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Within the scope of the measures taken against the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the following decisions are effective on July 1, 2021 regarding entry to Turkey, per the Turkish authorities:

- 1.** Passengers from Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka are banned from entering Turkey until further notice. But the passengers traveling from these countries may transit to other countries without entering Turkey, our flights from these countries continue. Passengers who are arriving to Turkey from another country but have been in Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal or Sri Lanka in the last 14 days, must submit a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival and must be quarantined for 14 days in locations to be determined by the Governorships. If the PCR test result to be made at the end of the 14th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated. Passengers whose PCR test result is positive will be taken into isolation as soon as the positive test result is received and the measure will be terminated with a negative PCR test result which will be made at the end of the 14th day.
- 2.** Passengers arriving from Afghanistan and Pakistan and passengers who have been to these countries in the last 14 days are required to stay under quarantine for 10 days. If the PCR test result to be made at the end of the 7th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated. If the test results are positive, they will be treated in accordance with the Covid-19 guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- 3.** Passengers arriving to Turkey from the United Kingdom, Iran, Egypt and Singapore must present a negative PCR test result taken in the last 72 hours prior to arrival to Turkey.
- 4.** Passengers from countries other than the ones mentioned in articles 1, 2 and 3 and who submitted a document issued by the relevant country's official authorities showing that they had been vaccinated at least 14 days before their arrival in Turkey and/or that they had recovered from the disease in the last six months starting on the 28th day of the first positive PCR test are not requested to submit a PCR/rapid antigen test and they will not go under a quarantine. In case a certificate of vaccination or documents indicating that they have had/recovered from the virus is not presented, the result of a negative PCR test performed within the last 72 hours or rapid antigen test performed within the last 48 hours prior to arrival to Turkey from these countries must be submitted.
- 5.** The quarantine for passengers who are arriving to Turkey and who have been in Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal or Sri Lanka in the last 14 days, or arriving to Turkey from Afghanistan or Pakistan or who have been to these countries in the last 14 days will be at dormitories determined by the Governorships or at accommodation facilities serving as quarantine facilities. The terms and conditions regarding the quarantine hotels, accommodation fees, transportation of the passengers from the borders, etc. will be set and announced by the Governorships.
- 6.** Passengers are subject to PCR testing on the basis of sampling at arrival in Turkey. These passengers will be allowed to proceed to their final destination after the test samples are taken. If the test results are positive, they will be treated in accordance with the Covid-19 guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Passengers and the persons with close contact with passengers with positive test results will be quarantined for 14 days at the addresses they have determined, and quarantine conditions will be terminated if the PCR test results to be performed at the end of the 10th day are negative. The quarantine conditions of those who are found to be carrying the Delta variant will be terminated with a negative PCR test result at the end of the 14th day.



### **In addition:**

- These requirements are not mandatory for international transfer passengers.
- Passengers entering Turkey can submit molecular tests, also known as nucleic acid amplification, genetic, RNA or PCR tests.
- As of March 15, 2021, passengers who enter Turkey on international flights (excluding transfer passengers and passengers under the age of 6) must complete the Turkey Entry Form, within 72 hours prior to their flight. A paper printout or mobile screenshot of the completed form will be checked at the stations before the flight. <https://register.health.gov.tr/>
- All passengers are required to wear masks at airports and during the flights.
- Passengers must complete a Passenger Information Form on flights to Turkey.
- Temperature measurements at Turkey's airports have been removed for all destinations apart from flights to and from Canada, Singapore and Guangzhou, and for passengers using hot connection points (points used by transfer passengers with a connection time of 90 minutes or less) due to short connecting times.
- Aircraft crew, ship men and truck drivers will be exempted from SARS-COV-2 PCR testing and quarantine practice.
- A PCR test result, vaccination card or a proof of recovery showing a Covid-19 positive PCR test that was taken a maximum of six months ago are not requested from passengers below 6 years of age.
- It is obligatory to obtain an HES code for flights taken within Turkey. There is no HES code requirement for non-Turkish citizens.
- Foreigners who are in the country as residents, under protected status, or international status are required to provide a Hayat Eve Sigar (HES) code for inner city public transportation, inter-city bus travel rest stops, hotel reservations, and international and domestic flights.
- Smoking in public spaces is banned.
- Are PCR and/or antigen tests available for foreign nationals in Turkey? Yes
- Are test results reliably available within 72 hours? Yes
- PCR testing while staying in Turkey for foreigners is limited to those who have symptoms, or those who may have an entry requirement back to their home country. Testing is paid for by the traveler.
- The government of Turkey has updated their website with the list of facilities in Turkey that perform COVID-19 tests.
- PCR testing is available at Istanbul Airport. There is no need for an appointment to visit the airport's testing center, as it is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The testing center is in front of Entrance 14 in Arrivals Hall. The test fee is 250 TL or about \$35 for all ages. You must arrive at the airport at least 6 hours prior to your flight with a valid ticket and a valid passport, test results take up to 5 hours.
- PCR testing is now available at Ankara Esenboğa Airport. There is no need for an appointment to visit the airport's testing center, as it is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The testing center is located in the International Departures Terminal, past the checkpoint, on the ground floor by the First Aid Office. The test fee is 250 TL or about \$35 for all ages. You must arrive at the airport at least 7 hours prior to your flight with a valid ticket and a valid passport, as test results take up to 6 hours.



