

Temporary prohibition and restriction of crossing the border crossings of the Republic of Croatia

The Civil Protection Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia has decided on a temporary ban and restriction of crossings at the border crossings of the Republic of Croatia. The decision applies until May 15, 2021.

The text contains information on the conditions of entry into the Republic of Croatia regarding temporary bans, i.e. restrictions in force due to controlling the spread of COVID-19 disease.

1. Passengers travelling to the Republic of Croatia from one of the EU / EEA Member States

Passengers coming directly from the countries and regions of the European Union, or countries and areas of the Schengen Area and the countries associated with the Schengen Area, and who are currently in the so-called **The green list** of the European Center for Disease Control and Prevention, regardless of citizenship, will allow entry into the Republic of Croatia under the same conditions as before the onset of COVID-19, if they show no signs of disease and have not been in close contact with the patient.

Suppose the persons mentioned above transited through other countries / regions to the border crossings of the Republic without detention. In that case, they should prove at the border crossing that they did not stay in the transit areas and in that case, they will not be required to provide evidence of testing or vaccination certificates. Diseases caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, nor are they assigned a measure of self-isolation.

A graphical representation of countries by colour according to COVID-19 disease risk can be found on the website of the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC): [Maps in support of the Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to travel measures in the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

All other passengers coming to the Republic of Croatia from EU / EEA member states/regions, who are not currently on the so-called green list of the European Center for Disease Control and Prevention, must present one of the following:

- A negative result of PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT * on SARS-CoV-2, where RAT test must be from the Common list of rapid antigen tests mutually recognized by the Member States of the European Union, published by the European Commission: [covid-19 rat common-list en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#) . When finding a RAT test made abroad, the test manufacturer and/or the commercial name of the test must be visible. Otherwise, the test will not be accepted as credible for entry into the Republic of Croatia. The results of the

above tests must not be older than 48 hours (counting from the time of swab collection to the time of arrival at the border crossing);

- A vaccination certificate for people who received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine more than 14 days ago. Exceptionally, in the case of a single-dose vaccine, an acknowledgement of receipt of a single dose if the dose was received more than 14 days before the date of crossing the state border;
- If the person has had COVID-19 and has a medical certificate or a positive PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT * and has been vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine after the illness, exemption from the obligation to present a negative PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT * or self-isolation is extended up to five (5) months after vaccination;
- Presentation of a positive PCR or rapid antigen test *, which confirms that the owner has recovered from SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, with the test performed 180 days ago and older than 11 days from the date of arrival at the border crossing or upon presentation illness certificates issued by a doctor;
- Either perform PCR testing or rapid antigen testing - RAT * on SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon arrival in the Republic of Croatia (at its own expense), with the obligation of self-isolation until a negative finding arrives. In case of the impossibility of testing, a measure of self-isolation is determined for a period of ten (10) days.

2. Citizens of EU / EEA Member States as well as members of their families travelling to the Republic of Croatia from third countries, i.e. those who are not members of the EU / EEA

Citizens of EU Member States (including Croatian citizens), i.e. Schengen Member States and the Schengen Member States, as well as members of their families and third-country nationals who are long-term residents under Council Directive 2003/109 / EC of November 25, 2003, on the status of third-country citizens with long-term residence and persons entitled to reside under other EU directives or national law or who have long-term national visas coming from third countries, upon entering the Republic of Croatia, must present one of the following:

- A negative result of PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT * on SARS-CoV-2 where the BAT test must be from the Common list of rapid antigen tests mutually recognized by the Member States of the European Union, published by the European Commission: [covid-19_rat_common-list_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#) . When finding a RAT test made abroad, the manufacturer of the test and/or the commercial name of the examination must be visible. They must be issued by a health institution/laboratory and signed/confirmed by a doctor. Otherwise, the test will not be accepted as credible for entry into the Republic of Croatia. The results of the above tests must not be older than 48 hours (counting from the time of swab collection to the time of arrival at the border crossing);
- A vaccination certificate for people who received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine more than 14 days ago. Exceptionally, in the case of a single-dose vaccine, an acknowledgement of receipt of a single dose if the dose was received more than 14 days before the date of crossing the state border;
- If a person has had COVID-19 and has a medical certificate or a positive PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT * and has been vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine after the illness, exemption from the obligation to present a negative PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT * or self-isolation is extended up to five (5) months after vaccination;

