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
Please contact the Admissions Office for the confirmation of presence of the university which may be required for your visa application or entry:
https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/studienorganisation/studiensekretariat
Additionally, students who take part in the international Master’s degree programs contact their course directors for program specific information.
You can find information about the semester start and online courses here:

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 many cases, the 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”. 
Entry restrictions

Even though for entering Germany you do not need a visa or you have already received one you may have to expect entry restrictions. Depending on your nationality and residence of the last 14 days an unrestricted entry might not be possible or evidence for an important reason for entry has to be provided. A reason may be that your academic studies cannot thoroughly be performed from abroad. Therefore, you will need the confirmation of presence on entry - see above “Confirmation of presence issued by the University of Stuttgart”.

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
- Confirmation of presence issued by the University of Stuttgart
- 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 and free of charge).

The Federal Police provides information about the current entry restrictions and respective countries:

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

Please contact the International Office of the University of Stuttgart in case of uncertainty: incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de
Risk zones
On the website of the Robert-Koch-Institute you can check, whether you are entering Germany from a risk zone:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

Students who enter Germany from a risk zone and move into a flat in Stuttgart have to contact the Department of Public Health via e-mail and need to comply with a 14-day isolation quarantine. In explanation 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.

Please provide the following information in your e-mail: last name(s), first name(s), address in Germany, entry date, means of transportation used for entering (e.g. flight number), and indication of all risk areas visited within the last 14 days.
Department of Public Health: sicherheit@stuttgart.de
https://www.stuttgart.de/vv/verwaltungseinheit/infektionsschutz.php

Exempt from the obligation to quarantine are students who can verify - with a negative corona test - that they are not infected. The medical certificate is not allowed to be older than 48 hours at the point of entry and has to be available in German or English - see below Corona test.

If you are unsure about what to do please contact the International Office at incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de
Corona test – at entry from abroad or at reasonable suspicion
Travellers from regions at risk are obligated to be tested for Corona virus within 72 hours after entry. This offer is voluntary for travellers from other regions. For a proof of entrance you will need a document in support (e.g. plane ticket). Please be aware that you are obligated to isolate until you receive a (negative) test result. See section risk zones. Test centers are available at airports, some railway stations (e.g. central railway station in Stuttgart) and highways. Furthermore, you can find an overview of test centers in Stuttgart here:
https://coronavirus.stuttgart.de/

Exempt from the obligation to be tested are travellers who are able to provide evidence of a negative corona test which is not older than 48 hours at the point of entry. You can find information about the requirements of the test on the website of the Robert Koch Institute:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Tests.html

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:
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.

The regulations concerning the obligation to be tested for the Coronavirus are estimated to change from the 1st of October 2020.
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.