- Passengers in transit, with less than six months validity left on their passports will not be allowed to depart the airport transit areas in order to obtain a COVID test. Passengers who are unable to exit the transit area and require a COVID-19 test can request it at the transit area information desk.
- Has the government of Turkey approved a COVID vaccine for use? Yes
- Which vaccines are available in Turkey? Pfizer - BioNTech
- For more information, please visit the Government of Turkey's COVID-19 information page.
- Information from the CDC regarding COVID-19 vaccination.
- Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) required for entry? Yes
- A PCR test is required.
- Are health screening procedures in place at airports and other ports of entry? Yes
- COVID-19 control measures for air, land, and sea travel continue. Passengers arriving in Turkey will be required to complete an information form and will be checked for symptoms. Anyone suspected of having COVID-19 will be transported to a hospital for examination or to a dormitory to self-isolate. If an individual on a particular aircraft/vehicle/vessel is found to have COVID-19, the information forms completed upon arrival will be used to identify others who have been in contact with them; those individuals will then be subject to 14-day isolation/quarantine.
- Foreigners who are in the country as residents, under protected status, or international status, are required to provide a Hayat Eve Sığar (HES) code for inner city public transportation, inter-city bus travel rest stops, hotel reservations, and international and domestic flights. You can find more information below.
- Are there restrictions on intercity or interstate travel? No, effective 05:00 a.m. on July 1.
- A hotel/lodging/accommodation reservation will require a Hayat Eve Sığar (HES) code for Turkish citizens and residents of Turkey. Please find more information below.
- If they have not submitted a PCR test within 72-hours of boarding their flight, or arrived via land border or sea port without a PCR test, they will be required to quarantine where they planned to stay.
- Foreign passengers who test positive for COVID-19 on landing flights will be referred to a private hospital by the Ministry of Health – Border Health Unit, whereas Turkish passengers will be referred to a state hospital.
- Are commercial flights operating? Yes
- Is public transportation operating? Yes
- Buses, ferries, and trains are operating but there are limits to passenger capacity on buses and all passengers must wear a mask.
- During the weekday and weekend curfew, those aged 65 and over and young people under 18 and children will not be allowed to use public transportation vehicles (metro, metrobus, bus, minibus, minibus, etc.).
- Transit passengers are not required to submit a PCR test in Turkey however they are advised to review the flight restrictions applied by the destination country regarding the PCR test requirements, age limits and the duration.



- Passengers failing to submit a digital or paper copy of a negative PCR test result are not permitted to board the flights.
- Airlines and airports have implemented new procedures for travelers, and passengers must comply with these to travel. For example, masks must be worn in the airport and on airplanes, and arriving passengers are subject to health checks and PCR tests. Please check airport and airline websites for more information and specific guidance.
- Turkey lifted the ban on importing and exporting of pets as of May 1, 2020. We refer you to the airline websites for more specific details.
- **For the safe tourism please visit <https://tga.gov.tr/home/> .**