

Visiting Vorarlberg safely

Testing and guest registration

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3-G Rule (tested, vaccinated, recovered)

Tested:

- PCR tests are valid for 72 hours
- Antigen tests from an authorised body are valid 48 hours
- NEW: “Living room tests” recorded in an official data processing system are valid for 24 hours – also in the catering industry
- NEW: Point-of-sale tests are valid for one-time entry into sports venues, business premises, restaurants, hotels, events

Vaccinated:

- The first vaccination is valid from the 22nd day after the 1st sting for a maximum of 3 months from the date of vaccination.
- The second vaccination extends the validity period to 9 months from the date of the first vaccination.
- Vaccines where only one vaccination is scheduled are valid from the 22nd day after vaccination for a total of 9 months from the date of vaccination.
- For previously recovered persons who have previously been vaccinated once, the vaccination is valid for nine months from the date of vaccination.

Approved vaccines: BioNtech/Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, Moderna, Sinopharm/BIBP

Recovered:

- Convalescents are exempt from testing for six months after the end of the infection: Evidence includes, for example, a certificate of segregation or a doctor’s confirmation of an infection confirmed by molecular biology.
- Evidence of neutralising antibodies counts for three months from the time of testing.

The obligation to present valid proof does not apply to children up to the age of 10.

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For your arrival: properly tested, properly insured

Entry into Austria from all neighbouring countries and most other European countries will be much easier as of May 19. Please check the applicable regulations again before your arrival! You will find the most important information under [Entry/Return](#). For an interactive travel planner listing the applicable rules see: reopen.europa.eu.

Our recommendation: Make an appointment for a **corona test shortly before your departure**, unless you have been vaccinated or have recovered anyway. In this way, you can safely cross the border and will also have a current, negative test result which you need for check-in at your accommodation. PCR tests must not be older than 72 hours when presented at check-in, and rapid antigen tests not older than 48 hours.

If, contrary to expectations, the test result before arrival is positive, the Vorarlberg State Tourist Board's [free corona cancellation insurance](#) will reimburse you for the cost of cancelling accommodation and meals. Every trip to Vorarlberg in summer 2021 is automatically insured.

You can register in the [Corona portal of the State of Vorarlberg](#) (German) even before you arrive: This will make it even easier for you to benefit from the free antigen self-tests which give you access to restaurants and inns, sports, cultural and recreational facilities.

For your safety: vaccinated, tested, recovered

Starting May 19, the safety formula “vaccinated, tested or recovered” will apply everywhere, whether in **restaurants, theatres, football grounds or swimming pools**. Outdoors, a minimum distance of two metres must be maintained in general. Indoors, a distance of two meters plus wearing a FFP2 mask is mandatory.

The vaccination certificate, a medical confirmation and, in future, the European “Digital Green Certificate”, are eligible as proof of **vaccination**. The (first partial) vaccination must have taken place more than three weeks ago. Partial vaccination is valid for three months, full vaccination for nine months.

Both PCR tests and rapid antigen tests are eligible as valid **tests**. PCR tests are valid for 72 hours, official antigen rapid tests for 48 hours. For entries within Austria, you can also perform a rapid antigen test yourself and register the result on a dedicated website of the state of Vorarlberg. Any such a “living room test” is valid for 24 hours.

If you have **recovered from a coronavirus infection** within the last six months, please bring a confirmation by your physician or the official isolation notice. Alternatively, an antibody detection test that is not older than 3 months is also valid.

On site: Corona testing as simple as brushing your teeth

Vorarlberg is the “testing world champion”. Nowhere else were more people tested for coronavirus than here. The 400,000 residents of Vorarlberg had themselves tested for the virus more than 2 million times in recent months. Employees in tourism are also regularly tested. This added safety is something you can also benefit from during your holidays.

The **safety formula “vaccinated, tested or recovered”** is your ticket to restaurants and inns, cultural and sport events and recreational facilities throughout your stay: Proof is needed when checking in the first time at your accommodation, including holiday apartments or campsites.

Proof is also required every time you enter a restaurant, inn, swimming pool, theatre or other establishment during your stay. This also applies to the restaurant, breakfast room, gym, indoor swimming pool etc. at your hotel.

No need to worry: it will cost you less than five minutes a day and not a single euro! Your host will provide you with a **free rapid antigen test for each day of your stay**. The test is as easy as brushing your teeth. You then register the result in just a few steps on the [website of the state of Vorarlberg](#) (German). Your host will be happy to assist you if necessary.

As an alternative to these antigen self-tests (“living room tests”), you can also use the [extensive testing facilities offered in all Vorarlberg’s towns and villages](#) (German). Official antigen tests are also free of charge and valid for 48 hours. PCR tests, which are subject to a fee, are valid for 72 hours.

And if something does happen? Should the result of your rapid antigen test be positive, please contact the health hotline 1450 and inform your host! The authorities will immediately arrange for a PCR test, the result of which will be available after a maximum of 48 hours. You will have to stay in your room until then, all while being taken care of by your host. The Republic of Austria will pay for EUR 75 per night for the duration of your quarantine. If the PCR test is also positive, a controlled journey home is usually possible.

The journey home: arriving home safely tested

At any rate, we recommend that you perform a self-test immediately before your departure. If you need a valid official test result for the return journey, your host will be happy to inform you about how it can be obtained.

The regulations in force in your home country apply to your journey back home. Under [Entry/Return](#) or the interactive travel planner reopen.europa.eu you can find up-to-date information.

Guest registration

All guests must register their contact details at public cultural, sports and leisure facilities, as well as at restaurants and hotels. In most cases, a simple digital solution is available for this purpose. This allows for quick contact tracing if worse comes to worst.