

Your journey to Rostock

You have successfully applied to the University of Rostock! Congratulations!

Due to the Corona pandemic you have to follow some new instructions to enter Germany if you come from a country considered a high risk area (cf. below).

But please note that changes may occur at any time!

Step 1: Border Control

A presence letter from the university is not necessary anymore. In addition to your passport, you should also have your letter of admission and, if possible, your rental contract in your hand luggage.

Corona Tests (PCR tests)

Currently, you have to take a Corona (PCR) test. This test is mandatory, if your country of origin resp. the country from which you are entering Germany is considered a **high risk area**. You can check the risk areas here:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

In general, you will find test centres at German Airports. Please inform yourself on the websites of the relevant airport where you can find a test centre at this airport.

You might take a test also in your country. On this website you can check if the test of an institution in your country is considered “acceptable” from German authorities.

The test may not have been conducted more than 48 hours prior to entry.

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Tests.html

Step 2: Public Health Department and Quarantine

If you enter from high risk area **you must** send an email to the public health department (Gesundheitsamt) in Rostock that you are arriving. Please use this e-mail:

corona@rostock.de

You have to send them the following information:

- Your family name,
- first name,
- date of birth,
- country of origin/ country you are coming from
- date of arrival and
- where you are going to stay in Rostock and if yet available send them the result of your test

Mandatory Quarantine

You have to go into quarantine for 14-days – even if the first test is negative! This period of time can be reduced to 7 days, if and only if your first Corona test was negative and if a second Corona test after 5 or 6 days of arrival in Rostock was negative. You will get detailed instructions from the

public health department where you can take a (second) test in Rostock. After a negative second test the Public Health Department can lift the quarantine.

[Information Leaflet Quarantine](#)

Quarantine means that you are not allowed to leave your (shared) apartment for two weeks. If shared, you have to wear a face mask and gloves when you use the kitchen or bathroom. Your flatmates need to help you to organize food etc. And you are not allowed to have visitors.

Penalties

Germany is trying to keep the number of corona infected people low and protect the population. Therefore, violations of corona requirements are punishable by penalties.

Violation of the obligation to wear a mask e.g. in public transport or shops 50 EUR

Violation of the quarantine

Whoever violates the quarantine obligations commits an administrative offence and must expect a fine of 500 to 2,000 EUR.

Anyone who even violates a quarantine ordered by the public health department is liable to a prison sentence of up to two years or a fine in accordance with § 75 (1) IfSG.

Step 4: Student Dormitory

Important: You have to inform also the student dormitory that you are coming and that you need to go into quarantine.

General Remarks: German authorities are asking everyone for these three rules:

1. Wear a face mask (when being together with other people or in shops etc.)
2. Keep 1,50 m distance to other people (if possible).
3. Wash/clean your hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/Handzettel.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

Please help to keep your student mates and yourself healthy! Thank you!

The Corona pandemic means that regulations are constantly changing. Please keep yourself informed of any changes via the following website:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/coronavirus>

and in addition to our RIH website, also on the general university website:

<https://www.uni-rostock.de/en/quicklinks/zielgruppen/studierendenportal/current-information-on-dealing-with-the-coronavirus/>



Step 5: Participation in on-site courses or events

We are happy that we could offer you also some on-site events. But please note, that you only are allowed to take part if you have completed the quarantine period.

We hope to welcome you soon in Rostock!

Your RIH Team!