Dear international students,

Welcome to the University of Stuttgart. Due to the current pandemic the journey to Stuttgart might be more complicated than usual. With this information sheet you will gain an overview on the current entry and quarantine regulations. However, the situation can change daily. Therefore, we would like to ask you to inform yourself regularly on the respective official websites.

Information on entry and quarantine regulations

Confirmation of presence issued by the University of Stuttgart
In the winter semester 2020/21 German universities mostly offer a hybrid teaching model including online and presence lectures and seminars. Therefore, mandatory presence is generally assumed with the admission to the university. According to the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI) the issue of an additional individual confirmation of presence by the university is no longer necessary since September 11, 2020. Further information is available on the following website:


Please contact the Admissions Office for foreign citizens and EU citizens in case of any questions.

www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/application/admissions-office/index.html#id-faf90c89-1

Additionally, students who take part in an international Master’s degree program are advised to contact their course directors for program specific information. You can find information about the semester start and online courses here:

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**Visa application**
Due to closed embassies and consulates, the visa application process might be delayed. Unfortunately the University of Stuttgart is not in the position to accelerate the visa process. In some cases students are asked for a confirmation of presence in Germany for the visa application - see above “Confirmation of presence issued by the University of Stuttgart”.
If the embassy requires an individual confirmation of presence in addition to the admission letter please contact incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de.

**Entry restrictions**
Even though you might not need a visa for entering Germany or you have already received one you may have to expect entry restrictions. Depending on your whereabouts during the last ten days, an unrestricted entry might not be possible. In some cases evidence of an important reason to enter Germany has to be provided. A reason may be that your academic studies cannot thoroughly be performed from abroad. Special entry restrictions are currently in place for travellers from virus variant areas and high incidence areas (see Corona risk zones).

Please note that the decision whether or not you can enter Germany is up to the officers of the Federal Police [Bundespolizei] at the border/airport. The following documents will be helpful when entering Germany:
- Valid Passport and visa
- Letter of admission and if possible current enrollment certificate
- Rental contract or proof where you will be staying in Germany

Please note that the University of Stuttgart is not in the position to give a recommendation regarding entry in Germany. In case of questions regarding entering Germany please contact the Federal Police hotline Tel. +49 800 6888 000 (available 24/7).
The Federal Police provides information on the current entry restrictions and respective countries:

Please contact the International Office of the University of Stuttgart in case of uncertainty:
incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de

Corona risk zones
On the website of the Robert-Koch-Institute you can check, whether you are entering Germany from a corona risk zone, a high incidence area or a virus variant area:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

From November 8, 2020 onwards all travellers to Germany have to register online prior to their entry at https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de/#/ if they have stayed in a risk area within the last ten days prior to their entry to Germany. In addition, they must be able to present proof of this registration when entering Germany. If, in exceptional cases, a digital registration is not possible travellers must instead fill in a substitute registration:

Further Information is available on an information sheet:
and on the website of the Federal Ministry of Health:
https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus/current-information-for-travellers.html

From January 11, 2020 students have to have a corona test at entry. If you take a test before your departure it is not allowed to be older than 48 hours at arrival (time of swab). The test can also be done at entry – only with appointment. However, travellers who have been in a high incidence area in the past
ten days prior to entry into Germany must carry proof with them that they have been tested for infection with the coronavirus upon entry. Additionally, students who have spent the last ten days in a risk zone and want to move into a flat in Stuttgart need to comply with a ten-day isolation quarantine (fourteen days for people from a high incidence area or a virus variant area). That means that as soon as you arrive at the airport/train station you will have to go directly to your accommodation and you are not allowed to go shopping or to go for a walk. The isolation can be controlled by the Department of Public Health. The non-compliance results in a fine.

The quarantine can be shortened by a second negative corona test. The second test can be taken five days after the arrival in Germany at the earliest. The shortening of the quarantine does not apply to students arriving from a high incidence area or an area with virus variants. In addition, the students concerned must complete a 14-day quarantine. There are entry and transport restrictions for people from areas with virus variants. At the moment only German citizens and people with a residence permit (not an entry visa!) are allowed to enter Germany from virus variant areas after submitting a negative test result (PCR or rapid test). Entry for EU citizens or non-EU citizens with a visa for study purposes from areas with virus variants is not possible.

