark and lifting of travel restrictions

- The Danish Government and a majority of the Epidemics Committee of the Danish Parliament have decided to discontinue the categorisation of COVID-19 as a disease posing a “critical threat to society” in Denmark after 1 February 2022. The decision has been made by recommendation of the Epidemic Commission as well as relevant health authorities.
- As a result, remaining national restrictions will be lifted as of 1 February 2022, despite the growing number of COVID-19 infections.
- The decision has been made as the Omicron variant, which is now the dominant variant in Denmark, has proven milder and resulted in significantly fewer critical COVID-19 patients.
- On 28 January 2022, only 33 COVID-19 patients out of a total of 967 hospitalised patients were in intensive care.
- More than 4.7 million people (80.7%) have been vaccinated in Denmark and over 3.5 million people (60%) have received the booster shot.
- Overall, there is no longer a correlation between high levels of COVID-19 infection rates and critical hospitalisation in Denmark.
- In addition, and as recommended by the Epidemics Committee, the Government has, as of 1 February 2022, decided to lift the temporary test requirement prior to entry into Denmark for all persons, which was introduced in light of the Omicron variant.
- Further, the Danish Government has decided to ease the Danish travel restrictions regime with the following, which will take effect on 1 February 2022:

- The list of approved COVID-19 vaccines recognised for entry into Denmark will be expanded to also include current vaccines on WHO emergency use listing. These vaccines include Covishield, Covaxin, Sinovac and Sinopharm.
- Current stricter requirements prior to boarding cruise ships will no longer apply. Passengers traveling on cruise ships will be subject to the same restrictions as all other travellers upon entry into Denmark.
- No travel restrictions will apply to travellers who, regardless of their country of residence, are in possession of a valid vaccination or recovery (previously infected) certificate. Travel restrictions will still apply to travellers who are not vaccinated with an EMA- or WHO-approved vaccine or who have not been previously infected.
- The Danish emergency brake mechanism dealing with virus variants of concern will remain and can still be activated by the inter-ministerial task force on COVID-19 travel restrictions as recommended by Statens Serum Institut.