- Presentation of a positive PCR or rapid antigen test *, which confirms that the owner has recovered from SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, with the test performed 180 days ago and older than 11 days from the date of arrival at the border crossing or upon presentation illness certificates issued by a physician;
- Either perform PCR testing or rapid antigen testing - RAT * on SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon arrival in the Republic of Croatia (at its own expense), with the obligation of self-isolation until a negative finding arrives. In case of the impossibility of testing, a measure of self-isolation is determined for a period of ten (10) days.

3. Third-country nationals

Third-country nationals who are not family members of citizens of the Schengen Member States and the Schengen States, nor are they long-term residents under Council Directive 2003/109 / EC of November 25, 2003, on the status of third-country nationals or long-term residence and persons who have the right to reside under other EU directives or national law or who have long-term national visas, except for persons referred to in point I of this decision, shall be granted entry into the Republic of Croatia only in case of emergency travel.

Exceptions related to the above necessary trips are:

1. persons who travel for tourist reasons and have a certificate of paid accommodation in a hotel, camp, private renter or rented vessel and another form of tourist accommodation or are owners of houses or boats in the Republic of Croatia, entry into the Republic of Croatia will be provided if one of the following is provided:

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- Negative PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT on SARS-CoV-2, where the RAT test must be from the Common list of rapid antigen tests mutually recognized by the Member States of the European Union, published by the European Commission: [covid-19 rat common-list en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#). When finding a RAT test made abroad, the manufacturer of the test and/or the commercial name of the examination must be visible. They must be issued by a health institution/laboratory and signed/confirmed by a doctor. Otherwise, the test will not be accepted as credible for entry into the Republic of Croatia. The results of the above tests must not be older than 48 hours (counting from the time of swab collection to the time of arrival at the border crossing);
- Or presentation of a vaccination certificate for persons who received a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine more than 14 days ago. Exceptionally, in the case of a vaccine received in a single dose, acknowledgements of receipt of a single dose if the dose was received more than 14 days from the date of crossing the state border;
- If the person has had COVID-19 and has a medical certificate or a positive PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT * and has been vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine after the illness, exemption from the obligation to present a negative PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT * or self-isolation is extended to five (5) months after vaccination;
- Or presentation of a positive PCR or rapid antigen test, confirming that the owner has recovered from SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, with the test performed 180 days ago and older than 11 days from the date of arrival at the border crossing or upon presentation illness certificates issued by a physician;

- Or it is obligatory to perform PCR testing or rapid antigen testing - RAT on SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon arrival in the Republic of Croatia (at own expense), with self-isolation until the arrival of a negative finding.

Passengers who represent one of the exceptions mentioned above are obliged to present credible documentation upon entering the Republic of Croatia to prove the reasons for exemption from the obligation to possess one of the above tests / determine the self-isolation measure.

Travellers from countries included in the list of countries of the Croatian Institute of Public Health to which special epidemiological measures are applied ([Popis-država-za-koje-se-pri-dolasku-u-Republiku-Hrvatsku-primjenjuju-posebne-epidemiološke-mjere-prilikom-prelaska-granice.pdf](https://www.hzjz.hr/Popis-drzava-za-koje-se-pri-dolasku-u-Republiku-Hrvatsku-primjenjuju-posebne-epidemioloske-mjere-prilikom-prelaska-granice.pdf) (hzjz.hr) – currently **India, Brasil, Republic of South Africa, Tanzania**) are required to present a negative PCR test result not older than 48 hours. They are assigned the necessary measure of mandatory self-isolation for 14 days. The duration of self-isolation may be shortened if the person, at the earliest on the seventh day of self-isolation, performs at his expense PCR testing for SARS-CoV-2 in the institution authorized to perform the test and if the test result is negative.

