

## Information regarding COVID-19 for international scholars

Dear international scholars,

As COVID-19 continues influencing our everyday lives, we have gathered the most important information around the pandemic, on entering Germany, on quarantine, vaccination, testing, infection control measures, etc. We try to keep the information as updated as we can. However, we also ask you to inform yourself actively on the recommendations, instructions and measures taken by the [University of Stuttgart](#), the [city of Stuttgart](#), the [state of Baden-Württemberg](#) and the [Federal Government of Germany](#).

### Travelling to Germany

#### What are the current entry restrictions for Germany?

As of Saturday, June 11, 2022, all COVID-19 entry restrictions to Germany will be provisionally lifted. From this date, entries to Germany will again be permitted for all travel purposes (including tourism and visiting trips). However, persons residing in the People's Republic of China still need an important reason to enter Germany (due to reciprocity) - this does not apply to German citizens residing in the People's Republic of China. For entry into Germany, proof of vaccination, proof of convalescence or proof of testing is no longer required.

For areas of variant of [concern](#) (currently no states are designated as virus variant areas) further entry restrictions would apply.

Passengers who want to enter China **from** Germany must present a negative RT-PCR test result from January 8, 2023. The test must be carried out within 48 hours before departure time for China and can come from a family doctor in Germany or an officially recognized test center.

### Testing

#### Where can I get tested?

At test-center for both rapid (antigene) and PCR-tests can be found at the [airport](#) in Stuttgart. An appointment must be booked beforehand.

[Test-centers of the city of Stuttgart](#), pharmacies and other private test-centers which can be found all over Stuttgart usually offer only rapid (antigen) tests. For some test-centers and most pharmacies online appointments are necessary. Testing (antigene) is also possible at the [the city center campus](#) where spit tests are offered. There are no fees for rapid tests anymore.

The following test centers were commissioned by the Stuttgart Health Department to carry out the tests in accordance with the Federal Test Ordinance:

Corona test Königsbau-Passagen (Stuttgart-Mitte) <https://dein.coronatest.de/>  
Koenigstr. 26, 70173 Stuttgart

Milaneo Mailänder Platz 7 (Stuttgart-Mitte)



<https://dein.coronatest.de/>

Mailänder Platz 7, 70173 Stuttgart

Opening times: Mon-Fri 7 am–9 pm, Sat 8 am–9 pm, Sun 9 am–6 pm

Test center Bosch-Areal (Stuttgart-West) [15minutentest.de/stuttgart](https://15minutentest.de/stuttgart)

Breitscheidstr. 12, 70176 Stuttgart

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7 am–11 am and 2 pm–6 pm, Sat 10 am–1:30 pm and 2:30 pm–6 pm, Sun 11 am–2 pm :00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Also use **the possibilities to work from at home** in agreement with your institute.

At the so-called [Fieber-Ambulanz](#) or in a so-called [Corona focus practice \(Corona Schwerpunktpraxis\)](#) a PCR-testing and a medical examination are carried out if you notice symptoms or have other reasons to assume that you might have been infected. Several [doctors' offices](#) also do a PCR testing. It is necessary to call all beforehand for the safety of other patients.

## Vaccination

### Who is entitled to get vaccinated? Where can I get the vaccination?

Everybody residing in Germany above the age 12 is entitled to a **free corona vaccination**. You may also get vaccinated if you have been vaccinated with a [vaccine which is not approved in the EU](#) before or if you need a second or need refresh the vaccination.

Vaccinations are possible at most **general practitioners' offices** and at some specialists' practices, too (e.g. pediatrician for the vaccination of children). It is necessary to make an **appointment beforehand**.

There are also doctors' practices offering **vaccinations without appointment**. A **mobile vaccination team** of the Stuttgart Clinic offers vaccinations without prior appointment on the so-called [Impfbus](#). Check the [schedule of the Impfbus](#) for your district of town and just go there.

