

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

**INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PEOPLE
WHO ARE NOT FAMILY MEMBERS OF A HUNGARIAN CITIZEN AND
WHO DO NOT HOLD A HUNGARIAN RESIDENCE PERMIT**

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Information leaflet for people who are NOT family members of a Hungarian citizen and who do NOT hold a Hungarian residence permit

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New travel restrictions entered into force on the 15th 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 does NOT have favourable rights when travelling to Hungary?

You do not have favourable rights and **this information leaflet is FOR YOU, if:**

- you are not a Hungarian citizen;
- you do not have a Hungarian citizen family member;
- you do not hold a Hungarian permanent residence permit;
- you are not the family member of a Hungarian permanent residence permit holder;
- you do not hold a Hungarian residence permit allowing longer than 90 days residence in Hungary; and
- you cannot prove your right to stay in Hungary by any documents.

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**. However, in case **you recognise the symptoms** of COVID-19 on yourself **in the 14 days following your entry** to Hungary, you **have to stay home** and **call the epidemic control authority**.



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

You will have to go through a **mandatory medical examination** when **entering** Hungary **from a 'yellow' country**.

If you are **NOT** suspected to **have contracted** the virus, you have to **self-isolate in your home for 14 days**, **OR** you have to **quarantine to a place designated** by the epidemic control authority for 14 days. The authorities will decide on where you will spend that 14 days.

You do **not have to quarantine** or to self-isolate at home, **if** you can **prove** by a Hungarian or English language document that you have **had two negative COVID-19 tests** in the **past 5 days** prior to travelling to Hungary, and the second test was taken at least 48 hours after the first one.

If you are **self-isolating in your home**, you **may request to be tested** for COVID-19. **Two tests will be conducted**, the second one at least 48 hours after the first one.

If your **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**.

5. In which circumstances can I NOT travel to Hungary?

You **cannot enter** the country if you travel to Hungary **from a 'red' country**.

You will have to go through the **mandatory medical examination** when **travelling** to Hungary **from a 'yellow' country**. If this medical examination shows that you are suspected to **have contracted the virus** according to the medical examination, **you cannot enter Hungary**.

Further information:

- Hungarian Helsinki Committee: 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