



To all parents of children in Berlin daycare
centres

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Information for parents at the start of the new daycare year

Dear Parents, dear Madam or Sir,

The 2021/2022 daycare year will start in regular operation in Berlin's daycare facilities. We are very happy that this step towards normality is possible and that all children can be cared for again without restrictions.

The incidence of infections in daycare centres is at a very low level. To ensure that this remains the case, the state of Berlin will continue its testing strategy and vaccination campaign in the coming weeks and months.

The vaccination campaign is of great importance. Since young children will probably not have the opportunity to be vaccinated, they are particularly dependent on the adults around them, i.e., parents, grandparents and educators, to be vaccinated.

We therefore also appeal to you:

Help protect yourself and others, especially the youngest ones.

Get vaccinated!

In this way, you make an important contribution to ensuring that daycare centres can operate safely and that further closures of daycare centres are avoided.

In addition, the state of Berlin provides the daycare centres with another 500,000 antigen tests for occasion-related testing of children at the start of the daycare year, which you can use, for example, to test your children at the beginning of the daycare year. There is no obligation to use the tests. In addition, the daycare centres receive further antigen tests for regular testing of the staff.

In addition to vaccination and testing, the well-known and proven measures, such as wearing masks, keeping distance, or observing hygiene rules, also retain great importance in the daycare centre sector.

Travel returnees

If you have spent your holiday abroad, certain obligations apply when you return to Germany in the course of your entry.

These differ depending on where you are staying abroad. A distinction is made between virus variant areas, high-risk areas, and other areas. The corresponding assignment of the areas is adjusted daily. It can be viewed at:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

The resulting provisions of the Coronavirus Entry Regulation (Coronavirus-Einreiseverordnung) are summarised in the following overview.¹

	Obligation to provide proof (persons aged 12 and over) § 5 CoronaEinreiseV	Quarantine obligation (isolation) § 4 CoronaEinreiseV
Virus variant Area	On entry or before transport: negative PCR test (max. 72 h) <u>or</u> antigen test (max. 24 h) <i>(Certificate of vaccination/ recovery not sufficient)</i>	14 days (In addition: transport ban according to § 10 CoronaEinreiseV)
High-Risk Area	On entry or prior to transport: proof of vaccination/ recovery	10 days

¹ There may be exceptions, e.g. for commuters, transport personnel, etc.

	Obligation to provide proof (persons aged 12 and over) § 5 CoronaEinreiseV	Quarantine obligation (isolation) § 4 CoronaEinreiseV
	or negative PCR test (max. 72h) or antigen test (max. 48h).	Shortening from 1st day with vaccination/recovery certificate or from 5th day with negative test proof; for children under 12 years end automatically after 5th day
Other Areas	On entry or before transport by air: proof of vaccination or recovery or negative PCR test (max. 72h) or antigen test (max. 48h).	

Source: Bundesministerium des Inneren, für Bau und Heimat; Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Ministry of the Interior; Ministry of Health)

An extended brief overview of the Corona entry rules can be found here:

https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/FAQs_Reise/Corona-Einreiseregeln_August_2021_Update.pdf

Children under the age of twelve do not have to present a test upon entry. The same applies to the first day of daycare centre attendance after return.

Irrespective of this, the rules on quarantine according to § 4 of the Coronavirus Entry Regulation apply to all travellers returning home, i.e., also to daycare children.

When entering the country from a virus-variant area, it is therefore not possible to shorten the quarantine period, e.g., by "clearance testing". When returning from a high-risk area, however, the quarantine period for children under the age of twelve is automatically reduced to five days. The presentation of a negative test result or proof of a previously contracted Covid 19 disease is not required for this - even at the daycare centre.

Children with a special risk regarding CoViD-19

If your child is still unable to attend the daycare centre due to an individual risk of a severe course of the CoViD-19 disease or due to a close person with a corresponding risk, there is the possibility of receiving additional financial resources from the federal State of Berlin for the establishment or continuation of reliable and stable care settings until the end of 2021, in coordination with the provider. In this way, all children, even under the conditions of the pandemic, should have access to daycare.

If required, please contact your daycare centre about this!

Parents' hotline

To support the start of the daycare year 2021/2022, the daycare supervision will again be available to you via a hotline from 9 August 2021 to 31 August 2021. You can reach them on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at (030) 90227-6600.

Finally, I wish you a good rest of the summer and a successful start to the new Kita year for all of us.

With kind regards

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