In addition, the state of Baden-Württemberg has set up a [website](#) that offers [open vaccination appointments](#) with doctors.

Take along your vaccination passport/book if you have one so that the vaccination can be recorded. If you do not have a vaccination passport, you will receive a paper confirming your vaccination confirmation.

You are considered as fully vaccinated by the time two weeks after their second vaccination against COVID-19 have passed (except for Johnson&Johnson with only one dose).

### How can I have my vaccination certificate digitized?

A digital vaccination certified which is valid throughout the EU can be issued by pharmacies in Germany. This certificate can be saved on your cell phone and can be shown instead of your vaccination passport or confirmation.

If your COVID-19 vaccination was carried out abroad, you may also receive this digital vaccination certificate. It is crucial however that the vaccine used is [approved](#) in the EU. Each pharmacy can decide for itself whether it also wants to issue the digital EU vaccination certificate for persons from non-EU countries. These two pharmacies will securely issue these proofs upon presentation of the vaccination passport:





• Internationale Apotheke Nikolaus Kondraschov e. K.; Königstraße 70 70173 Stuttgart;  
Telefon: 0711/ 2535979-0; [www.interapo.com](http://www.interapo.com)

• Apotheke am Markt; Vaihinger Markt 16 70563 Stuttgart-Vaihingen; Telefon:  
0711 - 73 22 00; [www.apotheke-am-markt-stuttgart.de/](http://www.apotheke-am-markt-stuttgart.de/)

## Everyday life with the Corona virus

### Which measures and regulations must be observed in Stuttgart and Germany?

In the following, the most important rules are presented. Please note that the presented rules do not cover all regulations. We kindly ask you to keep yourself updated actively on the recommendations, instructions and measures taken by the [city of Stuttgart](#), the [state of Baden-Württemberg](#) and the [government of Germany](#) since rules can loosen or tighten fast.

**The present Corona regulations have come into effect on Oktober 1, 2022 include the following measures:**

#### *Obligation to wear a FFP2 mask*

- In hospitals and rehabilitation facilities where medical care comparable to hospitals is provided,
- In full or partial inpatient facilities for the care and accommodation of elderly, disabled or persons in need of care and comparable facilities,
- In medical practices, dental practices and psychotherapeutic practices and practices of other human medical professions,
- Facilities for outpatient surgery,
- Dialysis facilities,
- Day clinics,
- Public health service institutions that carry out medical examinations, preventive measures or outpatient treatment,
- Emergency services
- In other comparable outpatient or inpatient medical facilities

#### *Obligation to wear a medical mask*

- In buses and trains, the wearing of a so called medical mask is mandatory.

#### *Exceptions to the mask requirement:*

- Children up to and including 5 years of age.
- If FFP2 masks are mandatory on long-distance public transport, children up to and including 13 years of age may also wear a medical mask.
- Persons who cannot wear a face covering for health reasons (medical certificate required).
- For deaf people and those who are hard of hearing and people who communicate with them, as well as their companions.
- Provided that at least equivalent protection is otherwise available for other persons.



## Which measures and regulations must be observed at the University of Stuttgart?

To inform yourself about regulations at the University of Stuttgart please read the current [hygiene concept](#) and check out the [webpage](#) regarding Covid-19. If you have respiratory symptoms or fever you are not allowed to come to the University – unless a doctor has confirmed that it is a non-hazardous condition.

If you have tested positive for Covid-19, or you suspect that you have Covid-19, **please stay at home**. If you have tested and received a positive PCR test result, and you have attended one or more onsite courses or events at the University of Stuttgart before the onset of your symptoms, please contact the responsible lecturers/contact persons **immediately**. Teaching staff of the University of Stuttgart can find more Information here: [Procedure for if you have Corona \(uni-stuttgart.de\)](#)

## How do I behave in case of doubt?

If you develop [symptoms of Covid-19](#), please stay at home and do not get in touch with other persons. Contact the [Fieberambulanz](#) or your family doctor. They will inform you about how to proceed. To protect others do not go to the doctor without calling him or her before.

