



Conditions of entry for the period 12–25 July 2021, coronavirus health examinations and testing for people entering the country in the Lapland Hospital District

The new Communicable Diseases Act comes into force on Monday 12 July 2021, the Government has decided to extend internal border controls through to 25 July 2021, after which they will expire. Upon arrival in Finland, the border authorities first assess the conditions for entry according to the decisions of the Government and if these conditions are met, the coronavirus provisions stated in the Communicable Diseases Act shall be applied as well as the instructions issued by the Lapland Hospital District.

At border crossing points, border authorities carry out border checks and health examinations are carried out by the health authorities. At border crossing points where no health examinations are carried out, border authorities shall be responsible for directing people to take a coronavirus test where necessary. Border controls are mandatory for all who intend to cross the border.

Responsibility for producing coronavirus certificates upon request and for taking a coronavirus test as required by law lies primarily with the person entering the country.

The conditions for entering the country in internal border travel, i.e. who can enter the country

With internal border controls continuing during the period 12–25 July, entry into Finland from Sweden and Norway is allowed for a person who has:

- a certificate verifying that the person intending to enter Finland has received the full COVID-19 vaccine series at least 14 days prior to arrival in Finland, or
- a medical certificate verifying that the person intending to enter Finland has had the COVID-19 virus within the last six months.

A negative test result certificate or certificate of having received the first vaccine dose does not justify the entry of any foreign citizen into Finland.

Entering the country is permitted also when the reason of entry is:

- return to Finland or return to another EU and Schengen nation via Finland, or
- work-related travel and other necessary reasons e.g. family matters and transport at the land border between Finland and Norway between the border communities.

More information about conditions of entry: <https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic>

Finnish citizens are permitted to enter the country at any time within the boarder crossing points opening hours. Citizens also must meet the requirements of the Communicable Diseases Act about certificates and testing.



In order to avoid queues, before arriving at the border crossing point, all travellers are required to

- make available the necessary travel documents and certificates ready to show at the border,
- complete the information required for the health examination in the electronic system of the Lapland Hospital District (LSHP) (www.Laplantentry.fi), and
- download the EU's digital coronavirus certificate (available from the Omakanta service) on their mobile phone. The paper version of the certificate should also be included as a precaution.

The inland border crossing points between Finland and Norway are open to passenger traffic between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., and the land border between Finland and Sweden is open between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the border crossing points of Karesuvanto, Kolari, Muonio, Pello and Ylitornio.

Coronavirus testing policy for people intending to cross the national border who meet the eligibility requirements, starting on 12 July

A foreigner born in 2005 or earlier and who is not permanently resident in Finland must carry a reliable certificate of one of the following:

1. A certificate verifying that the person has received the full coronavirus vaccine series at least 14 days prior to arrival in Finland
2. A laboratory certificate verifying that the person has had the coronavirus infection within the past six (6) months
3. A certificate verifying that the person has produced a negative coronavirus test result not more than 72 hours prior to arrival in Finland or a certificate verifying that this person has received at least the first vaccine dose at least two weeks prior to entering Finland

If a person holds a certificate mentioned in points 1 or 2 above, he or she shall not be required to take a coronavirus test at the border or after arrival. If the person only holds the certificate mentioned in point 3, no border test shall be carried out, but the person shall take a coronavirus test within three to five days of arriving in the country. Until that time, the person entering the country must avoid all unnecessary contact with others and stay at home or in the accommodation. The coronavirus test shall be taken at the place of residence and in accordance with the law, the person entering the country is legally responsible for taking a coronavirus test.

If a person arriving in Finland has no certificate of any of the above, he or she must take a coronavirus test, either (a) at the border, if the municipality has arranged the test at the border crossing point, or (b) immediately, or at the latest within 24 hours elsewhere. In addition, the person entering the country must take a coronavirus test within three to five (3–5) days of arrival. These tests are free of charge for the person entering the country.

In accordance with the Communicable Diseases Act of Finland, anyone entering the country must take a coronavirus test. An adult who fails to take the compulsory coronavirus (COVID-19) test will be issued a fine.



The following people intending to enter the country shall not be required to present a certificate or take a coronavirus test

- The person entering the country was born in 2005 or later.
- The person entering the country works with freight transportation or is a logistics employee and is conducting a work-related task.
- The person entering the country is an indigenous Sámi and is crossing the border for engaging in Sámi livelihoods or culture within the Sámi Homeland,
- The person entering the country is travelling in a transit flight and does not leave the airport
- The reason for the person entering the country is the prevention of a sudden threat to health and safety of society's infrastructure
- Personal immunity held by members of foreign delegations or international intergovernmental organisations, their family members, and holders of diplomatic or service passports accredited to countries other than Finland when passing through Finland to their place of employment or home country

For the next group, guidance will be specified in the near future: persons who arrive in Finland from the Norwegian municipalities of Storfjord, Kåfjord, Nordreisa, Kautokeino, Karasjok, Tana, Nesseby, and Sør-Varanger.

The authorities recommend that citizens exercise particular caution when travelling to the EU and Schengen areas and continue to avoid unnecessary travel outside the EU and Schengen areas, with the exception of countries where the government has lifted its restrictions for entering the country.

Link: www.laplandentry.fi

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