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## **New model for opening for entry from EU and Schengen countries, as well the UK**

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The current entry restrictions will be replaced by a new model for opening the borders to the EU and Schengen area, as well as the UK, using objective criteria about the respective health situation in each country and guided by a principle of caution.

The new model will take effect on Saturday, 27 June 2020. A list of open and quarantine countries will be released prior to this date. From then on, Statens Serum Institut will prepare a weekly consolidated table of the individual countries' scores on quantitative criteria. On the basis of these weekly scores, the countries will be classified as "open" or "quarantine country", to be used by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and the Danish Police in their work.

A safety valve will be established for extraordinary situations not covered by the model, such as a situation where the spread of infection increases rapidly in a region or a country, or where Statens Serum Institut assesses that information or other data is inaccurate. In these cases, the entry of tourists from the region or country in question may be completely prohibited, the list of worthy purposes may be narrowed, and the travel advice risk level may be revised to "red", i.e. travel of any kind to the region or country is not advised.

Certain worthy purposes will be expanded to apply for countries outside of the EU and Schengen area, as well as the UK. The expansion will include boyfriends/girlfriends, fiancées, grandparents and grandchildren, as well as business travel, job interviews, etc.<sup>1</sup> However, it will be mandatory to present a negative test performed within 72 hours before entry into Denmark, except in the case of business travel, which was already considered a worthy purpose prior to the expansion.

A model is also being developed for re-opening the borders for tourists from certain third countries with a sufficiently developed testing regime, reliable reporting, and general handling of the pandemic that is comparable with the efforts of European countries. These countries must also meet the criteria established for opening the borders for tourists from the EU and Schengen countries, as well as the UK.

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### **Criteria**

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<sup>1</sup>Although of less relevance for third countries, the expansion also includes persons who own a holiday home in Denmark or who can provide documentation that they are solely passing through Denmark in transit for the purpose of holiday or tourism outside of Denmark. Holiday flats, allotment gardens, and caravan sites at campgrounds in Denmark are treated as holiday homes under these regulations.

Incidence* ( <i>when a country is “open”</i> )	Incidence per 100,000 inhabitants per week is under 20.
Critical level ( <i>when a country goes from open to quarantine</i> )	Incidence per 100,000 inhabitants per week is equal to or more than 30.
Testing	The incidence criterion is supplemented with a criterion on the countries’ testing regimes. The authorities are considering the design of such a criterion.
Countries that would currently be categorised as “quarantine”	Sweden and Portugal

### Overview of entry restrictions and travel advice

	Entry restrictions	Travel advice
<b>Open countries</b>	Effective 27 June 2020, the border will be re-opened for entry by tourists. Entering tourists must be planning to stay in Denmark for at least six nights.	Effective 27 June 2020, the travel advice will be eased for open countries that do not have significant entry restrictions on Danish travellers. Travellers are encouraged to be attentive to their personal safety and keep up to date (yellow). Travellers are also encouraged to follow the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark’s special travel advice for travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.  The advice to stay home for 14 days after returning to Denmark no longer applies for travel to these countries.
<b>Quarantine countries</b>	Persons will be denied entry to Denmark unless they have a worthy purpose for entry.	Non-essential travel is not advised (orange). The advice to stay home for 14 days after returning to Denmark remains in effect for travel to these countries.
<b>Nordic mechanism</b>	If a Nordic country is in quarantine, it will be subject to a regional scheme whereby entry for the purpose of staying at least six nights in Denmark will be permitted for persons resident in regions that meet the incidence criterion for opening a country. At the current time, this mechanism would	The travel advice will not advise against travel to regions that meet the incidence criterion for opening a country. Travellers are encouraged to be attentive to their personal safety and keep up to date (yellow), and they are encouraged to follow the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark’s special travel advice for travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

	<p>be in effect for Sweden until Sweden as a country meets the criteria for categorisation as “open”.</p> <p>At present, the open regions would be Skåne, Sörmland and Västerbotten.</p>	<p>The advice to stay home for 14 days after returning to Denmark remains in effect for travel to non-open regions, unless such travel is for the purpose of staying in a cottage, country house, farm (‘ødegård’) or similar owned by the traveller.</p>
<b>Borderland</b>	<p>Persons residing in Schleswig-Holstein in Germany or Skåne, Halland, or Blekinge in Sweden may enter Denmark by simply presenting proof of residence. If the region does not meet the incidence criterion, it will be mandatory to present a negative test performed no later than 72 hours before entry into Denmark.</p>	<p>Same as the Nordic mechanism.</p>

\*Incidence per 100,000 inhabitant is measured as an average over 14 days.

### Testing regime in borderland and summer holiday tourism areas

<b>Testing at land boundaries</b>	<p>As society re-opens for tourists – and Danes increasingly travel abroad – the authorities’ testing programmes are expanding so that those entering Denmark by car will have the opportunity to take a COVID-19 test at the border crossings. Some border crossings will have testing available at all times, while testing at other locations will be offered periodically.</p> <p>Based on identified entry patterns and demand, the authorities will also assess the need to establish additional permanent testing stations at relevant border crossings.</p>
<b>Testing in summer holiday tourism areas</b>	<p>Mobile solutions will be established throughout Denmark, e.g. in connection with ferry arrivals, making it as easy as possible for people entering Denmark to be tested.</p> <p>The mobile testing stations will also be deployed at hotspots, enabling testing of employees of shops, amusement parks, restaurants, etc.</p>
<b>Testing at Copenhagen Airport</b>	<p>Effective Monday, 15 June 2020, a permanent testing station opened at Copenhagen Airport.</p>