If you have any questions about entering Germany please contact the Federal Police’s hotline +49 800 6888 000 (available around the clock). You can find more information on entry and transport restrictions as well as exemption regulations on the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Building and Home Affairs:

https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/FAQS/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html;jsessionid=898F5DC89EA580536492EDB88D3B9D5B.2_cid373
Further information is available with the Federal Foreign Office:
https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/corona-virus

Travelers who have contracted the coronavirus and have recovered are exempted from the quarantine and test requirements when entering Baden-Württemberg if their infection had been confirmed by a PCR test and had occurred at least 21 days and a maximum of six months ago by the time of entry (medical certificate required). In addition, they must be symptom-free upon entry.
If you are unsure, about what to do please contact the International Office at incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de

The obligation to register prior to arrival and to quarantine also applies when you have stayed in an area that is not a high-risk zone by the time of your arrival in Germany but has been one at any point during the last ten days before your arrival in Germany.

Corona test – at entry from abroad or at reasonable suspicion

When you are coming from a high-risk area you have to either present a corona test at entry (not older than 48 hours), or you can do one once you arrive in Germany. You have to have an appointment to do the corona test.

Airport Stuttgart:

Airport Frankfurt:
https://www.centogene.com/covid-19/test-centers/frankfurt-airport.html

The ten-days quarantine can be shortened by a negative corona test. The test can be taken five days after the arrival in Germany at the earliest in case you are not arriving from a high incidence area or an area with virus variants.

You can find further information on the Corona website of Baden-Württemberg
https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/verordnung-fuer-ein-und-rueckreisende/
Please be aware that you are obligated to isolate until you receive a (negative) test result. See section risk zones. Tests are only possible with an appointment. You can find an overview of available test centers in Stuttgart here (only available in German, scroll down for list of test centers):
https://coronavirus.stuttgart.de/
If you have questions regarding Corona tests or need support with finding a test center close to you please contact the general medical emergency service, phone 116117.
In case of symptoms, please directly contact your doctor or get in touch with the general medical emergency service, phone 116117 or inform the responsible Department of Public Health:
https://tools.rki.de/PLZTool/en-GB
You do not have a doctor? This website will support you looking for a doctor (only available in German):
https://www.arztsuche-bw.de/
In case you need support you are more than welcome to contact the International Office at incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de.

Studierendenwerk Stuttgart (dorm room provider)
The Studierendenwerk Stuttgart asks all students who enter from a risk zone to take the obligatory corona test. Until receiving the test results those students have to stay in their student accommodation and have to avoid contact to their flatmates. Please contact the respective person in charge of your housing complex in case you are coming from a region at risk and have not received a negative test result yet. You will find the contact information in your moving-in letter.
When receiving a positive test result the Social Welfare Office Stuttgart will provide an accommodation. In that case please immediately contact the respective person in charge of your housing complex. Please check your moving-in letter for the phone number.
Ordering groceries online
Here is a selection of online shops of German supermarkets and online providers, to be self-sufficient with groceries during quarantine.

- NETTO: [https://www.netto-online.de/lebensmittel/](https://www.netto-online.de/lebensmittel/)
- EDEKA: [https://www.edeka24.de/](https://www.edeka24.de/)
- REAL: [https://www.real.de/lebensmittel/](https://www.real.de/lebensmittel/)
- Lieferladen: [https://stuttgart.lieferladen.de/home](https://stuttgart.lieferladen.de/home)
- Flash Food: [https://flash-food.de/](https://flash-food.de/)
- Supermarkt 24: [https://www.supermarkt24h.de/](https://www.supermarkt24h.de/)
- MyTime: [https://mytime.de](https://mytime.de)

Be aware that the delivery might take up to three days.

Ordering electronic articles online
Electronic articles can be ordered on the following website:

- Conrad: [https://conrad.de](https://conrad.de)
- Mediamarkt: [https://mediamarkt.de](https://mediamarkt.de)
- Saturn: [https://saturn.de](https://saturn.de)
- Völkner: [https://voelkner.de](https://voelkner.de)
- Cyberport: [https://cyberport.de](https://cyberport.de)

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Online orderings of medicine that is only available on prescription
You can order medicine that is only available on prescription with a prescription online. Here you can find a selection of online pharmacies:

- DocMorris: [https://docmorris.de](https://docmorris.de)
- Mycare: [https://mycare.de](https://mycare.de)
- Sanicare: [https://sanicare.de](https://sanicare.de)
- Shop Apotheke: [https://shop-apotheke.com](https://shop-apotheke.com)

Delivery service
To have a warm meal delivered at the same day, you can find some online delivery services here:

- Lieferando: [https://www.lieferando.de](https://www.lieferando.de)
- Bring-Butler: [https://www.bringbutler.de](https://www.bringbutler.de)

Moreover, many restaurants also deliver their food themselves.