European Commission

Coronavirus pandemic

A coordinated approach to measures restricting free movement in the EU

EU citizens have the right to free movement within the EU. At the same time, the current pandemic has led to various restrictions across the EU. In order to provide clarity to citizens and make their lives easier Member States have agreed to improve their coordination. They will share the latest epidemiological data with the European Centre for Disease Control which will publish a map of Europe (also including data from the Schengen Associated States), updated weekly, in a variety of colours depending on the risk in a given region. There will be no restrictions if you are travelling from a "green" region. When travelling from an "orange" or a "red" region, national governments may ask you to get tested or undergo quarantine. Governments will give clear and timely information before they introduce such measures.

GREEN

In a 14-day period:

Less than 4% positive tests over the previous week and fewer than 25 cases in 100,000 people.

ORANGE

In a 14-day period:

4% or more positive tests over the previous week but fewer than 50 cases in 100,000 people

OR

Less than 4% positive tests over the previous week but between 25 and 150 cases in 100,000 people

RED
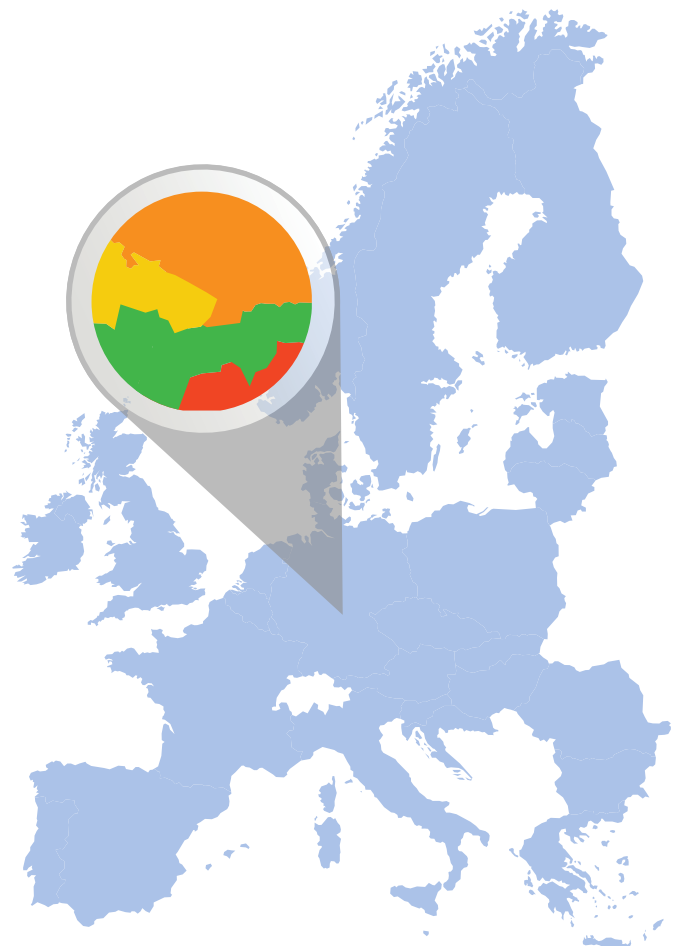
In a 14-day period:

4% or more positive tests in the previous week and 50 or more cases in 100,000 people

OR

More than 150 cases per 100,000 people

GREY

Not enough information to assess the criteria, e.g. testing rate 300 or less per 100,000 people

How are my free movement rights protected when travelling in the EU during the pandemic?

√ **You can travel from 'green' regions** without any restrictions.

√ **You are always allowed to go back** to your Member State of nationality or residence.

√ You should not be discriminated against.

√ Any measures restricting your free movement must be **proportionate**, but **you should not** – in principle – **be refused entry**.

√ If you travel because of an e**ssential function or need**, you will **not be required to quarantine**.

Can I travel to another EU country to attend a grandparent's funeral?
Yes. You are travelling for imperative family or business reasons.

I'm traveling through an EU country, classified as a 'red zone' to change trains, do I need to quarantine?
No, you are a passenger in transit.

What happens if I live in an EU country but study in another one?
You can continue without having to quarantine, you are a pupil, student or trainee travelling abroad daily.

What if I need to go to another EU country for an important doctor's appointment?
No restrictions should apply if you are a patient with imperative medical reasons.

What do I need to know if I'm travelling during the pandemic?

⚠ If you are travelling from a zone other than 'green', the Member State of arrival could ask you to undergo quarantine; and/or undergo a coronavirus test after arrival.

⚠ You should visit "Reopen EU" to find out about the measures where you're going.

⚠ You should check the map to know what the risk is where you're going.

⚠ In some Member States you will be able to substitute the test after arrival by a test carried out before departure.

⚠ You may have to submit passenger locator forms travelling to another Member State.