



Important information for international students and applicants on COVID-19

I have received my visa. May I enter Germany and when?

All travel that is not absolutely necessary should be avoided. There is the possibility that you will not be allowed to enter the country although you have been granted a visa.

You can find information on the current travel restrictions under the following link:

https://www.bundespolizei.de/Web/DE/04Aktuelles/01Meldungen/2020/03/200317_faq.html

If you have received direct admission from Clausthal University of Technology for the upcoming winter semester starting in October (WS 20/21) and require a document confirming the necessity of your presence for study purposes at Clausthal University of Technology in order to enable you to travel to Germany, please enroll for the WS 20/21 as soon as possible.

To do so, please send all documents required for enrollment by mail to the International Center Clausthal (Graupenstraße 11, D-38678 Clausthal-Zellerfeld) or by e-mail to: application@tu-clausthal.de.

Provided that your documents are complete and can be processed, you will promptly receive a certificate from Clausthal University of Technology by e-mail stating when you must be present at Clausthal University of Technology. The attendance requirements vary from study degree program to study degree program.

What do I have to bear in mind when entering or returning to Lower Saxony from other European countries?

If the so-called incidence (number of new infections) of 50 infected persons per 100,000 inhabitants within the previous seven days has been exceeded in the country of departure, you are obligated to isolate yourself immediately upon your return for a period of 14 days (similar to a quarantine). You can find out whether your country of departure has reached this critical state on the following website:

<https://qap.ecdc.europa.eu/public/extensions/COVID-19/COVID-19.html>

What happens if I enter Lower Saxony from a country outside the EU?

For entry and return journeys from most countries outside the EU, the primary guideline is that you must isolate yourself, unless the Robert Koch Institute has determined that the risk of infection in the country from which you have left is low.

You can find out [here](#) (page only available in German) whether this is the case in your country of departure.

We recommend that you travel to Germany via Frankfurt Airport and take a [rapid corona test](#) to avoid quarantine, that is, if the test result proves negative. You must [register](#) for the rapid test in advance).



If you decide to take the above-mentioned rapid test, please note that you do not only need the test result but also an official certificate.

The test is subject to a fee. The official certificate costs an additional 9 Euros.

TU Clausthal will reimburse 60 € for the corona rapid test to pre-registered students [upon request](#).

If I enter from a country with a critical incidence of infection* (see the link above) - what is meant by isolation?

You are obligated to go directly to your own home, place of residence or other suitable accommodation and to remain in permanent isolation there for a period of 14 days after your entry, if you cannot provide proof of an official negative Corona test result. During this period, you are not allowed to receive visits from persons who do not live with you, i.e. who do not belong to your household.

Do I have to report somewhere?

If isolation is required after your entry/return, you must report immediately to the relevant [health authority](#). If you notice any symptoms of illness, you must report immediately to the public health authority. You will then be subject to observation by this authority during your period of isolation.