Please inform your superior at the university in case you need to be quarantined.

## Corona-Warn-App in Germany

The [Corona-Warn-App](#) helps to stop the spread of the virus and can be downloaded in app stores for free. It uses Bluetooth technology and detects other smartphones around you on which the app is also active. The app will inform you if you have had contact with someone who has been tested positive for coronavirus. You can then react quickly and prevent the virus from spreading unwittingly. You remain anonymous at all times when using the app.

## Matters regarding visa, residents' registration, residence permit

### I am a Non-EU citizen. The German Embassy does not issue any visa due to the corona situation. What can I do?

The University of Stuttgart does neither have any information nor any influence on visa applications. Please check the websites of the respective embassies for more information.

### What happens if my visa expires before I was able to enter Germany?

You will need to re-apply for a new entry visa at the German embassy nearest to you.

### I have just moved to Stuttgart. How can I register myself?

If you need to register or de-register in Stuttgart, please contact one of the [Residents' Registration Offices of Stuttgart](#) by phone or e-mail if and ask how to proceed. If you live in another town, contact the "Rathaus" of your town. It is possible to send the necessary documents to the citizen's office, please add your contact details for questions.

### I am a Non-EU citizen: How can I get a residence permit if the validity of my visa does not cover the whole time of my stay? And how can I extend my residence permit if I intend to stay longer?

If you live in Stuttgart and need your residence permit to be issued for the first time or get it extended, please send all [necessary documents](#) to [auslaenderrecht.arbeit.a-k@stuttgart.de](mailto:auslaenderrecht.arbeit.a-k@stuttgart.de) or [auslaenderrecht.arbeit.l-z@stuttgart.de](mailto:auslaenderrecht.arbeit.l-z@stuttgart.de) (depending on the first letter of your last name) and ask them to issue/extend your title. Do not forget to send the filled in and signed [application form for a residence permit](#) or [application form for an extension of your residence permit](#), too. The Foreigners' Registration Office will then either give you an appointment or send a provisional residence title (so-called "Fiktion") by post. Thus, please make sure that your name on your letter box can be read clearly.





If you live in another town, please contact the [Welcome Center for International Scholars](#), we will help you to get in touch with the competent authority.

### How can I stay healthy?

Eating well, doing exercises and finding appropriate support in need of help are always important, but maybe even more in times of crises.

The [Health Management Department](#) (*Betriebliches Gesundheitsmanagement*) of the University of Stuttgart has published easy recipes and hints for every day (in German). [University Sports](#) (*Hochschulsport*) offers online courses. You need to register online on their webpage. On their YouTube channel, they offer [FIT@WORK](#), very brief exercises, which can be done in front of your desk without having to change clothes.

Counseling on all physical and mental health problems in quite a number of different languages including English is offered by the University's [Occupational Medical and Health Services](#) (*Arbeitsmedizinischer Dienst*). You may find contact details on the bottom of their [webpage](#).

### Where to get more information in English about the situation in Germany

- ['Zusammen gegen Corona'](#) by the Federal Ministry of Health
- [Deutsche Welle](#)
- [The local](#)
- [I am an expat](#)
- [www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ib-de/amt-und-person/informationen-zum-coronavirus](http://www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ib-de/amt-und-person/informationen-zum-coronavirus)
- [Government of Baden Württemberg](#): information in French, Italian, Turkish, Polish, Russian, Arabic and Romanian)
- The employees of the [state's Corona hotline](#) will also give information in English, Turkish, Arabic and Russian. The hotline **0711 / 410-11160** can be reached **Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** There are answers to topics relating to the subject of coronavirus - for example, if there is any uncertainty about tests and Compulsory tests, vaccinations, quarantine, entry to Baden-Württemberg or other current ones Regulations.