4. Passengers covered by Annex I to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction of optional travel in the EU and the possible abolition of such a restriction

Passengers (regardless of nationality) coming directly from countries with the current amendments to Annex I of Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021H0089&qid=1620121025288> on the temporary restriction of optional travel in the EU and the possible abolition of such a restriction may travel to the Republic of Croatia without any limits. Require the presentation of certificates related to testing, vaccination against / recovery of SARS-CoV-2 virus disease, nor will they be assigned self-isolation.

During their stay in the Republic of Croatia, they are obliged to adhere to the general and special recommendations and instructions of the Croatian Institute of Public Health.

The persons mentioned above, who transited through other countries/regions to the border crossings of the Republic of Croatia without detention, at the border crossing need to prove that they did not stay in the transit areas.

General note:

For all foreign passengers, regardless of citizenship, due to the shortening of the procedure at the border crossing, we advise you to fill in the announcement in advance via the Enter Croatia application [Enter Croatia \(mup.hr\)](https://mup.hr/enter-croatia)

If the passenger, during the border control at the entrance to the Republic of Croatia, has **expired validity** of the PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT * on SARS-CoV-2 of 48 hours from sampling or no PCR test at all, and meets other entry conditions, he will be allowed to enter the Republic of Croatia provided that he immediately performs PCR or rapid antigen - RAT testing in the Republic of Croatia

at his own expense, with a stay in self - isolation, until a negative result arrives. If a person cannot perform one of the above tests, the total duration of self-isolation is ten days.

* **Rapid antigen test - RAT**, is listed in the Joint List of Rapid Antigen Tests Mutually Recognized by the Member States of the European Union, published by the European Commission [covid-19_rat_common-list_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#) . In addition to the tests from the Joint List of Rapid Antigen Tests Recognized by the Member States of the European Union, the SARS-COV -2 ANTIGEN TEST KIT from the Chinese manufacturer SHENZHEN ULTRA - DIAGNOSTIC BIOTEC Co., which is not on the list of approved RAT tests of the European Commission, is also recognized. When finding a RAT test made abroad, the test manufacturer and/or the commercial name of the test must be visible. Otherwise, the test will not be accepted as credible for entry into the Republic of Croatia.

Removal of the self-isolation measure (entered at the border crossing), and after obtaining a negative PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT:

In such cases, passengers will be handed a leaflet at the border crossing with instructions on the procedure upon arrival of a negative result of a molecular PCR test or a rapid antigen test - RAT (serological tests are NOT recognized).

The leaflet will contain the e-mail address of the border crossing at which the passenger was assigned a measure of self-isolation, and to which he will send a negative result of one of the above tests, obtained by the health institution where the test was performed, to remove (delete) enter measures.

These persons are required to be tested in the place of residence, i.e. residence, where they are provided with conditions for self-isolation and wait there for a negative PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT.

Persons who have experienced COVID-19 in the past six (6) months are exempt from the obligation to test and self-isolate.

To prove that they have survived COVID-19, passengers should have a positive PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT that is older than 11 days but not older than 180 days from the time of sampling or confirmation that they have passed COVID-19 issued by a doctor.

Persons who received a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine (for Johnson & Johnson first and only dose) administered by the Member States more than 14 days ago are exempted from the obligation to test and self-isolate.

If a person has had COVID-19 and has a medical certificate or a positive PCR or rapid antigen test (RAT) and has been vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine after the illness, the exemption from presenting a negative PCR or rapid antigen test - RAT or self-isolation is extended until five (5) months after vaccination.

Children under the age of seven travelling with a parent/guardian are exempted from presenting a negative test result or self-isolation if the parents/guardians are negative in PCR or rapid antigen-RAT * test a certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19.

From persons who have a negative PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT * made in the Republic of Croatia for a **short trip to our neighbouring** or another country and return to the Republic of Croatia within less than 48 hours from the date of testing, or within the validity of the test, will not require a new PCR test or rapid antigen test - RAT from the country in which they stayed for a short time but will be allowed to enter upon presentation of a test made in the Republic of Croatia