

# Covid-19: Lucerne – Lake Lucerne Region

## Welcome to the Lucerne – Lake Lucerne Region

We bid you a warm welcome. Here is some useful information regarding Covid-19 and how it impacts your arrival and your stay with us.

### Coronavirus: Entering Switzerland

The following restrictions currently apply for entering Switzerland:

- All travellers are required to fill out an online form ([Passenger Locator Form, SwissPLF](#)).
- Test obligation for entering Switzerland: All travellers aged over 16 must present a negative test result (PCR taken within the previous 72h or rapid antigen test taken within the previous 24h).
- Travellers entering Switzerland who are not vaccinated and have not recovered from Covid-19 will then have to be tested again in Switzerland after four to seven days (PCR or antigen). This test will be chargeable.
- Travellers who have recovered from Covid-19, but whose PCR test is still positive, may enter Switzerland if they have medical confirmation that they have recovered and a negative rapid antigen test (no older than 24h).
- There is no quarantine obligation for people entering Switzerland.
- Non-vaccinated third-country nationals (outside Schengen area) arriving from countries or regions at risk can only enter Switzerland in exceptional cases

These requirements are subject to change. Please ensure you know what the latest requirements are before setting off. Information may also be found here: [www.bag.admin.ch/entry](http://www.bag.admin.ch/entry)

➤ **To check what rules apply to your own particular situation when entering Switzerland, we recommend the [interactive travel check tool](#) of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH).**

### Measures to combat the coronavirus

The Lucerne-Lake Lucerne Region has high standards in terms of hygiene and safety. Continuously updated information on Covid-19 can be found at [www.luzern.com/coronavirus](http://www.luzern.com/coronavirus).



## Covid vaccination certificates issued in foreign countries

- The “EU Digital COVID Certificate” and the British NHS COVID Pass are also recognised in Switzerland
- Visitors from countries outside die EU/EFTA/Schengen area can receive a Swiss certificate of vaccination if they can prove that they received the required number of doses of a vaccine approved by the WHO or have proof showing that they have been infected with the coronavirus in the last 6 months and are cured.
  - **To get the certificate please fill out the form [on this website](#) to get the certificate. You need the following documents and information:**
    - Valid identity card (passport or ID)
    - Proof of complete vaccination abroad or a positive molecular biological test result (e.g., PCR test) from a foreign laboratory
    - Proof of entering Switzerland (e.g., hotel reservation, plane or train ticket).

Duration: Please note that it may take up to 5 days to get the Swiss Covid certificate.

**Costs:** If you are a Swiss citizen or have another official residence permit or permanent domicile in Switzerland, the procedure is free of charge. If you do not meet any of these requirements (for example if you are a tourist), the procedure costs CHF 30.

## Corona measures in Switzerland

### Coronavirus: Federal Council tightens measures

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Applicable throughout Switzerland from 20 December:

**Stricter certificate requirement indoors**  
 Culture, leisure, sports, restaurants, events



→ 2G   or voluntary 2G+

Settings where it is not possible to wear masks or be seated  
 (e.g. discos, swimming pools, bars, intensive sports, brass bands)



→ 2G+

**Outdoors: Events for over 300 people**



→ 3G

3G Vaccinated, recovered or tested

2G Vaccinated or recovered

2G+ Vaccinated/recovered within last 4 months or vaccinated/recovered with negative test

 Seating requirement to eat and drink

**Private gatherings**



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Max. 10 people if at least one person present is unvaccinated or has not had COVID-19

**Indoors:**  
max. 30 people (2G)



**Outdoors:**  
max. 50 people



**Requirement to work from home**



If not possible: masks to be worn if more than one person in room.

**Mask requirement at upper secondary level**



Stricter rules apply in several cantons



Minimise contact



Ventilate regularly

Get vaccinated

 Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
 Confédération suisse  
 Confederazione Svizzera  
 Confederaziun svizra  
 Swiss Confederation

**Bundesrat**  
 Conseil fédéral  
 Consiglio federale  
 Cussegl federal  
 Federal Council

## Cost coverage of tests by the Swiss Confederation

### PCR tests (valid for 72 hours)

The costs of individual PCR tests are covered in the following cases:

- A person is tested due to symptoms of coronavirus.
- A person is requested to take the test via the SwissCovid App.
- A person has had contact with a person who has tested positive.
- A person receives an instruction from a cantonal office or a doctor to get tested.

**If a person needs a negative PCR test for private purposes, such as a trip, without meeting the above criteria, the costs will not be covered.**

### Rapid antigen tests (valid for 24 hours)

Individual rapid antigen tests will be covered in the following cases:

- A person has symptoms of coronavirus.
- A person has had contact with a person who has tested positive.

**If a person needs a negative rapid antigen test for private purposes, such as a visit to a club, without meeting the above criteria, the costs will not be covered.**

### Antigen self-tests

The federal government does not cover the costs of antigen self-tests. Individuals who wish to test themselves must pay for the cost.

Further information on Corona tests in Switzerland can be found [here](#).

## Certificate requirements indoors

- Only people who have been vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 are able to go inside restaurants, cultural, sporting and leisure venues and attend indoor events (2G). Additionally, masks must be worn in these settings and food and drink may only be consumed while seated.
- In settings where masks cannot be worn, or where it is not possible to eat or drink while seated (e.g., bars and clubs), admission is limited to vaccinated or recovered persons who also present a negative test result (2G+)
  - People who within the last four months have been fully vaccinated, received a booster or recovered from COVID-19 do not have to take a further test



## Covid test centres

### Recommended testing facilities (rapid antigen and RT PCR)

#### Individual visitors

- **Lucerne Cantonal Hospital** - *open Mon-Sun*  
Spitalstrasse, CH-6000 Luzern  
Bus Nr. 19, stop «Spital»  
→ You'll need to [arrange an appointment](#) in advance  
Hotline 0848 553 433
- **Covid Testpoint Messe Luzern** – *open Mon-Thu & Sun 12am – 7pm / Fri-Sat 8am-7pm*  
Horwerstrasse 87, CH-6005 Luzern  
Bus Nr. 20 oder train S5, stop «Allmend/Messe»  
→ Walk-in possible, [appointment](#) recommended
- **Coronatest24 Luzern** – *open Mon-Sat 10am – 8pm*  
Hirschengraben 7, CH-6003 Luzern  
→ Walk-in possible, [online registration recommended](#)

#### Travel groups

Travel groups can get tested at the “Testpoint Messe Luzern” (contact information and address see above). It is required to arrange an appointment in advance:  
Tel. 0800 393 393 or [customerservice.ch@synlab.com](mailto:customerservice.ch@synlab.com)

### Further testing facilities – RT PCR or rapid antigen

#### Test centres in the Lake Lucerne Region (and throughout Switzerland):

- **OneDoc:** [www.onedoc.ch](http://www.onedoc.ch)  
→ Various test centres offering online appointment booking

#### Test centre at Zurich Airport and travel hotline:

- **CheckPort Switzerland**, Zurich Airport, [www.checkport.info](http://www.checkport.info)  
Opening hours: daily 4 am to 10 pm,

Two test centres:

Landside Centre Check-in 2, Floor 1 (no flight ticket or boarding pass required) and  
Airside Centre, D Gates, next to the Transit Hotel (flight ticket or boarding pass required)  
→ No appointment necessary, online registration with Fast Track Service possible  
→ Test results: PCR test 3-5 hours, Antigen 15-20 minutes by email

- **CheckPort Switzerland travel hotline:**  
Tel. 0900 734 736 (CHF 2.50/min.)