

Important Information

First steps in Germany in times of Corona

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It continues to be a requirement to wear a medical mask regardless of incidence levels and for all persons in public transport, retail, indoor areas with public traffic, queues and stalls, and at large outdoor events (except at the seating area).

There is a general obligation to provide proof for persons entering the country. This means that persons aged 12 and over must have a negative test result, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery at the time of entry. The general obligation to provide proof applies irrespective of the means of transport and irrespective of whether a previous stay in a high-risk or virus-variant area has taken place.

Entries into Germany from high-risk areas and virus variant areas must be [registered digitally](#).

A current list of high-risk areas and virus variant areas can be found on the website of the [Robert Koch Institute](#). Please note that the classification can change at short notice.

Please also check the current information on the homepage of the German Embassy in your country.

More information can be found on the pages of the [Federal Ministry of Health](#).

After your arrival in Bonn, you will need to provide the Bonn Health Center with proof of your negative test result, vaccination or convalescent status. Please send it with your contact details to reiserueckkehrer@bonn.de

Quarantine is mandatory for persons entering the country coming from virus-variant areas and high-risk areas. High-risk areas: 10 days of quarantine which can be suspended after proof of vaccination and convalescent status or after another negative test after 5 days. Quarantine for persons entering the country coming from virus variant areas: 14 days. During quarantine you are not allowed to leave your accommodation. Do not share items with other people (such as towels or dishes). You may not have visitors or let other people into your room. If you need assistance during the mandatory quarantine, please contact the International Office at: students@uni-bonn.de

The [Robert Koch Institute](#) provides information on the current COVID-19 situation in Germany and regularly publishes information sheets with instructions for affected patients.

Contact Bonn Health Office:

Phone: +49 (0) 228 7175

Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

PayPal account

We highly recommend opening a PayPal account and depositing a credit to your account before traveling to Bonn. A PayPal account with available credit is handy for paying online for the delivery of groceries during a possible quarantine. Even though, you might be traveling from an area, which does not require quarantine upon arrival, we still recommend registering on PayPal, because the situation quickly changes and it is better to be prepared for any unpredictable events.

Vaccination against Covid-19 in Bonn

International students in Bonn have a right to get vaccinated against Covid-19 for free. You will have to be insured through a German health insurance or be registered in Germany. There are four available vaccines: BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson and Johnson.

You have to bring your vaccination certificate and insurance card to the appointment. If you don't have a vaccination certificate, the doctor will issue you a new one. Please also note that the appointment for your second vaccination will be a few weeks after the first one. You will be informed about the second appointment either before the first or on the day of. You can get vaccinated in these places:

1. **Vaccination at the GP:** The general practitioners in Bonn vaccinate against Covid-19. You will have to contact them directly and ask them to give you a vaccination appointment. In Bonn, many doctors carry out vaccinations, you can find a list of those vaccinating against Covid-19 [here](#).

Please note the following about this list and the choice of practice:

- In the upright corner, you can select the language. However, the practitioner's list is right now only available on the German website.
 - On the left-hand side, please select the box "Ja" under the category "Praxis impft praxisfremde Patienten".
 - Also on the left-hand side, there is a category "Kreis/kreisfreie Stadt" with many cities in North Rhine-Westphalia listed. Please select Bonn, that way, you will only see practitioners in the Bonn area.
 - Please look at the at the postal code (PLZ) and the address of the doctor's office when selecting your practitioner. Compare them with your own address to find a practitioner close to you. On the list, you also find the practice's phone numbers (Telefon) and email address (E-Mail).
 - We recommend that you call the practitioner's office in the morning, before 12 p.m. to make an appointment. Many practices are closed in the afternoon.
2. **Open vaccination campaigns:** The City of Bonn offers open vaccination campaigns in different parts of the city on different days, where you can get vaccinated with BioNTech or Johnson and Johnson and where everyone is welcome. You can simply go there without an appointment. You can find all dates and addresses [here](#) under "Offene Impfkationen in den Stadtbezirken".

Stay up to date on COVID-19 after your arrival.

The International Office provides information for international students in times of Corona [here](#).

The [Corona warning app](#) is a service provided by the German government. It helps determine if you have had contact with an infected person and if there is a risk that you may have contracted the virus. We strongly recommend installing the app on your phone.

Many event organizers also use the luca app. luca is a solution that provides quick, privacy-compliant contact information management and contact tracking for private meetings and public events, involving public health departments: <https://www.luca-app.de/>

General information and current developments at the University of Bonn can be found on our central [information page](#). Specific information for all students at the University of Bonn can be found [here](#).

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Consultation hours: As part of the measures to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), unfortunately and until further notice all office hours of the International Office have been cancelled. You can reach us by e-mail and telephone. An overview of contact details can be found [here](#). We are happy to arrange an appointment via Zoom.