

# WHO CAN TRAVEL TO HUNGARY DURING THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC?

INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR HUNGARIAN CITIZENS,  
THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS  
AND HUNGARIAN RESIDENCE PERMIT HOLDERS  
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New travel restrictions entered into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.

#### 1. Classification of countries

The chief medical officer classifies countries or specific regions of countries into three categories reflecting the severity of the infection's incidence. The **three classifications are 'green', 'yellow' and 'red'**. You can find the list of the 'yellow' and 'red' countries [HERE](#) in [Annex 1](#) and [Annex 2](#).

#### 2. Who has the same rights to travel to Hungary as Hungarian citizens?

- **Family members** of Hungarian citizens of any nationality;
- Holders of **Hungarian permanent residence permits and their family members if they can prove** their right to stay in Hungary **by their documents** (e.g. residence permits);
- Holders of **residence permits allowing longer than 90 days residence in Hungary if they can prove** their right to stay in Hungary **by their documents** (e.g. residence permits).

#### 3. When can you enter Hungary without any restrictions and without mandatory self-isolation?

You can travel to Hungary **without** epidemic related **restrictions** if you prove that you have **recovered from the COVID-19 disease in the past 6 months**.

People travelling **from countries labelled 'green'** can enter **Hungary without any restrictions**.

#### 4. Mandatory self-isolation rules when travelling to Hungary from a 'yellow' or a 'red' country

You do **not need to quarantine** if you can **prove** by a Hungarian or English language document that you had **two negative COVID-19 tests** (SARS-CoV-2 tests) **in the past 5 days prior to arriving** to Hungary, and the second test was taken at least 48 hours after the first one.



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You will have to go through a COVID-19 related **mandatory medical examination when travelling to Hungary from a 'yellow' or 'red' country**. The mandatory medical examination is immediately carried out upon entering the country.

If you are suspected to **have contracted the COVID-19 virus** according to the medical examination, you have to **quarantine at a designated place or self-isolate at home**. The Hungarian epidemic control authority decides about the place of the quarantine.

If you are **NOT** suspected to **have contracted the COVID-19 virus**, you have to **self-isolate in your home** for 14 days having a registered address in Hungary, **OR** you have to **quarantine at a designated** place for 14 days not having a registered address.

If you are suspected to **have contracted or if you are not but you are** mandatory **self-isolating in your home**, you **may request to be tested** for the COVID-19. **Two tests will be conducted**, the second one at least 48 hours after the first one. **What comes after** the testing?

- In case, you **travelled** to Hungary **from a 'yellow' country**: if the **first test is negative**, the epidemic control authority will **exempt you of mandatory self-isolation**. **If the second test is positive** after the first one was negative, you **have to self-isolate** at home **again**.
- In case, you **travelled** to Hungary **from a 'red' country**: only if **both tests are negative**, the epidemic control authority will give an **exemption from the mandatory self-isolation**.

### Further information:

- Hungarian Helsinki Committee: [helsinki@helsinki.hu](mailto:helsinki@helsinki.hu)
- Contact the Consulate of Hungary in your country, and / or check the website of the Hungarian Consular Service – [HERE](#)
- Information published by the police - [HERE](#)
- Contact of the police – [HERE](#)

### Relevant legislation:

- 341/2020. (VII. 12.) Gov. Decree on travel restrictions during the epidemic preparedness
- No. 34320-1/2020/OTF Decision of the Chief Medical Officer about the classification of countries according to the COVID-19 disease infection conditions